

Shark Bytes

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NO SCHOOL MONDAY, MARCH 3 – TEACHER WORKDAY
NO SCHOOL TUESDAY, MARCH 4 – FCS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



Shark Tales:

School Dance

It was truly a DISCO PARTY time at the dance last Friday! We hope everyone who attended had a great time too. A huge thank you to ALL the amazing volunteers on the decorating, cafeteria, ticketing, activities, and cleanup crews. This event would not have been possible without all of the volunteers who helped make it happen. A special thank you to this year's dance chairs, and planning team, Sonam Dewan and Sarah Chu. You all were amazing!

9th Annual Through My Eyes Art Contest: Cluster-Level Winners

The Shakerag family is proud to congratulate our students who won the top two placements in the Through My Eyes Art Contest. The cluster awards ceremony was held at Shakerag ES on February 26. Our cluster-level winners and the finalists displayed exemplary talent and creativity in their work, which was well appreciated by the judges. A special thank you to Meghana Bakare for all of her hard work and effort in coordinating this program! We look forward to many more entries from our talented sharks next year.

1st Place:

- Creative Writing: Shaanvi P. – 1st Grade
- Music: Luna B. – 1st Grade
- Visual Arts: Aria T. – Kindergarten, Gavin L. – 1st Grade, Enya D. – 2nd Grade, Charles L. – 4th Grade

2nd Place:

- Creative Writing: Aakash B. – 4th Grade, Elina G. – 5th Grade
- Original Dance Choreography: Elina G. – 5th Grade
- Music: Shrianya S. – 5th Grade
- Photography: Arjun S. – 2nd Grade
- Visual Arts: Niyantri S. – 2nd Grade

GA DOE School Climate Survey

We value your feedback! Fulton County Schools wants to hear from you through the **Georgia Department of Education School Climate Survey**. The Georgia Department of Education (GA DOE) requires all public schools to participate in this annual survey. To see the GA DOE informational website and sample surveys, please [click here](#). There are four different surveys this year: one for parents, one for students in grades 3 - 5, one for teachers, and one for staff. Each school is aiming to have a minimum 75% participation rate for each survey. Schools failing to meet the minimum participation rate could have their school's climate star rating automatically reduced by one star.

Key points:

- This survey gives individuals the chance to share their thoughts on our school.
- The survey will be available **from February 3 - March 31**.
- The survey is **anonymous and confidential**.
- The survey is available in both **English and Spanish**.

To take the Parent Survey for Shakerag, please click on the following link.

<https://survey.gadoe.org/FM?sid=786E7A44>

Your input helps us make improvements, and we truly appreciate your time and feedback!

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!

Spring Picture Day is Tuesday, March 18

Shakerag's Spring Picture Day is on Tuesday, March 18. Lifetouch will be taking our group and individual portraits. These pictures will be available for purchase at mylifetouch.com. Order forms were sent home today in your child's Friday folder.

Attention All 5th Grade Parents: Rising 6th Grade Parent Information Meeting

All parents of rising 6th grade students are invited to a Parent Night at River Trail Middle School on Thursday, March 20. There will be an optional TAG meeting from 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and then the general session will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please click [here](#).

Parents of rising 6th and 7th graders – River Trail Middle School 2025-2026 School year

As part of Fulton County Schools residency verification process for all rising 6th and 7th graders, please submit 2 forms of residency for the upcoming school year 2025-2026.

River Trail Middle School requires both residency documents to be emailed **ONLY** to:

For 6th grade: 701-ResidencyVerification6th@fultonschools.org

For 7th grade: 701-ResidencyVerification7th@fultonschools.org

Please print your students' legal first and last name on each document.

Please know that all submitted email documents cannot be returned due to the quantity of emails received.

The deadline for submitting documents is **July 31, 2025**. For any residency related questions, please email Monica Bhatnagar, River Trail Middle School Data Specialist, at bhatnagars@fultonschools.org. For a list of approved documents, please visit the River Trail website (<https://rivertrail.fultonschools.org/students-families/enrollment-and-records/residence-verification>).

A Message from the PTO:

Family Science Night – Deadline to Register is 3/5:

Get ready for an exciting Night of Science on Thursday, March 13, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Shakerag Elementary! Join scientists and engineers for hands-on demonstrations and interactive activities showcasing real-world applications of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Each family will rotate through three engaging 25-minute sessions, pre-assigned on your event ticket.

✦ Important Details:

- ✓ This is NOT a drop-off event – an adult must be present.
- ✓ Registration is required! Fill out the form here: [Form Link](#)
- ✓ Deadline to register: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 (one form per family), using your eldest child's details.
- ✓ Pick up your tickets at the entrance on event day. Arrive at least 15 minutes early to check in!

This FREE event is proudly sponsored by IEEE, with support from the Shakerag PTO and Shakerag Elementary School.

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 **Monday, March 3, at 9:00 a.m.** This meeting will be a joint meeting at Northview High School 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](#).

School Governance Council Members Needed!

It is hard to believe that it is time for us to solicit 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.

A Message from Fulton County:

Pre-Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year – ENDS 3/5!

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](#).

Spring Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year

Spring Registration for Kindergarten and NEW (1st through 5th grade) students will be held on **March 19 and March 20**. Registration will be conducted online. Please click [here](#) for the online registration process. If your child is currently enrolled at Shakerag, there are no actions needed for enrollment for the next school year. If you know of any families new to the area, or meet a new family over the summer, please encourage them to enroll as soon as possible! For more information, please visit our [website](#) or click [here](#) for the flyer.

In The Community:

Northview Cluster Basketball Tournament – Save the Date!

Our Northview Cluster is hosting a staff/alumni basketball tournament on our last Community Night of the year! Make your plans now to bring the whole family to Northview High School on 3/26/25 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for an evening of entertainment. Admission is FREE, although we would love everyone to bring a canned/boxed food item or your loose change to donate to benefit North Fulton Community Charities.

Throughout the evening, we will have short basketball games featuring some of our favorite staff taking on other schools. There will be concessions for purchase, face painting and other activities for our students, with fun performances in between games and a half-time PRINCIPAL/STUDENT challenge. It's going to be a fun night for our Northview Cluster, we hope you can make it! Please click [here](#) for the flyer.

Have a wonderful LONG weekend!

