

# Shark Bytes

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## Shark Tales:



### We are so PROUD of our SHARKS!

The state has officially released the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) scores for all schools in Georgia for the 2023-2024 school year.

We are so proud of the hard work and effort from our staff, students, and community. Through a combined effort, our students continue to thrive. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure our students succeed! If you would like more details about our CCRPI scores, please click [here](#). Way to go SHARKS!!!!

**Content Mastery: 100%**

**Progress: 99.9%**

**Closing Gaps: 90.9%**

**Readiness: 95.2%**

(Some components of CCRPI continue to be modified and/or not rated post-pandemic. Some components for math were also not calculated as last year was the first year that the new math standards were assessed.)

### Get Ready for the Holidays

Help us celebrate and have a little fun next week as we get ready for winter break. How does your family like to celebrate over the break? On **Tuesday, December 17**, wear your favorite festive sweaters and/or attire and on **Friday, December 20**, get ready to sleep in over winter break. Wear your favorite school-appropriate pajamas. Don't forget to make sure you wear something that you are comfortable in for outside recess to include the appropriate shoes.

### Treats for Teachers

Thank you, Kathy Preuss, 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 during this busy time of year!

### Shakerag's Annual Giving Tree

Shakerag's annual Giving Tree is happening now! Shakerag Elementary, in partnership with our local Girl Scout Troop, is a toy donation location for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program this year. Toys for Tots aims to provide new toys during the holidays to underprivileged children, delivering a message of hope. Please donate new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages to our Giving Tree box located in our atrium this holiday season. All donations will be accepted **from Friday, December 6, through Wednesday, December 18**. Once you donate, please remember to write your name on one of the stickers and place it on the Giving Tree. Please click on this [link](#) if you'd prefer to shop from home. Thank you for your generosity!

### Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Champion, Aidric L., representing Ms. Greene's 4th grade class. "Suffocate" was this year's winning word. Aidric will represent Shakerag in the Fulton County Spelling Bee on January 25, 2025. We would also like to congratulate Lianna M., as our second finalist representing Ms. Mayoros's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. We are proud of all the participants for studying hard and supporting each other in the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all our Spelling Bee Sharks!

### Attention all 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: Northview Cluster Concert

Our talented 5th Grade Sharks are invited to participate in the 2025 Northview Cluster Choral Concert on Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. Any interested 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students are welcome to join at no cost! We will have three after-school rehearsals on January 15, 22, and 29 to prepare for the show. If you would like to come and sing with us, [click here to complete the interest form!](#)

### Donate Back to Shakerag While You Shop!

Publix and Kroger have partnered with Shakerag to donate a percentage back to the school on EVERY purchase you make! Click [here](#) for instructions on how to sign up.

### Classroom Parties

It is hard to believe our winter class parties are right around the corner. The room parent for each classroom will be working closely with classroom teachers on party plans and volunteer needs. Any parent that is **scheduled to attend** MUST complete the volunteer registration AT LEAST 48 hours prior to the scheduled party date. Please complete this important step NOW or it might not be processed in time. To complete the volunteer training, click [here](#). **Please don't wait until the last minute! If you are not cleared through the volunteer registration process when you sign-in to volunteer, you will not be able to participate.**

### School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 8 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](#).

**The School Governance Council is looking for a parent representative to finish out one of our open terms. This is about a one hour a month commitment. If you are interested in additional details, please reach out to Mrs. Lemerond at [Lemerond@fultonschools.org](mailto:Lemerond@fultonschools.org).**

## **Media Center**

The media center is excited to announce the Winter Reading Challenge using the Beanstack app in Classlink. The challenge is open to all students PreK - 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Students have the opportunity to use the Beanstack app to log their daily reading minutes & reach at least 90 minutes before December 18. Those who complete the challenge will have their name displayed in the hallway & will also be entered into a raffle for prizes. At least 6 winners will be selected. Please see below for more information.

Basic Instructions for Using Beanstack:

1. Classlink
2. eLibrary Folder
3. Beanstack app
4. Click "Log Reading" at the top of the screen
5. Click "Log Minutes"
6. Fill in blank fields & click "Log Minutes" at the bottom

Winter Reading Challenge Introduction Video: [📄 Winter Challenge Intro.mp4](#) Beanstack Instructions Video: [📄 Beanstack Instructions.mp4](#)

## **A Message from the PTO:**

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual PTO "Through My Eyes" Art Contest**

It is the season for new memories and to share joy with friends and families! And it is the time to announce our Annual Through My Eyes (interschool) Art Contest. This year's theme is "***What memories are made of?***"... Participating FCS Zone 6 schools include: Shakerag ES, Ocee ES, Wilson Creek ES, Findley Oaks ES, and Medlock Bridge ES.

- Who can Participate? Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Categories: Photography, Visual Art, Dance, Choreography, Film Production, Music Composition, or Creative Writing.
- The last day to submit online entries: **Monday, January 20, 2025**
- Students can submit their entries in any one or multiple categories.
- All artwork should adhere to rules specified in the entry form and will be judged based on originality, theme interpretation, creativity, and technique.
- Each category will have two winners for each grade.
- The winning entries will be sent to further cluster-level judging. The winners of the cluster-level judging will receive an email along with award ceremony details for the Zone 6 finalists.

The entry form and rules can be found on the Shakerag PTO website or by clicking [here](#).

For any queries or clarifications, contact Meghan Bakare at [meghanatme2023@gmail.com](mailto:meghanatme2023@gmail.com)

### **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](#).



## **FCS News:**

### **Change of School Assignment (COSA) Process:**

Fulton County Schools is now using a new term for school choice: "Change of School Assignment" or COSA. Last spring, the Fulton County School Board revised its policy ([Board Policy JB CD: Change of School Assignment](#)) governing student transfers and changes of school assignment. Any student 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 process applies to all transfer-related programs, including previous options like hardship transfers, open enrollment, transfers for employees' children, Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program transfers, and requests to schools offering International Baccalaureate or magnet programs. A list of schools accepting transfers will be published on the COSA website on December 9, 2024. Parents can apply during the application window of December 9, 2024, through January 15, 2025. Learn more at [www.fultonschools.org/COSA](http://www.fultonschools.org/COSA).

**Have a wonderful weekend!**

