

Shark Bytes

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Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour for Daylight Savings Time (Sunday 2:00 a.m.)

Shark Tales:

Good Luck to our Science Olympiad Team

Sending best wishes to our Science Olympiad team as they will be competing this weekend at Riverwood High School. Good Luck Sharks!



School Board Appreciation Week

Fulton County Schools is joining a statewide celebration to acknowledge the work and dedication of our local school board members. The week of March 9-13, 2026, has been proclaimed School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia. Each member contributes her own strengths to the district, and these different contributions and perspectives make our Board a formidable group. We thank them for their leadership, their commitment to our students and our community, and for supporting our mission, "Where Students Come First."

Board of Education members currently serving our school district:

District 1: Sara Gillespie

District 2: Lillie Pozatek

District 3: Katie Gregory (Vice President)

District 4: Franchesca Warren

District 5: Kristen McCabe (President) (Represents Shakerag)

District 6: Kimberly Dove

District 7: Dr. Michelle Morancie

Artist Day Celebration – Friday, April 3

We are thrilled to have Artist Day 2026 quickly approaching! The students are going to kick off the event with a celebration of all of the different cultures that make up our amazing Shakerag community. In today's Friday folders, each student received a quick survey. Please fill out that survey and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, March 13.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

If you are one of our many wonderful volunteers, please join us on Thursday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in the Media Center for a breakfast in your honor followed by our State of the School address. The flyer with the RSVP went home today in your child's Friday folder, or you can RSVP by clicking [here](#). Please RSVP by March 27. We can't wait to recognize all of the amazing contributions you make so that our school can be successful!

Youth Art Month

March is Youth Art Month (YAM), a nationwide celebration that highlights the importance of art education and student creativity. Our theme this year is "The World Needs Art." YAM encourages students to express themselves, try new creative activities, and appreciate how art connects us all.

Youth Art Month has a variety of activities for students to participate in: Maker Mondays, Texture Tuesdays, Welcome Wednesdays, Thoughtful Thursday, and Fashion Fridays. Each Friday, we'll have special dress-up days, and students are encouraged to gift artwork to others as a way of sharing joy and creativity. Participation in events is completely optional, but we hope students will join in the fun! Any art—made in or outside of class—can be given to Ms. Munson to display in our hallway gallery throughout March. For the Fashion Friday calendar, click [here](#).

Let's make March a month full of creativity and connection. Thank you for supporting the arts at our school!

Save the Date: Shakerag Spirit Night with the Gladiators – 3/27!

Get ready for a fun and spirited night of hockey and community! Join us on **Friday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.** as Shakerag takes over Gas South Arena for Atlanta Knights Night with the Atlanta Gladiators! A portion of every ticket sold goes back to our school, so come cheer on the Glads and catch our very own **Shakerag Chorus** kick off the evening with the National Anthem. Let's pack the arena and show our Shark pride! Click [HERE](#) for more details & to purchase tickets.

Coming Soon... Student Devices for Grades 3-5

Families of students in Grades 3-5 may have received a district communication regarding an upcoming device swap. The district will be switching out all student devices in Grades 3-5 and transitioning to Chromebooks. We anticipate our swap occurring mid-late March. Please click [here](#) for additional details.

For those that may not have already registered in the Device Protection Plan program, the district will be providing an opportunity to purchase this protection for the remainder of the year at a prorated rate. Details are included in the link above.

UPDATE: We hope to receive our devices the week of March 16!

School Governance Council Members Needed

It is hard to believe that it is time for us to start searching for parents and teachers who want to declare their candidacy to serve on the School Governance Council for the 2026-2028 term. We will have one teacher elected position and one parent elected position opening on the council for next year. If you, or someone you know, are interested in any of these positions, please refer to the Charter System website for additional details, or reach out to our SGC Chair, Mrs. Debbie Wise at wised@fultonschools.org.

The window for parents and teachers to declare candidacy for their school's SGC opened on Monday, **February 2, 2026**. During this time, individuals interested in serving a 2-year term (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028) will need to complete a Candidate Declaration Form available on the SGC election website and click the candidate guide and/or declaration form (www.fultonschools.org/our-district/charter-system/elections). The declaration window will close on **March 27, 2026, at 5:00 PM**. The voting window will be held from April 22 – 29, 2026.

Attention All 5th Grade Parents: Rising 6th Grade Parent Information Meeting

All parents of rising 6th grade students are invited to a Parent Night at River Trail Middle School on Thursday, March 19. There will be an optional TAG meeting from 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and then the general session will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please click [here](#).

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:

Shakerag School Dance – TONIGHT!

The school Dance is here! Come tonight and celebrate this year's theme "6-7"! There will be a professional DJ, games, refreshments, and loads of fun!

Session 1 will be from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Grades PreK – 2) and Session 2 will be from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Grades 3-5). Online ticket sales are closed, but you can buy tickets at the door! **TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASED ON CAPACITY.**

Important Notes:

-  This is NOT a drop-off event
-  One adult per family is required for entry
-  Students should not bring cell phones

For more information, please contact Sonam Dewan at dewan.sonam@gmail.com or Sarah Chu at cigar1121@hotmail.com.

Let's celebrate our amazing 5th grade students at Shakerag Elementary School!

Order a special personalized yard sign featuring your student's name and show your pride as they move on to middle school! Please place your order using the information on the flyer (click [here](#)) by April 17. Signs will be delivered to the school and available for pickup in early May.

PTO Membership Meeting

Join us for our upcoming PTO General Membership Meeting on Friday, March 6 at 5:15 PM in the school cafeteria right before the dance. All current PTO members are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 11 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:

NoFu Night at Northview

Please join the North Fulton Lacrosse team for their NoFu Night at the Northview Stadium on Monday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. Players in NoFu jersey will get in free! For more information, click [here](#).

Have a wonderful weekend!