

# Shark Bytes

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**NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 19 – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY**

## Shark Tales:

### Report Cards

Student report cards were sent home today in your child's Friday folder. They are also available on the Parent and Student Portals. For instructions on how to access your child's Semester 1 progress report, please click [here](#).



### GA DOE School Climate Survey for Students and Parents

We value your feedback! Fulton County Schools wants to hear from you through the **Georgia Department of Education School Climate Survey**. The Georgia Department of Education (GA DOE) requires all public schools to participate in this annual survey. There are five different surveys this year: one for parents, one for students in grades 3 -5, one for students in grades 6-12, one for teachers, and one for staff. Each school is aiming to have a minimum 71% or greater participation rate for each survey. Schools failing to meet the GA DOE participation rates could have their school's climate star rating automatically reduced by one star. Please help us meet our participation rate by completing this quick 22 question survey using the following link (<https://survey.gadoe.org/FM?sid=786E7A44>), or scanning the QR Code.



**We currently only have a 4.71% participation rate with a completion of 27 surveys.**

### Key points:

- This survey gives individuals the chance to share their thoughts on our school.
- The survey will be available from December 10-February 20, 2026.
- The survey is anonymous and confidential.
- The survey is available in both English and Spanish.

**At Shakerag, students in grades 3-5 will participate in this survey the week of January 19.** The survey is approximately 27 questions and should take about 10 minutes to complete. The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232(c)(1)(A) gives parents the right to review a copy of the student survey questions. You may review the survey questions at [this link](#). Additionally, you may request that the school provide a copy of the survey questions for your review. The PPRA also gives you the right to opt your child out of participating in the survey. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please email our assistant principal, **Samantha Weaver**, at [WeaverS@fultonschools.org](mailto:WeaverS@fultonschools.org), **prior to Friday, January 16** requesting that your student not participate in the Georgia School Climate Survey.

## A Message from the PTO:

### Friendly Shark Reminder: Through My Eyes Art Contest Deadline Approaching!

Shark families, the submission deadline for the Annual Through My Eyes Inter-School Art Contest is coming up soon. This is a wonderful chance for students from Shakerag, Ocee, Wilson Creek, Findley Oaks, and Medlock Bridge to express their creativity and showcase their talents.

**Submission Deadline: Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

**Theme: The Magic of Friendship**

**Who Can Participate:** Pre-Kindergarten to 5th Grade

### Categories:

- Photography
- Visual Art
- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Music Composition
- Creative Writing

Students may submit entries in one or multiple categories. All artwork should follow the rules outlined in the entry form and will be judged on originality, theme interpretation, creativity, and technique. The entry form and rules can be found on the entry form by clicking [here](#). For any queries or clarifications, contact Meghana at [meghanatme2023@gmail.com](mailto:meghanatme2023@gmail.com)

### Freeze the Fun: Yearbook 2025–2026

We're collecting photos for the **2025–2026 yearbook** and want to capture the heart of our school year—moments big and small! Think about highlights like:

Classroom fun      School-wide celebrations      Winter & End-of-Year Parties      Field Trips & Field Day  
Community favorites: Sneak Peek, Bingo & Movie Nights      Musicals and more

If you've snapped a great shot, we'd love to consider it. [Upload Yearbook Pics](#)  
Let's make this yearbook unforgettable—together.

### **Art & Culture Day – Participants/Volunteers Needed!**

Shakerag Elementary's Art & Culture Day is coming up on April 3rd, and we're looking for parents and community members to share their talents and traditions.

Do you paint, dance, sing, craft, sculpt, play an instrument, or have cultural activities you'd love to showcase? Our students would be thrilled to learn from you. Your stories, demonstrations, and creativity help them see the world in new ways. If you'd like to lead a session or team up with other volunteers, we'd love to have you. Every contribution makes this day unforgettable.

Please reach out to our Art & Culture Day co-chairs, Jen She and Myata Harris, at [jen@fwdtalent.com](mailto:jen@fwdtalent.com) and [myataharris@gmail.com](mailto:myataharris@gmail.com) if you'd like to participate.

## **FCS News:**

### **Pre-Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Registration for the Pre-K Lottery is now open and will end **March 3**. Registration is conducted through the district and the information can be found [here](#). If a parent misses the March 3 deadline, they will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. For more information on the registration process, please visit the FCS website by clicking [here](#).

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

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

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 18 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](mailto:wised@fultonschools.org). Public comments 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](#).

## **In the Community:**

### **Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting**

Our school board President, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at Chattahoochee High School. All are welcome to join.

### **Northview Techno Titans**

The Northview Techno Titans Robotics Team will be hosting a STEM Night workshop at their team workspace on Saturday, January 17, from 4:00 - 5:30pm. For more information, please click [here](#).

### **Ivy Bridge Academy – Spring Debate**

Register for debate this Spring! Link for spring debate registration: [Spring Debate Registration](#)

### **Johns Creek Basketball Special Events**

Basketball season is well underway at Johns Creek High School, and they want to share their events with the community! This season they are having a few nights to showcase their young feeder basketball teams, teachers, and elementary school kids. Please click [here](#) for all the events. FCS teachers and staff always receive free entry and for elementary night, all elementary students will get in free.

**Have a wonderful long weekend!**

