

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

We would like to THANK our Veterans!

From the entire Shakerag family... a special thank you to all the men and women who have served and those that continue to serve our great nation! We appreciate YOU! Happy Veteran's Day!

In honor of these men and women, we encourage all students and staff to wear Red, White, and Blue on Monday, November 11.



2024 FCS Annual Parent Perception Survey – Help us get to 100%

We currently only have 4.98% of our families who have completed the survey.

Please, please, please help us gather your feedback!

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.

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 last week. Please fill out that form and return it by November 15. It is important to make a special effort to ensure your child is in attendance on November 20 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.

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](#).
- 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 ~ Thanksgiving 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.



Spirit Week at Read It Again Bookstore

We want to thank our business partner, Read It Again Bookstore for their partnership with our school.

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 **Wednesday, December 11 at 8:00 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:

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.

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:

Medical Disposal Event – Chattahoochee High School

Chattahoochee High School is hosting a Medication Disposal Day on Wednesday, November 13 from 10a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in their front Atrium.

This is an opportunity for you to take inventory of any medications, including liquids, you have around your home to prevent abuse, protect the environment, promote safety, and raise awareness about the dangers of access to unused medication. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Please support this very worthwhile cause!