

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

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

We currently only have 11.41% 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.



LAST CALL: Let Us Be Thankful Together: Kindergarten Food Drive

Our kindergarten students are still accepting donations. Students can bring non-perishable foods, canned foods, and dry goods to Shakerag Elementary. **Tuesday, November 19** is the LAST DAY we will be accepting donations. We look forward to helping our friends at North Fulton Community Charities Food Bank.

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. Please fill out that form and return it ASAP if you have not done so already. 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.

Carpool Reminders

As the temperatures begin to change, our carpool line tends to get longer. We always encourage families to allow their children to ride the bus to and from school, but should you choose to bring them in the morning, please help us ensure a smooth and safe carpool experience by following a few key tips:

1. **Pull All the Way Up:** When dropping off students, make sure to pull all the way up to the designated drop-off point. This helps keep the line moving efficiently and reduces congestion.
2. **The second entrance doors close at 7:38 a.m.:** Be aware that the second entrance doors will close promptly at 7:38 a.m. Arriving on time ensures that students can enter the building without any delays.
3. **Peak Carpool Times:** Carpool tends to be slow between 7:10 a.m. and 7:25 a.m. Planning your arrival at these times can save time and reduce stress.
4. **The Tardy Bell Rings at 7:40 a.m.:** The school bell rings at 7:40 a.m. It's important for students to be in their classrooms by this time to ensure a positive start to their school day. All students who are not inside the building when the bell rings will be marked tardy.

Stage Crew Sign-Ups Now Open!

The *Frozen Kids!* musical is now accepting sign-ups for 5th grade students interested in joining Backstage Crew. Any students interested in this role should review the rehearsal calendar (click [here](#)) with their families and then may sign-up [via this online form](#). Sign-ups will close Friday, November 22 and a list of selected students will be released by Wednesday, December 11.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade class spelling bee finalists and alternates. These students will represent their classes in the school spelling bee on Friday, December 13, 2024. If a classroom finalist is unable to participate in the spelling bee, the class alternate will take his/her place. We are so proud of all of our super spelling sharks.

Grade	Teacher	Finalist	Alternate
3	Christianson	Suchet Y.	Nyan A.
3	Mayoros	Lianna M.	Aryasai M.
3	Nephew	Piper L.	Natalia M.
3	Shear	Vedha M.	Aria V.
3	Wolney	Vjaan N.	Atharv M.
4	Brown	Jeevan A.	Rachel K.
4	Davis	Sanvi P.	Adrian O.
4	Gokhale	Omar A.	Syed A.
4	Greene	Aidric L.	Jessie G.
5	Barlow	Arjun P.	Ivy T.
5	Burnett	Rushank K.	Brooke S.
5	Dowling	Anvith M.	Kabeer G.
5	Mack	Nidhi A.	Susan T.
5	Searcy	Alainna H.	Miles E.

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.** 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.

In the Community:

Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting

Our school board member, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at River Trail Middle School. All are welcome to join.