

# Shark Bytes

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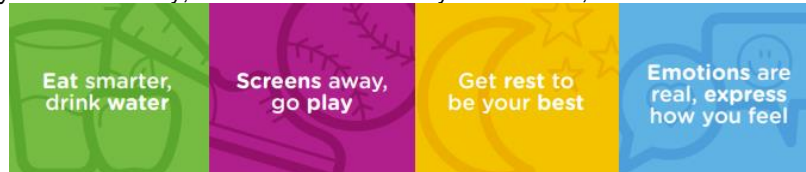
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## Shark Tales:

### Strong4Life Challenge Program

We are so excited that we have been selected as a Strong4Life school this year in partnership with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. They will be supporting our efforts throughout the year to promote healthy habits in our students. For additional details, please see the flyer that went home today in Friday Folders. We can't wait for our Fall pep rally. All students will get to participate in this high energy event on Friday, October 11. When they come home, ask them all about it!



### UPDATE: Hands on Shakerag Postponed to OCTOBER 19

Due to the recent inclement weather, Hands on Shakerag was postponed until **Saturday, October 19**. If you are able to make the new date, please sign-up to join us 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 complete this amazing project! Please sign up at [Hands - On - Shakerag 2024](#). Thank you so much in advance for helping to make our campus beautiful.

### 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 **September** are:

Pre-K and Kindergarten – Ms. Jain and Ms. Spieth

1<sup>st</sup> – Ms. Patel

2<sup>nd</sup> – Ms. Sudeth

3<sup>rd</sup> - Ms. Nephew, Ms. Schear, and Ms. Wolny

4<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Gokhale

5<sup>th</sup> – Mr. Barlow, Ms. Burnett, Ms. Dowling, and Ms. Mack

### Spring Musical - Frozen Kids:

WOW... what a turn out! The Shakerag Theater Team is thrilled to announce that all 100 audition slots for this year's spring musical: FROZEN KIDS! are FULL!!!! We can't wait to see all of the talent that has registered.

### Picture Retakes – Wednesday, October 23

Fall pictures went home this week. Fall picture retakes will be **Wednesday, October 23**. If you were not happy with your child's fall picture, please send the original picture package and a note in with your child on Tuesday, October 22 so their teacher can have them get their picture retaken on Wednesday, October 23. If your child was absent on our original picture day, or if they are new, we would like for your child to get their picture taken as well for the yearbook. Please note that only those that were absent, new, or send in their picture package with a note will be sent to get their pictures retaken.

### Spirit Weekend at Donut Chew!

Come in and treat yourself to a sweet treat on Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12 at Donut Chew (11305 Bell Road, #103, Johns Creek, 30097). Mention Shakerag Elementary and the school will get a treat of 15% back!

## A Message from the PTO:

### ATTENTION 5TH GRADE FAMILIES!

5th Grade T-Shirts are for sale through **Friday, October 11**. Please click [here](#) to order your t-shirt. They are \$15. We plan to place the order with the t-shirt vendor the week of October 14. Once placed, we will not be able to add to the order so if you'd like a shirt, please order it by the 11th. T-Shirts will be delivered to school and handed out by the teachers.

We almost have all of the baby pictures in so if you have not sent yours in yet, please do ASAP. Please email the photo to [shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com](mailto:shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com). Be sure to indicate your child's first and last name and homeroom teacher.

## **DONATE to BINGO NIGHT!**

**BINGO NIGHT** is right around the corner (October 25), and we need **YOUR SUPPORT** to pull it off! Please consider donating money so that we can buy fabulous Bingo prizes for the kids and even better Raffle items for everyone! [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](mailto:kzimmerman73@gmail.com)) or Lisa McNary ([LisaMcNary@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

### **National Bullying Prevention Month**

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Bullying Prevention Month is a nationwide call to action around educating communities to their roles in bullying prevention and to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention. Everyone can share in the efforts to Stop Bullying and Stand Up for Kindness. Fulton County Schools will recognize Bullying Prevention Month by encouraging all staff and students to WEAR ROYAL BLUE on Monday, October 7. We will then culminate the month with our annual Red Ribbon Week the week of October 28 – November 1.

### **Family Matters**

November is National Family Engagement Month, and we are thrilled to invite you to **Family Matters, a hands-on learning celebration for all FCS families!**

Click the link for a quick recap of Family Matters last year. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvRqAbYy3zM>

This year's events will take place at two locations:

- **Mimosa Elementary:** November 13, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **Gullatt Elementary:** November 14, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

At Family Matters, you'll have the opportunity to engage in 20-30 exciting learning sessions, including:

- **Real-life Math:** Fun activities that connect math to everyday experiences
- **Real Time Cooking:** Have fun cooking together as a family with a bona fide Chef
- **Lots of Literacy:** Make reading come alive with interactive storytelling
- **Spoken Word & Music:** Celebrate the power of words and rhythms
- **Cultural Dance:** Explore and enjoy different cultural traditions through dance
- **Sensory Room:** A calming space to support all students' sensory needs
- **Free College Application Month Room:** On-site assistance to complete FREE college applications and FAFSA assistance
- **College Essay writing:** Learn how to write impressive college essays
- **Robotics and Coding:** Learn easy techniques to control robots and drones

Join us for an evening filled with **games, prizes, vendors, and FUN learning!** We'll provide dinner for every guest as we come together to honor the rich diversity and strength of **ALL Fulton County families**. Click [here](#) for additional information and the link to register.

## **In the Community:**

### **Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting**

Our school board member, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at Autrey Mill Middle School. All are welcome to join.

### **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!**