

Shark Bytes

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Thanksgiving Break: November 24-28 – No School for Staff and Students

Shark Tales:

Thanksgiving Holiday

On behalf of all of us at Shakerag, we hope you enjoy the time off with your family and friends and are able to reflect on the many blessings we share. As principal, it truly is an honor to be able to work with such a dedicated staff, supportive community, and amazing children. From all of us at Shakerag, we hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Let Us Be Thankful Together: Kindergarten Food Drive

We would like to thank all students and staff who donated items to the Kindergarten Food Drive. With your generosity, we were able to collect crates full of food for North Fulton Community Charities. This charity provides meals for families in need within our community. Thank you!

MOVIE Night

Thank you to our wonderful PTO for a fabulous movie night. A special thank you to Johanna Melo and Lisa McNary for planning the event. This community is amazing and **How to Train Your Dragon (2025)** was enjoyed by all!

Progress Report Cards

Student progress report cards are now available on the Parent and Student Portals. For instructions on how to access your child's 13.5-week progress report card please click [here](#).

A Message from the PTO:

Marine Corps Toys for Tots at Shakerag: Donate Dec. 1–16

The Shakerag PTO is proud to partner once again with Girl Scout Troop 24088 to support the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program! This holiday season, Shakerag Elementary will serve as a toy donation drop-off site, and we invite you to help bring joy to children in need.

- During your holiday shopping, please consider purchasing **new, unwrapped toys** for children of all ages.
- Donations may be placed by Shakerag students in the Giving Tree box located in the atrium starting December 1-16. Parents can drop off larger items at the front desk if needed.
- Collection Dates: **December 1 – 16**

Together, we can make the season brighter for every child!

When your Shark donates, he or she will add their name to a card on the table and place it on the Giving Tree to proudly show support.

Thank you for your generosity in making the season brighter for others!

10th Annual Through My Eyes Contest

As the season fills with warmth, wonder, and joyful moments shared among friends and families, we are excited to kick off our *10th Annual Through My Eyes Inter-School Art Contest!* This year, young creators will explore the heartwarming theme **"The Magic of Friendship!"** celebrating the connections that make life brighter. With multiple schools participating and a wide range of artistic categories, students have a wonderful opportunity to express themselves, showcase their talents, and let their imaginations shine.

- **Participating Schools:** Shakerag ES, Ocee ES, Wilson Creek ES, Findley Oaks ES, and Medlock Bridge ES
- **Who Can Participate:** Pre-K through 5th Grade students
- **Categories:** Photography, Visual Art, Dance Choreography, Film Production, Music Composition, and Creative Writing
- **Submission Deadline:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Students may submit entries in one or multiple categories. All submissions must follow the guidelines outlined in the entry form and will be judged on originality, interpretation of the theme, creativity, and technique. All the entries are accepted in **digital format only!**

Each category will have two winners per grade, and all winners will receive a school certificate. Award ceremony details will be shared via email. Winning entries will advance to cluster-level judging, and those winners will also be notified by email with ceremony information.

The entry form and rules can be found by clicking [here](#).

For any questions or clarifications, please contact Meghana at meghanatme2023@gmail.com.

Movie Night was a Success!

Lights, Camera, Community! Family Movie Night was a blockbuster success — starring YOU! Your smiles, laughter, and support made the evening shine. Thank you for helping us create a story of joy and togetherness for our families.



Shakerag Elementary Stuffed The Turkey - Thank you!

Thank you to all our Pre-K through 5th grade students and families who donated to the Thanksgiving Food Drive 2025—your generosity truly made a difference for families in need this season. A special thanks to our kindergarten students and teachers for their outstanding leadership in guiding this effort.

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 consider including it. Upload your pictures here: [Upload Yearbook Pics](#)
Let's make this yearbook unforgettable—together.

FCS News:

Change of School Assignment (COSA)

The Fulton County School Board Policy JBCC ("Student Assignment") provides options for students to attend a school different than the one zoned for their home. Parents can apply for a school transfer using the district's Change of School Assignment (COSA) process. No specific academic, hardship or medical reason is needed; however, the school must be part of the district's list of accepting schools. For special education-related transfers, the accepting school also must offer the specific program and services outlined in the student's IEP or Section 504 Plan. Below you will find links to two important documents. The first is an overview of the process and the second is a document for what parents need to know. The application window for the upcoming school year runs **December 1, 2025-January 9, 2026**.

-  [COSA - Process Overview.pdf](#)
-  [COSA - What Parents Need to Know.pdf](#)

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

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](#).

In the Community:

Festival Children's Choir with the Johns Creek Chorale – Open for 4th and 5th 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. 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.

Have a wonderful break! Please be safe!

