

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

National Teacher Appreciation Week: May 5 – May 9

May 5 – May 9 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Please join me in thanking and recognizing all of the amazing teachers and staff at Shakerag. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated team that is passionate about making sure all students succeed. If you have a chance, please reach out and share with them the impact they have made on your child(ren). Those stories and memories mean the world to them.

GA Milestones

It was a successful first week of Georgia Milestones testing! We are so proud of our 3rd – 5th grade students! We have one more week of testing next week. 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.

Throughout the testing window, please make sure your child is present and arrives no later than 7:40 a.m. each day! We encourage all students to get a good night’s sleep and eat a healthy breakfast each morning. Students **should not** bring any additional electronic devices (cell phones, smart watches, etc.) into the classroom as these items will be collected.

Thank you for your support and flexibility. If you have any questions, please contact our testing coordinator, Samantha Weaver, at weavers@fultonschools.org. Below you will find the remaining Milestones testing schedule.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	May 6 Math 1 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	May 7 Math 2 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	May 8 Science 5 th	

Student Placement Support Request for the 2025-2026 School Year: **Deadline is MONDAY**

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.

Media Center

We have had a great year in the Media Center! Now it’s time to finish up those books and return them to the library so we can get ready for next year. Please ensure that your child has returned all of their books to the media center by **Tuesday, May 13**. Please contact our Meti, Mrs. Francis, with questions at francis@fultonschools.org.

Field Day is Coming Soon!

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming 2025 Field Day, a highlight of our school year! On May 16 (with a rain make-up day on May 19), our students will come together for a day filled with friendly competition and fun activities. Each class will be divided into a red and blue team, with students wearing their team’s color t-shirt on field day. If the students do not have the color, they can wear something similar. Points will be awarded to classes finishing 1st or 2nd, adding to the excitement and team spirit!

We are seeking volunteers to help at the various game stations. If you’re interested, please sign up using the link below. In order to volunteer, you must complete the volunteer registration at least 48 hours prior to the event or you will not be able to participate. Please click [here](#) for more details on the volunteer registration process. Volunteers are asked to arrive at least 15-20 minutes before their designated start time. You are only allowed to volunteer at the station assigned. You may not follow your kid/kids around. Also, please arrive 20 minutes early for the briefing and station assignments.

Please visit the sign-up genius link for more information and to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Smith at smithjm@fultonschools.org.

Grades PreK-2 (8:15-10:15): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AFAD2CA4FEC61-56414719-field>

Grades 3-5 (11:45-1:45): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AFAD2CA4FEC61-56414878-field>

If you volunteer and want to check your child out early, all check-outs must be complete by 2:00. You must come to the front desk first. Your child will not be dismissed until called down by the front office.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found closet has become quite full of coats, sweaters, water bottles and other outerwear. If your child is missing any of these items, please come and claim them by May 16. Everything left in the lost and found closet after May 16 will be donated at the end of the school year. Also, please remember to put your child's first and last name on everything!

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 Shakerag PTO:

Attention 5th Grade Parents – Yard Sign Pick-Up: **Deadline is MONDAY**

If you ordered a YARD SIGN for your 5th grader, please make arrangements to pick it up at the table across from the front desk. Please adhere to the following pickup dates and times as students are finishing their Milestones tests this week:

5/5 Monday: 8:30am-1:30pm

We cannot send the yard signs home with the students as they contain sharp stakes which may pose a risk. Thank you for your understanding!

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 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](#).

FCS News:

Heat Related Illnesses

As temperatures start to rise, so do heat related illnesses. Please review the following link from CHOA on ways to avoid three types of heat-related illnesses. [CHOA Heat-Related Illness Resource](#)

FCS Virtual Creativity Days

This summer, join us for FCS Virtual Creativity Days, an exciting opportunity for students to unleash their creativity! Hosted by the Instructional Technology department, these fun and engaging events will guide students as they explore graphic design, video creation, and web design.

- Rising 3rd–6th graders will dive into Adobe Express.
- Rising 7th–12th graders will harness the power of Canva for Education.

Each Creativity Day features three unique sessions built around a daily theme. Students can join one, two, or all three sessions each day – it's completely up to them!

Key Details:

- Sessions will take place on Microsoft Teams.
- Meeting links will be sent to participants' guardians and added to the students' Fulton Microsoft Teams calendars the day before the event.

Space is limited! Be sure to register early to secure your spot. For more information and to register, click [here](#). Don't miss out on this chance to get creative this summer!

In the Community:

Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting

Our school board member, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at Northview High School. All are welcome to join.

Taste of Alpharetta

It is with great pleasure that we announce the annual Taste of Alpharetta event, a long-time community tradition, which will take place **Thursday, May 8, from 5 -10 p.m.** Please click [here](#) for the most recent ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION. For event information, please visit www.tasteofalpharettaga.com.

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

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>).

Have a great weekend!

