

Shark Bytes

Shakerag Elementary
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NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 20 – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY

**As we continue to hear about potential weather threats,
always monitor the FCS website for any announcements and/or updates!**

Shark Tales:

Report Cards

Student report cards were sent home today in your child's Friday folder. They are also available on the Parent and Student Portals. For instructions on how to access your child's Quarter 1 progress report, please click [here](#).

Thank you, Sugo Kitchen

A special thank you to Paula Perrin for organizing our staff lunch today. We also want to thank Sugo Kitchen for their partnership with our school. Sugo's is located at 10305 Medlock Bridge Road in Johns Creek.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night!

Please mark your calendars for this coming Thursday, January 23. It is Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A of Johns Creek. Come for dinner any time between 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. In person, drive thru or delivery. Mention "SHAKERAG" and 10% of the sale will be donated back to the school.

Keeping Children Safe in a Digital World Workshop

We are very fortunate that as a Strong 4 Life school, in partnership with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, we will be offering a parent session on "Keeping Children Safe in a Digital World." We hope you will be able to join us on **Tuesday, January 28 from 8:30 - 9:30 in the Media Center at Shakerag ES. Please click [here](#) to RSVP!**

The purpose of this presentation is to discuss different types of technology, how they are used by children, and how adults can help protect children in a digital world. By the end of this session, participants will be able to recognize at least four social media apps kids use, define cyberbullying, and identify steps adults can take to protect children from online risks. This presentation is fit for any professional, parent, or community member interested in digital safety.

We are all looking forward to this exciting opportunity!

Shakerag Elementary will soon teach kids to Think First & Stay Safe™

Fulton County Schools is excited to share that we will soon commence our personal safety education program for all elementary students called *Think First & Stay Safe™*. The *Think First & Stay Safe™* program is a research-based program that teaches specific personal safety education by way of interactive classroom lessons, classroom posters, role-plays and corresponding activities. *Think First & Stay Safe™* enables students to take an active and necessary role in protecting themselves from harassment, abduction, bullying, exploitation, and various forms of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional).

In February of this school year, *Think First & Stay Safe™* lessons will be implemented at Shakerag Elementary School for all K-5 students. You may preview this curriculum in the Shakerag Media Center from January 21, 2025, to January 29, 2025. You can also learn more about the detailed lesson plans and research behind this program at www.childluresprevention.com. Please be aware that more information is provided on the website than will actually be used in Fulton County Schools.

If you prefer that your child not participate in the *Think First & Stay Safe™* program, please sign the bottom of the parent letter that came home today in Friday folders and have your child return it to the school counselor, Ms. Paras, by Friday, January 31, 2025. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to our school counselor, Ms. Paras at ParasM@fultonschools.org.

A Message from the PTO:

LAST CALL: 9th 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 – 5th grade
- Categories: Photography, Visual Art, Dance, Choreography, Film Production, Music Composition, or Creative Writing.
- The last day to submit online entries: **Friday, January 24, 2025 (Deadline extended from Monday to Friday)**
- 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 Meghana Bakare at meghanatme2023@gmail.com

School Dance – SAVE THE DATE!

Please save the date for this year's school dance on February 21, 2025! More details will be coming soon. For information on volunteer opportunities, please contact Sonam Dewan at dewan.sonam@gmail.com or Sarah Chu at cigar1121@hotmail.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](#).



A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 26 at 8:00 a.m.** At this meeting we will be holding a 10-minute public comment session. If you are interested in speaking at our public comment, please email Rashi Manaktala at manaktalar@fultonschools.org. Public comment will be held at the end of the meeting. 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.

In the Community:

Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting

Our school board member, President, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at Johns Creek High School. All are welcome to join.

Have a wonderful LONG weekend!

