

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:



Storybook Night and the Book Fair... A HUGE Success!

The Book Fair closed up shop today. Once again, teachers, volunteers, PTO, students, and staff came together to offer a wonderful event for our Shakerag families. Storybook night was a huge success! Thank you so much to our wonderful staff who took time out of their busy schedules to make some of our favorite stories come to life. There were smiles and laughs all around. It was truly a fabulous evening!

Special and heartfelt thanks to our PTO Book Fair Chair, Kathy Preuss, the Book Fair Committee including Ms. Francis and Ms. Perrin, the Shakerag Staff, and all who visited our Book Fair and supported our school.

Conference Time

Starting next week, teachers will be scheduling parent-teacher conferences. Our front office is open from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. If your conferences are scheduled outside of office hours, please make sure you have made arrangements with your child's teacher to meet them at a specific door so they can let you in the building (all doors are numbered). For safety reasons, our after-school programs will not be able to allow any visitors to enter and/or exit the building from their entry points.

If parents have a scheduled conference right after dismissal and are making a dismissal change to pick-up their student prior to joining the conference, a Change of Dismissal form (click [here](#)) must be sent in with your student the morning of the conference. Parents are required to pick their children up at 2:20 p.m. and provide supervision during the conference time.

Golden Spoon Winners

Every month our Sharks work hard at showing leadership, kindness, and respect in the cafeteria by keeping the noise level low and cleaning up after themselves. Classes are rewarded for their efforts by earning a star at the end of their lunch period. The classes with the most stars at the end of the month win the Golden Spoon Award for each grade level.

The Golden Spoon winners for August are:

Pre-K – Ms. Jain

Kindergarten- Ms. Fike and Ms. Mandel

1st – Ms. Alcorn and Ms. Sherman

2nd – Ms. Corney and Ms. Sudeth

3rd- Ms. Christiansen, Ms. Mayoros, Ms. Nephew, Ms. Schear, and Ms. Wolny

4th – Ms. Greene

5th – Mr. Barlow, Ms. Burnett, and Ms. Mack

Spirit Night at Culver's on Wednesday, September 25

Take a break from cooking dinner and join your friends and neighbors at Culver's (3135 Peachtree Parkway) on **Wednesday, September 25 from 5-8 PM** for our upcoming Spirit Night! Culver's has generously offered to donate 15% of ALL sales that evening towards our school for dine-in AND drive-thru orders. Each child will receive a free custard (Culver's specialty ice cream) with each kid's meal purchase. We truly appreciate your support!

Accessing iReady Diagnostic Reports

At the beginning of every school year, our students take the iReady Diagnostic Assessment in Math and Reading. These assessments are used for instructional planning as they tell teachers what your child already knows and what they are ready to learn. If you are interested in viewing your child's iReady Diagnostic results, please log in to Classlink using your child's credentials. Then, click on the iReady icon. Finally, click on Reports and enter code 1TT7PS when prompted. Click [here](#) to learn how to interpret the iReady Diagnostic results.

NWEA MAP Assessment for Grade 4

Students in grade 4 will take the MAP Growth Assessment in math (the week of September 23) and ELA (the week of September 30) this year. The MAP Assessment is a computer adaptive, norm-referenced assessment that measures each student's individual learning level. MAP Growth measures what students know and what they don't know, regardless of their current grade level. This helps teachers adjust their instruction for each student. It is not used for grading purposes but is included as part of our gifted screening/eligibility process. If you have any additional questions regarding this assessment, please contact Samantha Weaver at weavers@fultonschools.org.

Save the Date! Hands on Shakerag – Saturday, September 28

On September 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., all Shakerag families and friends are invited to help us beautify our school by planting, removing weeds, and spreading pine straw around the school. Bring gardening gloves, yard waste bags, and your water bottles. The more families we have available to help, the faster we can go in completing this amazing project! Please sign up at [Hands - On - Shakerag 2024](#). Thank you so much in advance for helping to make our campus beautiful.

Science Olympiad Tryouts – September 30

Do you have a 3rd, 4th or 5th grade student interested in joining a team of young scientists and engineers? If so, they should join our Science Olympiad team. Science Olympiad is filled with science experiments, engineering, and learning new things about science. [Click](#) for more information about Science Olympiad and upcoming tryouts.

Responsibility and Care of Student Devices

As we continue to integrate technology into our classrooms, we have taught students how to care for their devices properly. We have informed them of their responsibility to take care of their assigned laptop or iPad, and teachers regularly reinforce these processes in the classroom.

Fulton County is really doubling down on damaged and/or missing devices this school year. Each student is assigned their own device to use in the classroom. Please note that families are financially responsible for damage done to student devices. We ask that you partner with us and remind your child to take care of their FCS-issued devices. The fines being imposed for damages this year include: \$100 for a damaged device (missing keys, cracked screens, damaged charger ports, hinges, etc.), \$250 for a lost device, and \$30 for lost or damaged accessories (chargers etc....). To help avoid these costs, please review device care with your child: always hold the laptop with two hands, keep it closed while walking, avoid storing pencils or pens inside the laptop, only use it for school-assigned work, and refrain from eating or drinking near the laptop.

Additional tips & FAQs can be found by clicking [here](#). Should you have any questions about devices, please reach out to our Device Coordinator, Alison Francis at francis@fultonschools.org. Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

A Message from the PTO:

TANNER FAMILY PORTRAIT EVENT

The Tanner Family Portrait Event is back at Shakerag! This year's event will be held **Saturday, October 5 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Cauley Creek Park**. This is a quick, 10-minute photography session where the photographer will take as many pictures as possible in only 10 minutes! This is the perfect opportunity to get some quick, professional shots with wiggly kids (quick in, quick out!) ahead of the holidays or for any occasion. Pets are welcome, too! **For only \$45 you will receive your 10-minute sitting plus one (1) 11x14 Family Portrait print**. There will be an option to purchase additional prints/digital copies as well. Sign-up and pay online at tinyurl.com/tannershakerag. Book TODAY before spots fill up!

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE FAMILIES!

Keep those baby pictures coming! Please send in one picture of your child when they were under the age of 1 to be used in the 5th grade graduation video. A headshot is best, with just the child in the photo. Please label the pictures with their full name and homeroom teacher so we can keep track of all the students (picture file name example: first.last.burnett.jpeg). Please email the photo to shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com by **OCTOBER 1st**.

Also, the PTO is looking for any parents with video editing experience that can volunteer their skills and time to help with putting together the video montage. Please email shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com if interested.

SAVE THE DATE FOR BINGO NIGHT!

BINGO NIGHT is right around the corner, and we need **YOUR SUPPORT** to pull it off! Mark your calendar for **Friday, October 25** to join the PTO for another fun-filled evening of Bingo! We are bringing back all of the elements you love about Bingo Night, from the Silent Auction to the Raffle Baskets to many opportunities to score some AMAZING PRIZES! Please consider donating **CASH** so that we can buy fabulous Bingo prizes for the kids and even better Raffle items for everyone! We need to buy the prizes **SOON** so please donate **TODAY!** [Click Here To Donate NOW!](#)

Additionally, if you have any **PRIZE-WORTHY ITEMS** you'd like to donate, please let us know! Think unused toys (must be new), game tickets, electronics (must be new), birthday party gift certificates, video game gift cards, restaurant gift cards, kid's sports registrations, tutoring services, dog walking services, photography sessions, etc. Please reach out to Krista Zimmerman (kzimmerman73@gmail.com) or Lisa McNary (LisaMcNary@outlook.com) for more information about how to donate.

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 9 at 8:00 a.m.** At this meeting we will be holding a 10-minute public comment session. If you are interested in speaking at our public comment, please email Rashi Manaktala at manaktalar@fultonschools.org. Public comment will be held at the end of the meeting. To read more about our School Governance Council, we invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website by clicking [here](#).

FCS News:

Attendance Awareness Month

September is Attendance Awareness Month where we spotlight the power of positive school attendance in our school community. This year we will be focusing on promoting the importance of positive attendance through our campaign: Connected to School, Engaged in Learning, and Achieving Success.

School Attendance Facts:

- Chronic absenteeism is defined by missing 18 days or more.
- As few as 2 absences per month can result in a student being chronically absent.
- FCS allows remote learning for up to 5 days per semester when given advance notice.
- Poor attendance in early elementary can impact whether a child is able to read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade.
- Chronic absenteeism negatively impacts a student's academic performance and can result in them falling behind in subject mastery.
- By 6th grade, chronic absences become the leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
- Students who attend school regularly are more likely to feel connected to the school community and engaged in learning.

Parents/Guardians play an integral role in supporting positive attendance for their child. Please partner with us to ensure your child maintains positive school attendance by being present for 95% or more of the school year – no more than 8 absences per school year!

In the Community:

Attention, Shakerag Girls - Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

Join the Girl Scouts on September 21 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a fun time and learn about the Girl Scouts at no cost! Girls will engage in fun, interactive activities to sample the Girl Scout experience. Girl Scouts are confident, compassionate, problem solvers, and active community members. Moreover, Girl Scouts means joining a family—a sisterhood that fosters special memories, bonding, and strength, all while having the most important thing: fun. Open House Location: Johns Creek UMC 11180 Medlock Bridge Road Johns Creek, Georgia. Click [here](#) for the link to get on the list to participate in the free and enjoyable Girl Scout Open House event.

STEM Fest 2024

STEM Fest is a free event hosted by [Georgia Tech's College of Engineering](#) in partnership with [STEM Global Action](#). It will be held on Saturday, September 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Georgia Tech McCamish Pavilion for all students in grades K-12. For more information and to register for this event, please click [here](#).

Northview Jr. Titans Basketball Tryouts

The Northview Jr. Titans are thrilled to announce their Tryouts for the upcoming season! It's that time of year again when they come together to discover and develop the young talent that will represent their program with pride. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Ages: Boys: Grades 4th – 8th Girls: Grades 5th – 8th

Tryout Dates: [October 6](#) and [October 20](#)

Pre-Registration is Required for Tryouts and there is a tryout fee of \$5 to cover gym costs.

Register by clicking [here](#)

Free Classical K-Pop Event at Newtown Park

The Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra has a free, City of Johns Creek-sponsored event coming up on Saturday, October 5 at 7 p.m. at Newtown Park. It is a "Classical K-pop" concert that will feature orchestrations of the biggest hits in K-pop music. Please click [here](#) for the flyer.

Have a wonderful weekend!

