

Shark Bytes

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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL THURSDAY, MAY 22

Shark Tales:

Thank you, Hometown Heroes!

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the FCS Social Studies department leadership team, Ms. Crystal Flowers and Ms. Sade Stanton, for bringing the Hometown Heroes program to Shakerag on May 14. Our students in PreK – 2nd grade had the opportunity to learn what some of our important community members do and how they support us.

A special thank you to our following guests:

Mayor John Bradberry, City of Johns Creek ~ Baleigh Reed, The Alliance Theater ~ Jessie Gower, Ocee Branch of Fulton County Library ~ Monica Moreno, Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta ~ Commissioner Bridget Thorne, Fulton County Commissioners ~ Judge David Will, Fulton County Municipal Court ~ Chattahoochee Nature Center ~ Fulton County Water Conservation ~ Johns Creek Arts Center ~ Johns Creek Fire Department ~ Johns Creek Police Department

We would like to also thank our amazing student ambassadors that helped our special guest travel from classroom to classroom. Thank you:

Meena A., Hannah C., Shravya D., Neil J., Rushank K., Jacob K., Harry L., Sanan M., Madeline S., and Cindy Z.

Field Day was a HIT!

We had a great time today at Field Day! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who came out to help us make this day possible. A special thank you to Kelly Gipson, Nafiseh Sarirafraz, NaTasha Pennywell and Megan Milovich for all of their hard work coordinating the volunteers and taking such good care of everyone. We also want to thank Coach Smith and Ms. Dean for organizing this fun day for our students!

Clinic

Please remember to pick up any medication from the clinic before the end of school on Thursday, May 22. If you have an Epi pen or inhaler in the clinic, please pick it up on the last day of school. All medications will be disposed of at the end of the day (May 22) per Fulton County guidelines.

Georgia Milestones

We are so proud of how hard our students worked on the GA Milestones. Data from the Georgia Milestones assessment will be incredibly beneficial and will guide instructional planning for our students.

The state will post results in the Georgia SLDS platform, which can be found within the Infinite Campus student/parent portal, once they are available. (That typically occurs at the end of July.)

Thank you for all your support during Georgia Milestones this spring!

Carpool Numbers

If your child(ren) will not be returning to Shakerag next year, please return your carpool number to any staff member on the last day of school as you drive through carpool in the afternoon. If you will still have children attending Shakerag, please keep your number in a safe place, as you will continue to use the same number next year.

Yearbooks – SOLD OUT!

We are excited to reveal the 2024-2025 Shakerag yearbook on Monday, May 19. 5th graders will be given the privilege of receiving their yearbooks first on Monday. All other students will receive their yearbooks on Tuesday, May 20. A special THANK YOU to Ms. Courtney Gatlin Cleary for her amazing work in putting the yearbook together for us.

A Special THANK YOU to our Business Partners:

We are so thankful for all the support our business partners gave us this year! Please click on each of the logos to visit their websites.



A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

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: **

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| - Co-President | - V.P. Communications | - Financial Secretary | - Artist Day Co-Chair |
| - Social Media/Website Coordinator | - Membership Chair | - Fundraising Chair | - Fall BINGO & Baskets Co-Chair |

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!

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council Meeting

We invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website, which can be accessed through our school website (click [here](#)). Our latest Strategic Plan as well as other relevant SGC information is posted to this site for your convenience. Our first meeting of the 2025-2026 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13 at 8:00 a.m.

We would like to thank all of our amazing members of the SGC for a great year!

Megan Ames, Community Member (approved)

Brittany Burnett, Staff (appointed)

Andrexy Campbell, Parent (elected)

Craig Cunningham, Community Member (approved)

Mia Fiedler, Parent (elected)

Keith Kreutzer, Parent (elected)

Christine Lemerond, Principal

Rashi Manaktala, Teacher (elected)

Mia Mandel, Teacher (elected)

Debbie Wise, Teacher (appointed)

FCS News:

Let's Finish Strong and Be All In On Day 1!

As we wrap up the 2024–2025 school year, we're already looking ahead to a strong start in August! Our school is proud to support the district's **All In On Day 1** campaign — a community-wide effort to ensure all students are present, prepared, and ready to learn on the first day of school: **Monday, August 4, 2025**.

Let's keep the momentum going! Here's how you can help:

- Schedule vacations and appointments around the school calendar
- Make sure your child is registered and ready to go by **August 4**
- Talk with your child about setting goals for the new school year
- Watch for summer updates and reminders

After the first day, we'll shift to **All In On Attendance**, a yearlong focus on helping students show up consistently—because every day counts.

Together, we can make sure every student starts strong and stays on track. Let's be **All In On Day 1!**

Transportation: Safety Request

With the last day of school quickly approaching, the transportation department would like to ask all members of our community for their support...

The last day of school celebrations always brings the question of afternoon drop-off locations. Keeping safety for all students in mind, they will run all afternoon routes and bus stops as scheduled all year. There will not be any approvals for alternative bus stop locations, such as the pool, clubhouse, or other locations. This also includes students getting dropped off with friends. All students will only be dropped off at their assigned stops on their assigned bus.

In addition, they highly discourage any type of water balloons, water hoses, etc. from "rushing" at the bus as students disembark. This really causes a concern for the students and bus drivers' safety as they do their jobs as well as getting their bus driver compartment/equipment wet.

As always, we appreciate your support all year and thank you in advance for helping us keep our kids safe!

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:

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!

