

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Gladiator Hockey Community Night

Thank you to everyone that came out last Friday for the Gladiator's game at Gas South Arena. We hope everyone had a great time watching the game and then even more fun getting to go out on the ice after the game. A special thank you to Megan Milovich for organizing this fun night for all of the families and staff within the Northview feeder pattern.



Progress Report Cards

Student progress report cards are now available on the Parent and Student Portals and were sent home in today's Friday folders. For instructions on how to access your child's 9-week progress report card please click [here](#).

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. Please RSVP by March 24 by clicking [here](#). We can't wait to recognize all of the amazing contributions you make so that our school can be successful.

Enrollment Intent for the 2025-2026 School Year

As we begin to plan for the 2025-2026 school year, having an accurate student count is very important. We are asking parents to help us now in order to ensure we know who will be in our building next year. Each child in grades PK-4th grade should have received an Enrollment Survey for the 2025-2026 School Year in last week's Friday folders. Please complete this form for each child and return it to their homeroom teacher on or before Wednesday, March 26. If your child will NOT be returning to Shakerag next school year, please contact Courtney Gatlin Cleary at gatlinclerc@fultonschools.org for information regarding the withdrawal process. If you have a child that will be NEW to Shakerag next year, please visit our website by clicking [here](#) to register your child. Spring registration is now open online. We are asking parents to register sooner rather than later! Thank you for your help as we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year.

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 now at 5.59 (33 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!

Pre-K Lottery Drawing

Registration for the Pre-K lottery has closed. The lottery will be recorded on **Wednesday, March 26 at 9:00 a.m.** We will post the recording to our website as soon as possible following the completion of the lottery. Here is the TEAMS link to join the lottery live: [Join the meeting now](#). For more information on the lottery process at Shakerag, please visit our website by clicking [here](#). If you missed the deadline to register, please contact Courtney Gatlin Cleary, school data clerk, at gatlinclerc@fultonschools.org to be placed on the waiting list. You will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list after the lottery in the order that your communication was received.

Student Success Skills Survey (Grades 3-5)

Each year, our students in grades 3-5 take a survey at the beginning of the year and one at the end of the year focused on our Student Success Skills program. The Student Success Skills Inventory is used to measure student growth across Student Success Skills standards as a result of ReThink Ed lessons. Students in grades 3-5 will complete the 15-20 item inventory between *April 14, 2025 – April 25, 2025*. It takes about 15 minutes to complete. **Parents can choose to opt their student out of the inventory** by submitting a written request to our assistant principal, Samantha Weaver, at weavers@fultonschools.org. We ask that all opt-out requests be received no later than Wednesday, April 2.

❄️ Frozen Kids! ❄️

The Shakerag Theater Department is proud to present our [2025 Spring Musical: Frozen Kids!](#) We have two incredible night performances on Wednesday, April 2 and Thursday, April 3. Please join our amazing cast and crew for this MAGICAL performance! **Tickets (\$5.00/each) are pre-sale only.** No tickets will be sold at the door, so buy yours today using our [Shakerag Online School Payments](#) platform! Any questions or concerns can be directed to Mrs. Housholder at housholder@fultonschools.org

Artist Day – Friday, April 4

Shakerag's Annual Artist and Culture Day, sponsored by our amazing PTO, is on Friday, April 4, 2025! This exciting event offers students a unique opportunity to embark on a global journey, exploring diverse forms of art and culture from around the world.

The day will begin with a special performance of our spring musical, setting the stage for an inspiring and educational experience. Throughout the day, students will engage in interactive sessions, discovering the rich traditions and creative expressions of various cultures, including Latin America, Japan, China, the Arab world, Polynesia, and more.

We are thrilled to feature an incredible lineup of artists and performers, showcasing a wide range of talents and art forms. Students will have the chance to participate in Yoga sessions, experience the vibrant energy of Bollywood and K-Pop dance, enjoy the artistry of a caricaturist, be entertained by a ventriloquist and magician, and witness the captivating movements of Mexican and Flamenco dance, among many other exciting activities.

Shakerag's Artist and Culture Day promises to be a memorable celebration of creativity, diversity, and global connection. We can't wait to share this inspiring day with our students!

Artist Day Lunches

On this special day, we will be having a school-wide lunch from 11:30-12:30. All students will eat in their classrooms. To prepare for this event, an Artist Day Lunch Order Form was sent home today in each child's Friday folder. Please complete this form and return it to your child's teacher no later than **Friday, March 28**. Since we will not be operating under our normal schedules, we will not be accepting visitors on this day.

Save the Date! GA Milestones for Grades 3-5

Mark your calendars... This year the GA Milestones assessment window for students in grades 3-5 will be April 28 – May 9. Additional details will be provided following Spring Break.

A Message from the PTO:

Attention 5th Grade Parents!

Let's celebrate the journey of our 5th grade graduates at Shakerag Elementary School with special yard signs personalized with names! Please place your order using the information on the flyer (click [here](#)) or by using this QR code. All orders must be placed by April 18. The signs will be delivered to the school and available for pickup in early May.



Time is running out, Order Your Yearbook NOW!

Reserve a yearbook today! Order your student's yearbook using this link: [Order Yearbook](#)

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.

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:

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 25th at 9:00 am Join here: [Input Meeting 1](#), and

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

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

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 weekend!

