

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Hands on Shakerag- A Huge Success!

On behalf of Shakerag and the Shakerag PTO, we want to thank all of the amazing volunteers that came out to Hands on Shakerag on Saturday, September 27. Students from all grades, parents, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, former students, and the Shakerag staff collected trash, picked up branches, planted flowers, and spread bales of pine straw! There was even a popsicle celebration at the end.

A special thank you to the following individuals for coordinating this event, donating supplies, and even making an extra trip to bring heavy duty equipment to turn our old pond into a flower garden. Thank you, Kelly Grant, Kathy Preuss, The Evans, Tharps, Binkowski/Gorzka, Duvalls, Vierias, and the Racharla families. We also want to thank Pack 1000 for their annual participation in this event and keeping the streets surrounding Shakerag beautiful. We appreciate all of your support!



Be The Voice ~ Kindness Challenge:

October is Emotional Wellness Month, and we're inviting all students to take part in our Kindness Challenge! This movement encourages students to stand up for one another by choosing kindness every day. Throughout the month of October, students will complete one act of kindness each Friday. Those that complete all of the challenges (click [here](#) for the calendar) will bring their Kindness Calendars to Mrs. Chang to earn a special Be The Voice prize! Let's work together- one kind act at a time!

October is also Bullying Prevention Month. In connection with our Be The Voice Kindness challenge, we encourage all students and staff to wear **BLUE on Monday, October 6.**

Click [HERE](#) to find out more about Be The Voice! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Chang at changb1@fultonschools.org.

School Nutrition Updates

CONGRATULATIONS to our amazing School Nutrition team for receiving another 100 on their recent health inspection! We are so proud and so lucky to have the best café team in the district. Thank you, Mrs. Santana, Mrs. Carcamo, Mrs. Dominguez, and Mrs. Sosa.

Spotlight On Special Areas:

What's Happening in Art with Ms. Munson 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:

Service in Action: Shakerag Families Show Up Big!

Thank you, Shakerag Elementary students, families, friends, and Pack 1000! With over 60 volunteers—closer to 70, truly—we completed our service/beautification project in record time. In less than an hour, your incredible energy made it happen. And just when we thought we were done, you asked, “What else can we do?” That kind of heart is what makes this community so special. The Shakerag PTO is deeply grateful for your support, your spirit, and your willingness to go above and beyond.

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE FAMILIES!

Don't forget to keep sending in your child's baby picture to shakerag5thgrade@gmail.com for our special 5th grade celebration. Also, be sure to pre-order the exclusive 5th grade t-shirt by October 10, 2025 at [this link](#). Please note that no late orders will be accepted, so get yours in on time!

Let's Play for a Purpose—We Need Your Donations for Bingo Night!

Shakerag's biggest fall fundraiser returns October 24, and it's more than just bingo—it's a celebration of learning and community. Your donations fuel enrichment programs like Science Fun Lab and Artist Day. We're collecting raffle items, silent auction items, and bingo prizes: gift cards, themed baskets, tickets, spa certificates, or monetary gifts.

We need you to help make this night unforgettable—and every student's experience extraordinary.

To Donate, click here: <https://shakeragpto.membershiptoolkit.com/packet/324163940>

Questions, ideas or to send information? Reach out to: Lisa McNary – lisamcnary@outlook.com or Meghana Bakare – meghana.bakare@gmail.com

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 8 at 8:00 a.m.** At this meeting we will be holding a 10-minute public comment session. If you are interested in speaking at our public comment, please email Debbie Wise at Wised@fultonschools.org. Public comment will be held at the end of the meeting. To read more about our School Governance Council, we invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website by clicking [here](#).

FCS News:

ALL IN ON ATTENDANCE – Every Day Adds Up

As fall activities begin, it's easy to let a day or two slip by—but each absence matters. Keep attendance strong to build momentum for the rest of the year. Students who miss 2–4 days in the first quarter are 5 times more likely to be chronically absent by year's end.

Thank you so much for your help and support in getting your students here and on time! The late bell rings at 7:40am. Students should be in their classroom ready to learn at that time.

In the Community:

Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting

Our school board member, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at Medlock Bridge Elementary School. All are welcome to join.

Northview Cluster Community Night- 10/29/25 – 6:00-7:30 PM at Northview

Come out and enjoy a fun evening with our Northview Community and cheer on your teachers and staff as they compete in some “field day” type activities. There will be a lot to see and do and lots of fun to be had! Click [here](#) for more information. We hope to have a HUGE Shakerag fan turnout!

Have a wonderful weekend!

