

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

As we approach spring break, we know that all of our Sharks and their families are looking forward to spending time together. We have a great week of learning planned and will wrap up the week with our annual Artist Day, sponsored by PTO. As we approach this much anticipated break and the end of the school year, please remind your children of our school-wide expectations of showing leadership, kindness, and respect at all times, even when no one is watching. We will remain extra vigilant as the end of year excitement builds. Please help support us at home by reinforcing positive behavior expectations, making sure students don't bring any forbidden items to school, and closely monitoring their technology use. We appreciate you partnering with us to ensure our Sharks make good choices as we wrap up the school year.



Remember, if you become aware of any information that poses a threat to students, staff or school safety, please reach out to any administrator, or report it to our anonymous FCS Tip Line at the following link: <https://www.fultonschools.org/fcstipline>. If you are aware of an immediate emergency, please call 911.

The responsibility for keeping our students, staff, and schools safe should be a top priority for all of us. We appreciate your support!

GA DOE School Climate Survey- Last Day Monday, March 31!

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 11.53% (68 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!

Volunteer Breakfast and State of the School Address – Thursday, April 3

If you are one of our many wonderful volunteers, please join us this Thursday, April 3 from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in the Media Center for a breakfast in your honor in connection with our State of the School Address and PTO meeting. You can RSVP by clicking [here](#).

Frozen Kids! – The Musical

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 at 6:00 PM. 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

Pre-K Lottery Drawing Results

The Lottery for the 2025-2026 Pre-K Class has concluded. Results can be found [here](#). If you missed the deadline to register, please contact Courtney Gatlin Cleary, school data clerk, at gatlinclear@fultonschools.org to be placed on the waiting list. You will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list in the order that your communication is 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.

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!

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.

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:

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.

Place an Order Now on the website
vfpicals.com/products or with our
QR Code



Join the PTO Team at Shakerag Elementary School – We Need You!

We're looking for passionate and dedicated volunteers to help make this school year a success! Our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) plays a vital role in supporting our students and teachers, and we need YOU to make it all happen. Whether you're interested in leading, organizing, or collaborating, there's a spot for you!

**Open Positions: **

- Co-President
- V.P. Communications
- V.P. Business Partners
- Recording Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Artist Day Co-Chair
- Book Fair Co-Chair
- Social Media/Website Coordinator
- Membership Chair
- Fundraising Chair
- Fall BINGO & Baskets Co-Chair
- Room Parent Program Chair (2 positions)

Your time and talent can make a big difference! If you're ready to get involved, please reach out to shakeragpto@gmail.com today to help make next school year unforgettable. Let's work together to create a positive and exciting environment for our students!

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](#).

A Message from Fulton County:

It's Pollen Season

Please click [here](#) for helpful resources for managing Spring Pollen, Allergies, and Asthma from our Fulton County Schools District Health Services team.

In The Community:

Attention All 5th Grade Parents – Save the Date!

Sneak Preview for River Trail Middle School will be on July 31, 2025.

12:30-1:30: Last names that start with A-L

2:30-4:00: Last names that start with M-Z

Jr Titans Lacrosse Night

North Fulton United is hosting a Jr Titans Lacrosse night on April 2 at 6:00 p.m. Any girl who shows up in a lacrosse jersey gets in for free! (does not have to be a nofu jersey). The Jr. Titans team is on a winning streak and would love to invite all to come and cheer them on. All NOFU girls will be invited down on the field during halftime to be introduced and celebrated. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend!

