

Shark Bytes

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Daylight Savings Time: Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday!
REMOTE LEARNING DAY/TEACHER WORKDAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – No School for Students

Shark Tales:

Congratulations Shakerag!

Shakerag is proud to announce that we have earned the PBIS Distinguished School Award for the 2023-2024 school year! This tremendous recognition comes from the State of Georgia and is only awarded to schools that support a positive school climate through the implementation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework. The students and staff have worked very hard to meet this huge accomplishment. Congratulations, Shakerag!



Remote Learning Day is Tuesday, November 5

Tuesday, November 5 is a statewide election day and will be a Remote Learning Day for all students. Students will participate in asynchronous learning at home on this day. Teachers will be sending lessons and activities home with the students no later than **Monday, November 4**. Please look over your child's assignments and email your teacher(s) with any questions.

Thank you, Warbington Farms!

We would like to thank Warbington Farms for donating over 70 pumpkins to our school. The pumpkins were decorated by each class as their favorite movie characters and put on display for Red Ribbon Week. The theme for Red Ribbon Week this year was: Life is a Movie, Film Drug Free. Thank you, Warbington Farms, for making this activity possible! (www.warbingtonfarms.com)



BINGO NIGHT ~ THANK YOU!


The Shakerag PTO would like to say THANK YOU to everyone that came out to Bingo Night last week! It was a huge success, and we hope everyone had a great time! A very special THANK YOU to all of our wonderful volunteers. We could not have pulled it off without your help. And finally, a BIG THANK YOU to this year's All-Star cast, the "Ladies of Bingo," who did all of the heavy lifting in the weeks leading up to Bingo Night – Krista Zimmerman, Lisa McNary, Megan Milovich, Benish Virani, Rajeswari Balakrishnan, Paiker Sayed, Shivangi Patel & Aamani Parchuri.

Mystery Box Revealed - If you and your children have been wondering what was in the Mystery Box on the raffle table, the answer is.... Stomp Rockets and a 5 Below Gift Card! Thank You to everyone who participated in the Raffle and Silent Auction!

Spirit Week at Read It Again Bookstore

BOOK LOVERS, non-book lovers! Join us for Spirit Week this coming week, **November 2-9** at Read It Again Bookstore! Read It Again is a great place to find the perfect holiday gift! Graphic Novels, fiction, nonfiction, mysteries, cookbooks, and lots, lots more for every age. They have new and used books so lots of opportunities to get a lot for your money, especially if your students go through books fast! Mention Shakerag Elementary and we will receive 20% of the total sale! If buying online (www.read-it-again.com), put "Shakerag Elementary" in the notes section.

2024 FCS Technology Competition: Registration is Open!

- The 2024-2025 Fulton County Student Technology Competition (FCSTC) will be held in person on 1/11/2025 (Saturday) at Riverwood High School from 8AM to 4:30PM.
- All 3rd -12th grade Fulton County students are eligible to enter a student-created technology project that aligns with one of these **CATEGORIES**. Projects are to be designed and created by students.
- All information can be found on the [FCSTC website](https://www.fcstc.org).
- The registration form can be found  [here](#) and is due to Mrs. Francis by Tuesday, November 12.
- Please reach out to Mrs. Francis with any questions. (Francisa@fultonschools.org)

Let Us Be Thankful Together ~ Kindergarten Food Drive: November 11-19

Once again, our Kindergarten classes are spearheading Shakerag's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive November 11-19. In conjunction with North Fulton Community Charities, we will be supporting those in the community that are less fortunate than we are. Please have your child bring in some non-perishable food items and help make this initiative a great success!

MOST NEEDED: Canned Veggies (Not Corn, Peas, or Green Beans), Canned Tomatoes, Canned Fruit, Soup, Broth, Pasta, Jelly, Juice Boxes, Fruit Cups

NEEDED: Mac & Cheese, Pasta Sauce, Baked Beans, Dried Potatoes, Snacks - Granola Bars, Chips, Fruit Gummies etc.



Hearing & Vision Screenings for Grades 1, 3, and 5

Annual hearing and vision screenings for students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will take place on Wednesday, November 20. Students in grades 1, 3, and 5 should have received a more detailed letter for the vision screening in their Friday folders today. Please fill out this form and return it by November 15. It is important to make a special effort to ensure your child is in attendance on this day so they can participate in the screenings. If your child wears glasses, we ask that you make sure they have them and bring them to the screening. If the screenings identify a possible concern, parents will be contacted with a letter. If you do not receive a letter in the days following the screening, it is safe to assume the screening did not produce any concerns at this time. If you have any additional questions, please contact Samantha Weaver at weavers@fultonschools.org.

Spotlight On Special Areas:

What's Happening in Art with Mr. Avery this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Art Newsletter.

What's Happening in ASL with Ms. Pennywell this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's ASL Newsletter.

What's Happening in Music with Ms. Housholder and Mr. Denney this Month

We are excited to welcome back Mrs. Housholder as of today, November 1. We want to thank Mr. Waller for all of his support of our music program while Mrs. Housholder was out.

What's Happening in PE with Coach Smith this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's PE Newsletter.

A Message from the PTO:

Yearbook

Reserve a yearbook today! Order your student's 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 or click [here](#).



A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 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:

2024 FCS Annual Parent Perception Survey

At Fulton County Schools, we truly value the feedback from our parents about their experiences with the district. That is why I encourage all parents to take the [Annual Parent Perception Survey](#). This survey allows parents to tell us what they think about their student's schools and the district. While we always make it a priority to listen to our parents, this survey affords us another opportunity to receive your thoughts and opinions.

The survey is anonymous and confidential. Please complete one survey per school where you have one or more students enrolled. The survey will remain open from **Tuesday, October 16 through Friday, November 22**. Thank you in advance for making your voice heard!

The parent survey is currently available in English, Spanish, Korean, Portuguese, Chinese, Hindi, and Punjabi. If you or your family would like to take it in a language that is not listed, contact your school's principal with the requested language.

The parent FAQ is available in:

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Portuguese](#)

[Chinese](#)

[Hindi](#)

[Korean](#)

[Punjabi](#)

[Click here to access the parent survey](#) or scan the QR code with a smartphone.



Change of School Assignment (COSA) Process:

We want to inform you of an important update regarding the Change of School Assignment (COSA) process. Recent changes to [Board Policy JBCD: Change of School Assignment](#) dictates that students wishing to attend a school outside of their home attendance boundary will need to follow the new Change of School Assignment (COSA) process and timeline. The application window for all Fulton County Schools' changes in enrollment is now one process, held at one time, with a beginning date of **December 9, 2024, and closing January 15, 2024.** [FAQ for School Transfers - Fulton County School System](#)

Additionally, please be aware that some schools, including the Fulton Academy of Virtual Excellence (F.A.V.E.), FCS Innovation Academy, Global Impact Academy, and The Promise Career Institute, will follow independent enrollment processes. We encourage you to reach out to these schools directly for more information.

Linewize Online Safety Partnership

As part of Fulton County Schools' commitment to student safety, mental health, and well-being, we are excited to announce our partnership with Linewize, a leading provider of online safety technology. Starting Friday, November 1, 2024, we will implement **Linewize Monitor** on all FCS-issued devices to help ensure students are safe while using school technology.

Linewize Monitor is one of the most advanced threat detection tools in K-12 education. Its role is to:

- Detect and alert staff of suspicious online activity
- Identify students who may need mental health resources
- Notify parents when students access inappropriate or harmful content
- Provide school staff with well-being reports to intervene when necessary

Please note, **this new level of monitoring only applies to FCS-issued devices** and is in place to protect your child in online environments during school-related activities. The system cannot access personal devices, cameras, or private data.

We want to reassure you that this is a safety measure to protect our students and maintain our responsibility to their wellbeing.

Privacy is a top priority for Fulton County Schools, and Linewize Monitor fully complies with student privacy laws, including COPPA, FERPA, and CSPC certifications.

For more information, please visit our [Linewize Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) webpage](#), which provides additional details about how Linewize works and how we are ensuring your child's safety and privacy. If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to safetytechnologies@fultonschools.org.

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.

Have a wonderful weekend!

