

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:



Fulton County Schools 64th Annual Spelling Bee Competition

Congratulations to **Aidric L. in 4th Grade!** He qualified as a Top 8 Finalist at the Fulton County Spelling Bee this past Saturday and will now move on to compete in the Georgia Association of Educators' (GAE) Region Four Spelling Bee which will be held on Saturday, February 22 at Beacon Hill Middle School in Decatur, GA. We are so proud of you!

Thank you, Children's Health Care of Atlanta and Strong4Life!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Children's Health Care of Atlanta for joining us this past Tuesday to share some great tips and strategies about keeping our children safe in a digital world. If you were unable to attend, I highly encourage you to check out their website at [Parenting | Strong4Life](https://www.childrenshca.org/parenting) for some great resource. (You get the best search results by selecting All Topics and All Stages)

The Strong4Life Challenge Team will be returning to our school on **Friday, February 7** to support our students in PE and Lunch and remind them about the four healthy habits we have been focusing on this year. Each student will be coming home with a special T-shirt on 2/7 to help them remember to make good healthy choices.



School Governance Council Members Needed!

We are still looking for a parent representative to finish out one of our current 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. We really need your help to fill our council!

As we look to fill a current vacancy, it is hard to believe that it is time for us to start searching for parents and teachers who want to declare their candidacy to serve on the School Governance Council for the 2025-2027 term. We will have one teacher elected position and two parent elected positions opening on the council for next year. If you, or someone you know, are interested in any of these positions, please refer to the Charter System website for additional details, or reach out to our SGC Chair, Mrs. Rashi Manaktala at manaktalar@fultonschools.org.

The window for parents and teachers to declare candidacy for their school's SGC opens Monday, **February 3, 2025**. During this time, individuals interested in serving a 2-year term (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027) will need to complete a Candidate Declaration Form available on the SGC election website and click the candidate guide and/or declaration form (www.fultonschools.org/our-district/charter-system/elections). The declaration window will close on **March 28, 2025, at 5:00 PM**. Elections will be held from April 16 – 23, 2025.

Tis the Season

This time of year, we often see a rise in illnesses. Please help us keep everyone healthy by reminding your children about washing their hands, practicing the elbow cough to cover their mouth when they cough or sneeze, and keeping your children home if they have a fever. Students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications prior to returning to school. We appreciate everyone's help during this time of year.

Carpool Reminders

We have seen a rise in the number of students arriving in carpool. 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 points. 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.

February Love of Reading Challenge

The media center is excited to announce the February Love of Reading Challenge using the Beanstack app for all PreK-5th grade students. For the entire month of February, students can access Beanstack in ClassLink to enter the number of minutes read each day. They will earn badges along the way, and once the student enters 300 minutes, they will complete the challenge, their name will be displayed in the hallway and be entered into raffle prize drawings at the end of the month. For pre-readers and emerging readers who may not be reading on their own yet, they are welcome to enter the number of minutes that they are being read to. Please contact Mrs. Francis with questions at francis@fultonschools.org and happy reading!

Pre-Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year

Registration for the Pre-K Lottery is now open and will end **March 5**. Registration is conducted through the district and the information can be found [here](#). If a parent misses the March 5 deadline, they will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. For more information on the registration process, please visit the FCS website by clicking [here](#).

Save the Date: Gladiator Hockey Community Night – 3/14!

Get ready for a night of fun & community as Shakerag teams up with Medlock Bridge ES, Findley Oaks ES, Wilson Creek ES, River Trail MS and Northview HS to cheer on the Gladiators at Gas South Arena! Join us on **Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m.** for an exciting game and a chance to connect with your community! A portion of every ticket sold will support our school, so grab yours today! Click [HERE](#) for more details and to purchase tickets. We can't wait to see you there!

A Message from the PTO:

Student Agenda Cover Contest for current 2nd and 4th Grade Students

We need assistance from our current 2nd and 4th grade students to design the 2025-2026 student agenda front cover. Students in grades 2 or 4 interested in submitting a design should return their artwork and completed entry [form](#) to the front desk or email meghana.bakare26@gmail.com by **Friday, February 28, 2025**. All students' entries will be submitted to a Shakerag PTO committee to choose the top design. Please have your students use the Shakerag Sharks school expectations of "Leadership, Kindness, and Respect" in their artwork. Good luck to all submitting artwork!! The Shakerag PTO is excited to see your masterpiece!

School Dance – SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for a night of fun with friends at our Disco Dance Party on February 21. For information on volunteer opportunities, please contact Sonam Dewan at dewan.sonam@gmail.com or Sarah Chu at cigar1121@hotmail.com. Can't wait to see you there!

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 comments 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](#).

A Message from Fulton County:

Important District Reminders and Updates for Valentine's Day

As Valentine's Day approaches, it is very tempting to send in treats. Your child's classroom teacher will be communicating what their classroom will be doing for a Valentine's Day exchange if they have not done so already. We are asking that no food be sent in with your child in alignment with the district's request below:

As we approach Valentine's Day, it is important to ensure that all homemade candy, desserts, baked goods, or other edible items **are not** to be sold or distributed during school hours. Please know that taking this measure will help us maintain a safe environment for all students with allergies, etc. You can help us protect your student(s) by requesting that they not eat anything given to them by another person, anything that they have not brought from your home, or anything not in its original sealed package without parent permission. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping all of our students safe at school!

In the Community:

Pathways2Life Parent Workshop

Join Northview High School for the Pathways2Life parent workshop on Wednesday, February 5, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. It will be held in Northview High School's Media Center. The workshop will focus on communication, exploring how our individual temperaments influence our communication styles and how we can improve communication within our families. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP to SallyC@pathways2life.org - not required to attend but helpful!

Girls Lacrosse Feeder Program

Please join North Fulton United Girls Lacrosse for a skills clinic on Sunday, February 2 from 2:00 – 4:00 at Northview High School. For more information or to register, please click [here](#) for the flyer.

Emory Sports Medicine's Creek Cup

The Johns Creek High School Boys' Soccer Program is hosting the first LOCAL High School Soccer Tournament in over 15 years, The Creek Cup! They will have over 20 teams represented from the Southeast with 12 boys' teams to compete at JCHS and 8 girls' teams to compete at Northview HS. With numerous college coaches in attendance, there will be tons of intense soccer games on the field and various family friendly activities off the field. Food trucks, concessions, SWAG, and a FREE Youth Soccer Training Experience sponsored by TOCA. Grab everyone you know who loves soccer and enjoys supporting local activities. February 12 - 15. Please click [here](#) for more information and the schedule. Go CREEK!

Have a wonderful weekend!

