

# Shark Bytes

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## Shark Tales:

WELCOME BACK!!! We were so excited to get to see everyone Wednesday and Thursday at Sneak Peek. All of the smiling faces and excitement filled our hearts. On behalf of the entire Shakerag staff, I just want to thank you in advance for partnering with us this year to ensure your children experience success. We all look forward to working together to make this the best year yet!



### Thank You for Lunch!

On behalf of our entire staff, we would like to thank Kathy Preuss, Meghna Bakare, Gloria Frias, Sonam Dewan and our gracious PTO board/volunteers for the wonderful luncheon they provided this week. It was a great welcome back treat after Sneak Peek. Thank you for helping us kick off the new year.

### Teacher Assignments

Each year the first 10 days of school are critical for our enrollment counts and teacher allocations. As shared in your Sneak Peek packets, we are watching our enrollment very carefully. Current teacher assignments are tentative pending the potential allocation of additional teachers and/or the reduction of teachers. We will continue to keep you updated as more information is shared with us throughout the district-wide enrollment count process. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this process each year and welcome all of our amazing new families.

### First Day of School

- The first day of school is **Monday, August 4**. Our school hours are from 7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m. Arrival begins at 7:10 a.m. Parents may begin lining up in the carpool lane; however, for supervision reasons, students should not enter the building prior to 7:10 a.m.
- We encourage you to get your children into their normal routines, i.e., arrival/dismissal, as quickly as possible by having them come to and leave school the way they normally would come and go on day 1. Dismissal tends to run a little slow the first few days of school as we are triple checking to make sure all of our students get home the correct way. Please help your child learn his/her dismissal routine by remembering their carpool and/or bus number (you should have received this number at Sneak Peek if you do not already have them).
- We will not be accepting lunch visitors until after Labor Day so we can help the students get into their normal lunch routines. Please feel free to begin visiting for lunch during your child's regular lunchtime the week of **September 1**.
- Want to know what else is new in Fulton County? Check-out our Back-to-School Website: [www.fultonschools.org/backtoschool](http://www.fultonschools.org/backtoschool)

### Attention ALL 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families

Fulton County Schools is requiring all families who are new to the district and/or those entering grades 2, 7 and 10 to submit two proofs of residency prior to the start of the school year. One of the approved utility items and one of the approved residency items must be provided. If you were not able to bring this information with you to Sneak Peek, please reach out to our data clerk, Mrs. Gatlin-Cleary at [gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org](mailto:gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org). If proof of residency is not provided by the first day of school, your child will be placed on a provisional enrollment for 30 days. On the 31<sup>st</sup> day of enrollment, if proof of residency has still not been provided, your child will have to be withdrawn from school.

**One Utility Item:** Current water or electric monthly statement (Note: Gas bills are not accepted)

**One Residency Item:** Current mortgage bill/statement, Home sales contract, Current apartment/house lease, Section Eight/HUD housing document, Current HOA bill

**Both documents must contain parent/guardian name and current address where the student resides.**

### Transportation:

We ALWAYS highly encourage families to use the bus as their primary way to get students to and from school. Parents should download the "**Here Comes the Bus**" app for the most up to date bus information. It is a free app that enables you to see the location of your child's school bus on a smartphone, tablet, or personal computer. Click [here](#) for instructions on downloading the app. For additional details and updates, click [here](#) to visit the transportation department's website. Information will continue to be updated the closer we get to the start of the school year.



If your child is being dropped off in the carpool line, please be mindful of the traffic, and allow plenty of time. Carpool students that are not in the building when the bell rings at 7:40 a.m. will be counted as tardy. As a reminder, if your child is riding the bus in the morning, and the bus is late, he/she will never be counted tardy.

### **Carpool**

Please make sure you plan accordingly to ensure your child arrives at school on time. Students will be marked tardy if they are not in the building when the bell rings regardless of the volume of traffic.

- Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:10 a.m.
- Parents should remain in the carpool line. If there is ever a need to park due to volunteering or a prescheduled meeting, please walk your child to and from the building to ensure their safety. Children are not permitted to cross the parking lot without an adult accompanying them. In the mornings, to reduce congestion, no parking will be permitted in the parking lot at the front of the school.
- Drive slowly, be attentive, and refrain from using your cell phone while driving through the carpool lane.
- Please do not pass other vehicles.
- Children are only permitted to exit from car doors on the right passenger side. If needed, staff monitors will assist your child from the car. Parents need to stay inside their vehicles.
- To prevent accidents, please **do not double-park** and always park in a marked **parking spot**.
- Always display your carpool number from the rearview mirror or on the passenger side of your dashboard so it can easily be seen by our staff.
- Cars without carpool numbers will be directed to park and go to the front office.

### **Early Literacy Screening**

Recently, the state of Georgia has introduced new early literacy legislation aimed at improving reading skills among our young learners. We want to make sure you are fully informed about what this means for your child. In our back-to-school packets that you received during Sneak Peek, you should have received a letter outlining this new process. Please click [here](#) for an additional copy. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact our MTSS/504 Chair, Amy Cook, at [CookA4@fultonschools.org](mailto:CookA4@fultonschools.org).

### **Curriculum Night – Mark your calendars!**

At Shakerag, we believe that we are one big family working together to support the success of every child. A key to that success is open communication. We hope you will be able to join us for Curriculum Night as teachers will walk you through the class structure/schedule for their grade level and what you need to know to help your child be successful for the year. **This is a night for parents and teachers only! If you must bring your child, he/she will need to sit with you in the classroom for the duration of the evening.**

We received great feedback from families last year regarding our one-night curriculum night. We know parking is always a challenge, but we hope that one night will help families with children in multiple grade levels.

#### **Thursday, August 21:**

If you only have one child, you may choose which session you would like to attend.

- **5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Session 1**
- **6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – General Information Session and PTO meeting in the cafeteria – We highly encourage all families to attend and hear important updates for the year.**
- **6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. – Session 2**

## **A Message from the PTO:**

### **Shakerag Spirit Wear – Thank You & Shop Now!**

**Thanks for making Sneak Peek a splash!** We loved seeing so many friendly faces at the Shakerag PTO table—thank you for stopping by to check out and purchase our Spirit Wear! Your energy and enthusiasm made the day truly special.

**Still thinking about Spirit Wear?** You haven't missed your chance! Browse and customize your Shakerag gear online—and from now through **September 2**, enjoy an exclusive **25% OFF** everything in the online store. **Use Code: SCHOOL25** - Shop Now: [1stplace.sale/25252](https://1stplace.sale/25252) Let's gear up and show off that Shark pride—bold, bright, and unmistakably Shakerag!

### **Join or Renew Your PTO Membership—You Could Win Big!**

**Join or renew your PTO membership—and help Shakerag thrive.** Whether you're joining, renewing, or donating, every contribution makes a difference. Do it by **Monday, August 4** for a chance to **WIN a \$100 Amazon Gift Card!**

**Your membership and donations fuel** classroom resources, school events, and community connections. To renew, join, and/or donate - please scan the QR Code:



## **A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):**

### **School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting**

Our first School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 13 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](#).

## In the Community:

### **Cub Scout Pack 1000**

Cub Scout Pack 1000 will have an informational and sign-up meeting on Wednesday, August 6, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the picnic tables in front of the school by the gazebo. Come learn how you can start your son or daughter on the path to Eagle! If you have questions and cannot make that meeting, please visit <https://www.pack1000.org> or email us at [pack1000cubscouts@gmail.com](mailto:pack1000cubscouts@gmail.com).

### **Free Adult ESL Class**

Johns Creek United Methodist Church, one of our business partners, located at 11180 Medlock Bridge Road, will be offering a free Adult ESL class this fall. Please attend the Welcome Party at the church on Sunday, August 10 at 3:00 p.m. for more information or send an email to [ESL@johnscreekumc.org](mailto:ESL@johnscreekumc.org) if you have any questions. All are welcome. We look forward to meeting you. (Click [here](#) for more details.)

### **Calling all 4th through 8th graders! Do you want to learn about basketball or work on your game?**

Join the Northview Boys Basketball Players for a fun, skill-building basketball clinic designed to help players of all levels improve their game, meet new friends, and enjoy the excitement of basketball! (Click [here](#) for more details.)

#### **What You'll Learn:**

- Dribbling & Ball Handling · Passing & Shooting Techniques · Defensive Skills & Teamwork
- Game Strategies & Sportsmanship · Fun Drills & Shooting Contests

#### **Clinic Details:**

- Who: Students in grades 4th–8th
- When: Sundays, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Dates: September 9, 16, 23, and 30, (4 sessions)
- Where: Northview High School Main and Auxiliary Gyms

**Have a great 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School!**

