

# Shark Bytes

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**Fall Break - School Closed Monday and Tuesday, October 14 - 15**  
**Professional Development Day - No School for Students Wednesday, October 16**



## Shark Tales:

### Congratulations!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our amazing School Nutrition team for receiving a **100** on their recent health inspection! We are so lucky to have such an amazing team ensuring our students have healthy meals each school day.

### 2023-2024 Georgia Milestones Results Released for Grades 3-5 Math

GA Milestones assessments are one of the tools we use to measure student mastery of grade level standards. These assessments are taken by all 3rd-5th graders in the Spring each year. The results from the 2023-2024 school year for ELA and 5<sup>th</sup> grade science were released at the start of the school year and published in the State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). Student scores for MATH are now accessible as well via your child's Infinite Campus portal (Please click [here](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to set up your account.). You will need to click on the SLDS Portal link once you are logged in.

We appreciate your patience as we waited for the state to release the math scores due to the implementation of the new math standards.

Similar to ELA and Science, we have so much to celebrate. We are so proud of our students. Below is a high-level summary of the percent of students scoring Developing or above for all content areas:

Grade	English Language Arts		Mathematics		Science	
	State	Shakerag	State	Shakerag	State	Shakerag
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	63.6%	84.5%	<b>80%</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	68.4%	90.8%	<b>81%</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	76.4%	98.5%	<b>73%</b>	<b>96.2%</b>	63.8%	93.9%

### Treats for Teachers

Thank you, Kathy Preuss, Agnes Law, Archana Samala, and the fabulous PTO, for once again preparing a delicious lunch for our teachers and staff today! We greatly appreciate our PTO for taking such good care of us!

### Spirit Weekend at Donut Chew!

Come in and treat yourself to a sweet treat today, 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!

### 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're 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.

### Picture Retakes – Wednesday, October 23

Fall pictures went home last 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 your child to get their picture taken as well for the yearbook. Please note that only those that were absent, new, or sent in their picture package with a note will be sent to get their pictures retaken.

## A Message from the PTO:

### Yearbook

Reserve a yearbook today! Order your students yearbook using this link: [Order Yearbook](#)

The yearbook team is looking for pictures to be added to the 24-25 yearbook. Please upload any First Day of School, Kona Ice Social, Storybook Night, Community Night or Pictures with Sharky using this QR code.



## **ATTENTION 5TH GRADE FAMILIES! TODAY'S the LAST DAY...**

5th Grade T-Shirts are on sale through **Friday, October 11**. Please click [here](#) to order your t-shirt. They are \$15. Once the order is 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, November 5 at 9:00 a.m.** This meeting will be a joint meeting at Shakerag with our feeder schools. To read more about our School Governance Council, we invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website by clicking [here](#).

## **FCS News:**

### **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:**

### **Skelebration at Innovation Academy**

FCS Innovation invites your family and friends to a fun-filled Halloween-themed night for elementary aged kids and younger! They will have interactive family-friendly Halloween themed hallways, hands-on STEM activities, and trick or treating at over 100 tables for all the kids to enjoy! Please click [here](#) for more information.

Date: 10/24/24

Time: 5:30-7:30

FREE ENTRY...must be accompanied by an adult

### **Northview Varsity Cheer Event**

Junior Titan Night will be October 18! The Northview Varsity Cheerleaders are excited to host youth in grades K-8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for a pre-game event. Students will join the high school cheerleaders for pizza and salad, learn cheers and come down to the football field and cheer on our football team as they prepare to take the field for the Friday night game. All registered participants will receive a T-shirt and dinner. Registration is just \$10. Register at [www.northviewcheer.com](http://www.northviewcheer.com) before October 5th to guarantee a t-shirt!

### **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](#)

**Have a wonderful LONG weekend!  
BE SAFE!**

