

# Shark Bytes

**Shakerag Elementary**  
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## Shark Tales:

### **Shakerag Showcase – This Thursday, April 24**

We will be hosting our annual Shakerag Showcase on Thursday, April 24 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Please plan to drop by anytime during this hour to explore, museum style, all of the amazing things our students have accomplished this year.

### **GA Milestones**

Our 3rd through 5th grade students will get to show what they know in April/May on the Georgia Milestones. For more information about the Georgia Milestones, visit our state testing website by clicking [here](#). We will be in “testing mode” throughout our building from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day during the testing window and will not be accepting volunteers during that time. The specials and lunch schedule will also be modified depending on the testing day. Thank you for your support and flexibility. If you have any questions, please contact our testing coordinator, Samantha Weaver, at [weavers@fultonschools.org](mailto:weavers@fultonschools.org). Below you will find the Milestones testing schedule.

| Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |
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|        |   | <b>April 30</b><br>ELA 1<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>May 1</b><br>ELA 2<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>May 2</b><br>ELA<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> |
|        | <b>May 6</b><br>Math 1<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>May 7</b><br>Math 2<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>May 8</b><br>Science<br>5 <sup>th</sup>                                   |  |

### **Student Placement Support Request for the 2025-2026 School Year**

If you feel your child has a specific need that we should be aware of when considering class placements for the 2025-2026 school year, please carefully read and review the Student Placement Support Request Form by [clicking here](#). If needed, please submit the form on or before **3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5**. The form will no longer be available after **May 5**.

### **Kindergarten Round-Up**

We will be hosting our Kindergarten Round-up on **Wednesday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m.** Please click [here](#) for more details. To register for the event, please use the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/c3RUubUFdR> If you know a future SHARK, please pass this information on. Our current PreK students do not need to attend unless you would like to join us.

## A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

### **Attention 5th Grade Parents! – LAST DAY TO ORDER!**

Today is the FINAL DAY to order a personalized 5th Grade Graduation Yard Sign! Let's show how proud we are of our children's great achievements and also show our Shakerag Elementary School spirit one last time!

Please click [here](#) to order! The cost is only \$25, and a portion of the fee will go back to the Shakerag PTO. The signs will be delivered to the school and available for pickup in early May!

Place an Order Now on the website  
[vffteals.com/products](http://vffteals.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 next 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](mailto: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 is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m.** To read more about our School Governance Council, we invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website by clicking [here](#).

It's election time! We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Ariana Boutain, Katherine Preuss, and Megha Solanki for stepping up and volunteering to support our School Governance Council. The School Governance Council voting window will be open from April 16-April 23. To learn more about the candidates, please see below for their candidate statements. Please access the voting system by using the unique link that was emailed to you when the voting window opened. Please visit our website or contact us via email or phone if you have any questions. Thank you for taking part in this important process. Happy voting!

| Candidate        | Declaration Statements  |
|------------------|---|
| Ariana Boutain   | <p>Dr. Ariana Boutain has always been interested in organizational processes and strategy and currently represents GA in the Council for Autism Service Providers State Advocacy Group, advocating for fair and appropriate autism service coverage. She serves as the Chief Clinical Officer at Atlanta Autism Center, where she contributes to organizational strategy and tactical development for both clinical and operational processes and procedures. Dr. Ariana earned her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and both her M.A. and Ph.D. in Behavioral Psychology from the University of Kansas. Ariana has worked with individuals with autism and developmental disabilities since 2006. She has presented at national conferences, published in leading journals, and served as a reviewer for JABA and IJDD. Dr. Ariana has been an active member of several ABA organizations. In her spare time, she enjoys musical theater, cycling, and adventures with her husband and twins.</p>   |
| Katherine Preuss | <p>As a parent of two boys who have attended Shakerag Elementary School, I have always been deeply involved in our school community. My firsthand experience with the school's strengths and challenges has fueled my passion for ensuring a supportive and enriching learning environment for all students. My mission is to strengthen family-school partnerships, advocate for policies that enhance student success, and foster a positive, inclusive, and high-achieving school environment. I am especially committed to prioritizing students mental health, recognizing that their well-being is essential to academic and personal growth. Supporting emotional resilience and providing resources for students at this critical stage will help them thrive both in and out of the classroom.</p> <p>I look forward to the opportunity to contribute my experience and dedication to making a meaningful impact.</p>  |
| Megha Solanki    | <p>Dear Shakerag Elementary School Community,</p> <p>My name is Megha Solanki, proud parent of a 9th grader at Innovation Academy and a 2nd grader at Shakerag. I'm excited to announce my candidacy for Parent Representative on the School Governance Council.</p> <p>As a Fulton County resident since 2021, and with my children having attended schools in three counties, I bring a broad perspective on educational systems and challenges.</p> <p>Professionally, I have a background in software and finance, with strengths in data analysis, strategic planning, and collaboration. I aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✔ Strengthen communication between parents and school staff</li><li>✔ Support academic excellence and learning opportunities</li><li>✔ Promote smart use of school resources</li><li>✔ Encourage inclusivity and equity</li></ul> <p>I believe strong parent involvement helps every child thrive. I'd be honored to represent you and support our school's continued success.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>Megha Solanki</p> |

## A Message from our Business Partners:

### **Great Harvest:**

Great Harvest will be serving special treats for Easter. Please click [here](#) for their Easter Menu.

## In the Community:

### **Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting**

Our school board member, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at Shakerag Elementary School. All are welcome to join.

### **Atlanta STEM Fest**

Parents, register your K-12th graders today for the Atlanta STEM Fest presented by AABE and STEM Global Action on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 9 AM - 12 PM at the C.T. Martin Natatorium & Recreation Center. This FREE event features 60+ hands-on STEM activities, allowing students to explore, create, and discover exciting careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math!

**DATE:** April 26, 2025

**TIME:** 9 AM - 12 PM

**LOCATION:** 3201 M.L. King Jr. Drive SW, Atlanta, GA 30314

**REGISTER TODAY:** [registration.stemnola.com](https://registration.stemnola.com)

The Atlanta STEM Fest is sponsored by Chevron, Boston Consulting Group (BCG), Warner Williams, LLC, and JPMorgan Chase. It's a perfect opportunity to expose, engage, and inspire your child and help them discover the endless possibilities of STEM in a fun, interactive environment. Click [Here](#) for additional details.

### **Northview Techno Titans Robotics Team**

The Northview Techno Titans Robotics Team will be hosting a STEM Night workshop at their team workspace on April 26, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.technotitans.org/stem-nights>

### **Get Ready to Cheer Your Heart Out with the Northview Jr. Titans Cheer Program!**

Is your child full of energy, love to perform, and ready to show off their Titan pride? The Northview Jr. Titans Cheer Program is back and bringing the spirit for an action-packed Fall 2025 season of sideline cheering — and we want YOU on our team! We're calling all rising 4th–8th grade students to join our cheer family! Whether you're brand new or a cheer veteran, this is your chance to build skills, make friends, and have a blast while cheering on the Jr. Titans!

Join us at one of our upcoming Cheer Interest Meetings to learn more:

- In Person: April 27 at 5:00 PM – *Shakerag Firehouse*
- Virtual: April 30 at 6:30 PM – *via Zoom*

👉 Be sure to fill out the [2025 Jr Titans Cheer Interest Form](#) to stay in the loop and receive virtual Interest Meeting info!

Check out our [website](#) for more details, or email us anytime at [jrtitanscheerjc@gmail.com](mailto:jrtitanscheerjc@gmail.com).

🌟 Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for all the latest updates, sneak peeks, and cheer-tastic fun!

Let's make this season unforgettable — LET'S GO TITANS! 💙👏

### **Attention All 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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>).

**Have a great weekend!**

