

Shark Bytes

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**Daylight Savings Time: Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday!
TEACHER WORKDAY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – No School for Students**

Shark Tales:

BINGO NIGHT ~ THANK YOU!

The Shakerag PTO would like to say THANK YOU to everyone that came out to Bingo Night last week! It was a huge success, and we hope everyone had a great time! A very special THANK YOU to all of our wonderful volunteers and donors! We could not have pulled it off without your help. And finally, a BIG THANK YOU to this year's coordinators who did all of the heavy lifting in the weeks leading up to Bingo Night – Lisa McNary, Megan Milovich, Marissa Durkin, PJ Shen, Paiker Sayed, Shivangi Patel, Diane Tharp, Jantel Evans, Stephanie Truchan, Belinda Ting, Poonam Bhima, Kelly Gipson and our emcee, Tony McNary.



Northview Cluster Community Night – THANK YOU!

We really appreciate all of our families so much for coming out to support and cheer on your teachers and staff Wednesday night! Thank you to Ms. Burnett, Dr. Sumrak, Ms. Curasi, Ms. Tindall, Ms. B. Chang, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Gokhale, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Cook, Ms. Duhe, Ms. Spieth, Ms. Fike and Ms. Lemerond for showing up in a big way!

Hearing & Vision Screenings for Grades 1, 3, and 5 – Wednesday, November 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 should have received a more detailed letter for the screenings in their Friday folders. Please fill out that form and return it ASAP if you have not done so already. 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.

Picture Retakes – Friday, November 7

Fall pictures went home last week 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.

Let Us Be Thankful Together ~ Kindergarten Food Drive: November 10-17

Once again, our Kindergarten classes are spearheading Shakerag's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive November 10-17. In conjunction with North Fulton Community Charities, we will be supporting those in the community that are less fortunate during the holiday season. Please have your child bring in some non-perishable food items and help make this initiative a great success!

NEEDED: Canned Ham or Chicken, Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes, Boxed Rice, Boxed Stuffing Mix, Canned Green Beans, Canned Corn, Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes, Cream of Mushroom Soup and Canned Fried Onions (for Green Bean Casserole), Canned Vegetables, Canned or Jarred Gravy or Gravy Mix, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Pumpkin and Pie Crust Mix, Evaporated Milk, Shelf-stable Milk for recipes, Miniature Marshmallows (for sweet potato casserole), Canned Apples or Peaches, and Boxed Cake Mixes.



FCS Student Technology Competition

The 2025-2026 Fulton County Student Technology Competition will be held on 1/10/2026 (Saturday) at North Springs High School.

Registration is now open. In order to register, [PDF This form](#) must be completed and turned in to Mrs. Francis in the media center by Wednesday, November 12. Click [here](#) for all the information about the FCS Technology Fair.

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.

FCS News:

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 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.

A Message from the PTO:

BINGO Night Was a Hit!

What a Night

Thank you for making our biggest fundraiser of the year such a joyful, high-energy success. From packed tables to winning cheers, the evening overflowed with laughter, generosity, and true community spirit.

Gratitude All Around

Whether you attended, donated, or helped spread the word—you made a difference. Your support fuels everything we do.

Raffle Winners

Most winners have already picked up their items—thank you! For those still pending, we'll be in touch next week with pick-up details.

Auction Winners

If you haven't submitted payment yet, please do so soon so we can coordinate pickup and put your contribution to work for our students.

For questions regarding payment or item pickup for winning bids/raffle, please contact Megan Milovich at megan.milovich@yahoo.com

Because of You

Our PTO can continue expanding enrichment programs that help students explore, thrive, and shine.

Tanner Family Portrait Day – Reserve Your Spot TODAY!

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 by 11:59 p.m. today! Questions? Contact: tannercustomerservice@gmail.com

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

Save the Date: November 14 - You're Invited to Movie Night at Shakerag Elementary!

Feature Film Reveal: *How to Train Your Dragon* (2025) (PG)

Get ready for an epic adventure as we bring the magic of *How to Train Your Dragon* to Shakerag!

Join us for an evening of film, food, and community fun—right in the Shakerag Elementary cafeteria.

Bring your blankets, grab a bite on-site, and settle in for a cozy night together.

Concessions available for purchase: Popcorn, pizza, and beverages

Admission:

- \$3 per person with online purchase (available through November 7)
- \$5 per person at the door

More details coming soon—including showtime and online payment options.

Submit Your Grade-Level Photos for the Yearbook: Now Collecting Event Photos for 2025–2026

We're gathering photos for the 2025–2026 yearbook and want to showcase the heart of our school year—grade-level events, big and small!

Think classroom fun, school-wide celebrations, and community favorites like: • Sneak Peek • Bingo & Movie Nights • Winter & End-of-Year Parties • Field Trips & Field Day • Musicals and more

If you've got a great shot, we'd love to include it. **Upload your pictures here:** <https://photos.jostens.com/7HVV47>

Let's make this yearbook unforgettable—together.

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 our feeder pattern are no longer able to meet so this meeting will be rescheduled. Stay tuned for a future date!~~

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 10 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](#).

Have a wonderful weekend!

