

# Shark Bytes

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**Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour for Daylight Savings Time (Sunday 2:00 a.m.)**

## Shark Tales:



### **Good Luck to our Science Olympiad Team**

Sending best wishes to our Science Olympiad team as they will be competing this weekend at Westlake High School. Good Luck Sharks!

### **School Board Appreciation Week**

Fulton County Schools is joining a statewide celebration to acknowledge the work and dedication of our local school board members. The week of March 10-14, 2025, has been proclaimed School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia. Each member contributes her own strengths to the district, and these different contributions and perspectives make our Board a formidable group. We thank them for their leadership, their commitment to our students and our community, and for supporting our mission, "Where Students Come First."

#### **Board of Education members currently serving our school district:**

District 1: Sara Gillespie	District 2: Lillie Pozatek
District 3: Katie Gregory	District 4: Franchesca Warren (Vice President)
District 5: Kristen McCabe (President) (Represents Shakerag)	
District 6: Kimberly Dove	District 7: Dr. Michelle Morancie

### **National School Breakfast Week**

To celebrate National School Breakfast Week, Shakerag will be serving School Breakfast for lunch next week on Monday, 3/10. We hope all of our students will join us for this flipped experience.

### **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](http://mylifetouch.com). Order forms were sent home last week for individual pictures and today you should have received an order form for group pictures in your child's Friday folder.

### **Volunteer Breakfast**

If you are one of our many wonderful volunteers, please join us on Thursday, April 3 from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in the Media Center for a breakfast in your honor. The flyer with the RSVP went home today in your child's Friday folder, or you can RSVP by clicking [here](#). Please RSVP by March 24. We can't wait to recognize all of the amazing contributions you make so that our school can be successful.

### **GA DOE School Climate Survey- We need your HELP! Please complete this quick 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. **(We are currently at 3.39% (20 surveys) for our parent 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!

### **Hope to see you at the GAME! Gladiator Hockey Community Night – Friday, 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!

### **Attention All 5th Grade Parents: Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Meeting**

All parents of rising 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders – River Trail Middle School 2025-2026 School year**

As part of Fulton County Schools residency verification process for all rising 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade: [701-ResidencyVerification6th@fultonschools.org](mailto:701-ResidencyVerification6th@fultonschools.org)

For 7<sup>th</sup> grade: [701-ResidencyVerification7th@fultonschools.org](mailto: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](mailto: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>).

## **Spotlight On Special Areas:**

### **What's Happening in Art with Mr. Avery this Month**

Please click [here](#) for this month's Art Newsletter.

### **What's Happening in ASL with Ms. Pennywell this Month**

Please click [here](#) for this month's ASL Newsletter.

### **What's Happening in Music with Ms. Housholder and Mr. Denney this Month**

Please click [here](#) for this month's Music Newsletter.

### **What's Happening in PE with Coach Smith this Month**

Please click [here](#) for this month's PE Newsletter.

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

### **Time is running out,,, Order Your Yearbook NOW!**

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 pictures 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 will be held in conjunction with our State of the School Address and Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on **Thursday, April 3, at 8:30 a.m.** 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](mailto: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](http://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:**

### **Annual Federal Programs Input Meeting**

The Federal Programs Department is holding their district Federal Programs Input Meeting. They are requesting parent, community, and staff input into how they spend their federal grant funds (Title I, II, III, IV, and IDEA) and our District Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

The meetings are scheduled to take place on Microsoft Teams. The meeting dates are:

March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am Join here: [Input Meeting 1](#), and

March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm Join here: [Input Meeting 2](#) .

Your input is essential, and they value your feedback. Please click [here](#) for more information.

### **Spring Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year**

Spring Registration for Kindergarten and NEW (1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Calling all Shakerag Youth Swimmers!!!**

Join the Shakerag Sharks Swim Team for the 2025 season! All Shakerag Elementary students are eligible to join the team.

Practice begins the week of May 12 with the season wrapping up at the end of June. **While we have a variety of ability levels on the team, each child needs to be able to swim independently before joining the team. An evaluation will be done for each new swimmer before being admitted to the team.**

The season consists of 5 meets against other subdivisions within the Johns Creek community and all the team practices are held at the Shakerag HOA Pool. To learn more about how to register for the team, see the meet and practice schedule, and meet this years coaching staff, please visit the official team website at [www.shakeragswimteam.com](http://www.shakeragswimteam.com).

You can also reach the team via email at [shakeragswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:shakeragswimteam@gmail.com) with any questions.

Registration is open from March 1-April 15! GO SHARKS!!!

**Have a wonderful weekend!**

