

# Shark Bytes

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## Shark Tales:

### **Red Ribbon Week (October 27-31)**

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. At Shakerag, we communicate to our students the importance of making mindful and healthy choices in their lives, about respecting yourself, and respecting others. Our theme for this week is: **Life is a Puzzle, Solve it by Making Healthy Choices**. We will be celebrating all week with a special theme each day.



- **Monday, 10/27: Wear Wild Socks and Make Wise Choices** - Wear your wildest socks today!
- **Tuesday, 10/28: Your Future is BRIGHT** - Wear bright neon colors to show how bright our future is.
- **Wednesday, 10/29: Team Day (wear your favorite team jersey or attire)** - We are all wearing our favorite team jersey or attire because, at Shakerag, we are all part of a team. We are each responsible for making healthy choices for ourselves, but we can also provide encouragement and support to our teammates so that they, too, can make healthy choices. When we work together to make healthy choices, we show respect for ourselves AND others.
- **Thursday, 10/30: Wear Red Day** - We will talk about wearing red to remind students and adults to respect themselves and others, regardless of their differences.
- **Friday, 10/31- Dress as Your Favorite Storybook Character** - Dress as your favorite storybook character that is a positive role model. No masks, props or weapons or scary movie characters please. Please also remember to wear proper shoes to school.

### **No Costumes at School on Friday, October 31**

Halloween is next Friday, October 31 and we will also be wrapping up our Red Ribbon Week celebration by dressing up as our favorite positive storybook characters. Please save all other costumes for the evening unless it is connected to our storybook character theme for Red Ribbon Week. We hope that all of our students that celebrate have a fun and safe time with their friends and families.

### **Mark Your Calendars: Teacher Workday on November 4**

**Tuesday, November 4** is a statewide election day and will be a Teacher Workday for staff and NO SCHOOL for students.

### **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!

### **Hearing & Vision Screenings for Grades 1, 3, and 5**

Annual hearing and vision screenings for students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will take place on Wednesday, November 5. Students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will receive a more detailed letter for the screenings in their Friday folders today. Please fill out this form and return it by October 31. It is important to make a special effort to ensure your child is in attendance on this day so they can participate in the screenings. If your child wears glasses, we ask that you make sure they have them and bring them to the screening. If the screenings identify a possible concern, parents will be contacted with a letter. If you do not receive a letter in the days following the screening, it is safe to assume the screening did not produce any concerns at this time. If you have any additional questions, please contact Samantha Weaver at [weavers@fultonschools.org](mailto:weavers@fultonschools.org).

### **Picture Retakes – Friday, November 7**

Fall pictures are coming home TODAY in Friday folders. Fall picture retakes will be **Friday, November 7**. If you are not happy with your child's fall picture, please send the original picture package and a note in with your child by Thursday, November 6 so their teacher can have them get their picture retaken on Friday, November 7. If your child was absent on our original picture day, or if they are new, we would like for your child to get their picture taken as well for the yearbook. Please note that only those that were absent, new, or send in their picture package with a note will be sent to get their pictures retaken.

### **Be The Voice ~ Kindness Challenge – Next week is the last week!**

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!

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

## FCS News:

### **Important District Reminder: Food on Campus**

As we approach the upcoming holidays, Fulton County Schools would like for us to remind parents and families that candy, desserts, baked goods (store bought/homemade), or any other edible items **are not** to be sold or distributed at school or on the bus. Please discuss this expectation with your student(s). You can help us protect your student(s) by requesting that they not eat anything given to them by another person, anything that they have not brought from your home, or anything not in its original sealed package. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping all of our students safe at school!

### **Qustodio: A New Tool for Families to Monitor and Manage Your Child's Online Activity**

As part of our ongoing efforts to support digital safety, we're excited to share that Fulton County Schools launched Qustodio on October 20, a free app that helps parents monitor and manage their child's online activity. This tool gives families insight into how students use both district-issued and personal devices.

- For district-issued devices:
  - Parents can see how much time their child spends online, which apps are being used, and what searches are conducted during the school day.
  - Families can also set time limits and restrictions outside of normal school hours to encourage healthy screen time habits.
- For student personal devices (optional):
  - Parents can choose to install Qustodio on personal devices to monitor usage and set limits at home.
  - Fulton County Schools does not have any visibility or access to data from student or parent/guardian personal devices — that information is visible only to the parent or guardian who installs the app.

Please use this link: [qustodio.com/my-school](https://qustodio.com/my-school) to begin Qustodio. Please use your Parent Portal email address during the sign-up process.

Thank you for helping us promote responsible digital habits and strengthen the partnership between home and school. For any questions or support, please contact [myschool@qustodio.com](mailto:myschool@qustodio.com).

## A Message from the PTO:

### **Bingo Night - Our Biggest Fundraiser Is HERE! Prizes, Raffles & Auction Magic!**

**It's Bingo Night — and the energy is electric!** The countdown is over, the prizes are stacked, and the Silent Auction is heating up. You have until **9 PM to bid on your favorites** — from summer swim lessons to Disney tickets to unforgettable teacher experiences. More raffle prizes and Silent Auction items are being added daily!

**Raffle Highlights:** A 32-inch Smart TV, two chances to win \$100, Amazon Fire Tablets, and a Labubu — just to name a few. You don't have to be present to win a raffle prize — just make sure your name and phone number are clearly written on the back of your ticket!

**Place Silent Auction Bid:** <https://new.biddingowl.com/items?QueryAuctionId=6a27f7c6-3a04-4530-8527-32cf1a0d1404&QueryCategory=%20All>

We've got some incredible items up for grabs - just to name a few:

- **Goldfish Swim School – Johns Creek:** Waived membership fee + 1 month of free lessons
- **DOJO Karate Center:** Free uniform + 1 month of karate classes to boost safety and confidence
- **4 The Love of Piano:** One free month of music lessons—choose from piano, drums, guitar, violin, or voice
- **Chesstronics:** One month of Robotics Classes for your budding strategist
- **Disney's Aladdin – Kids @ Shakerag:** Snag tickets for a magical live performance
- **Funville Factory Gift Cards:** Perfect for indoor adventures on rainy days
- **Teacher Experiences:** Read on the roof with the principal, pizza & ice cream parties, slime, and pies in face

Don't wait—bid before time runs out!

### **Event Details for Attendees**

- All pre-purchased Bingo items will be ready for pickup at the door, organized by student name
  - Please help us keep the line moving so we can jump straight into BINGO and win some awesome prizes

### **Need Tickets?**

- Bingo Packages will be sold at the door (first-come, first-served)
- The **second session** typically has more room—great option if you're still hoping to join the fun

### **Tanner Family Portrait Day – Reserve Your Spot!**

Capture the joy of the season with a professional family portrait at **Cauley Creek Park in Johns Creek** on **Sunday, November 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** For a **\$35 non-refundable donation to the Shakerag PTO**, your family will receive a portrait sitting

and a beautiful **11x14 print** to treasure. Additional portraits will be taken and available for future purchase—perfect for holiday gifts or keepsakes! Reserve your session: [tinyurl.com/tannershakerag](http://tinyurl.com/tannershakerag) Questions? Contact: [tannercustomerservice@gmail.com](mailto:tannercustomerservice@gmail.com)

Let's celebrate our Shakerag families with smiles and spirit!

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

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

~~Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4 at 8:00 a.m. We will be meeting with our feeder pattern schools at Findley Oaks Elementary School. Due to other obligations, some of the schools in are feeder pattern are no longer able to meet so this meeting will be rescheduled. Stay tuned for a future date! 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:

### **Trunk or Treat**

Northview High School presents Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 24 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Northview High School parking lot. For more information, please click [here](#).

### **Festival Children's Choir with the Johns Creek Chorale – Open for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

The Johns Creek Chorale is thrilled to announce the Festival Children's Choir, a special holiday ensemble that will bring together young singers from across our community!

Under the direction of *Dr. Nathan Frank*, children will experience the excitement of performing alongside a large, accomplished choir and orchestra at the Johns Creek Chorale Holiday Concert. No prior choir experience is required—just enthusiasm and a love of music! Please direct your questions to Ms. Leslie Morgan at [morganl@fultonschools.org](mailto:morganl@fultonschools.org). This is a community event. It is not sponsored by the schools or FCS.

Sign up here! 🖱️ [Johns Creek Children's Festival Choir form - detailed](#)

Rehearsal – Friday, December 12

- Time: 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Location: Johns Creek *Baptist* Church, 6910 McGinnis Ferry Road, Alpharetta, GA 30005
- Children will learn a few festive songs, build confidence, and practice teamwork. Rehearsal tracks will be shared ahead of time to make learning fun and easy.

Performance – Saturday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

- Location: Johns Creek United *Methodist* Church, 11180 Medlock Bridge Rd, Johns Creek, GA 30097
- Children will join the Johns Creek Chorale and orchestra for an inspiring holiday concert.
- Call time 6:00 p.m.

**We hope to see everyone at BINGO tonight!  
Have a wonderful weekend!**

