

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Progress Report Cards

Student 9-week progress reports 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 9-week progress report card please click [here](#). (5th grade students will receive theirs on Monday due to the field trip, but they are still available online!)



School Nutrition Updates

CONGRATULATIONS to our amazing School Nutrition team for receiving a 100 on their recent health inspection! Year over year they continue to shine. We are so lucky to have such an amazing team filling our tummies with delicious, nutritious, food!

Spring Picture Day is Tuesday, March 24

Shakerag's Spring Picture Day is on Tuesday, March 24. GCI Portraits will be taking our individual portraits. **Only students that prepaid for their pictures ahead of time will be taking Spring pictures this year.** Order forms were sent home last week in your child's Friday folder. If a parent is not happy with their student's picture in the Spring they can return the pictures for a full refund. Simply follow the instructions found on the back of the picture envelope to return them. Once they are received, a full refund will be issued. <https://www.gciporraits.com/pre-pay-for-pictures>
School Code- S125 <https://www.gciporraits.com/order-form>

Pre-K Lottery Drawing

Registration for the Pre-K lottery has closed. The lottery will be recorded on **Wednesday, March 25 at 8:30 a.m.** We will post the recording to our website as soon as possible following the completion of the lottery. Here is the TEAMS link to join the lottery live: [Join the MS TEAMS meeting](#). For more information on the lottery process at Shakerag, please visit our website by clicking [here](#). If you missed the deadline to register, please contact Courtney Gatlin Cleary, school data clerk, at gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org to be placed on the waiting list. You will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list after the lottery in the order that your communication was received.

Enrollment Intent for the 2026-2027 School Year

As we begin to plan for the 2026-2027 school year, having an accurate student count is very important. We are asking parents to help us now in order to ensure we know who will be in our building next year. Each child should have received an Enrollment Survey for the 2026-2027 School Year in their child's Friday folder last week. Please complete this form for each child and return it to their homeroom teacher on or before Friday, March 27. If your child will NOT be returning to Shakerag next school year, please contact Courtney Gatlin Cleary at gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org for information regarding the withdrawal process. If you have a child that will be NEW to Shakerag next year, please visit our website by clicking [here](#) to register your child. Spring registration is now open online. We are asking parents to register sooner rather than later! Thank you for your help as we prepare for the 2026-2027 school year.

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 last week 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

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.

Student Success Skills Survey (Grades 3-5)

Each year, our students in grades 3-5 take a survey at the beginning of the year and one at the end of the year focused on our Student Success Skills program. The Student Success Skills Inventory is used to measure student growth across Student Success Skills standards as a result of ReThink Ed lessons. Students in grades 3-5 will complete the 15-20 item inventory between April 1, 2026 – April 24, 2026. It takes about 15 minutes to complete. Parents can choose to opt their student out of the inventory by submitting a written request to our school counselor, Becky Chang, at changb1@fultonschools.org. We ask that all opt-out requests be received no later than Friday, March 27.

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!

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.

Artist Day – Friday, April 3

Shakerag's Annual Artist and Culture Day, sponsored by our amazing PTO, is on Friday, April 3, 2026! This exciting event offers students a unique opportunity to embark on a global journey, exploring diverse forms of art and culture from around the world.

The day will begin with a special performance by our chorus, setting the stage for an inspiring and educational experience. Throughout the day, students will engage in interactive sessions, discovering the rich traditions and creative expressions of various cultures, including Latin America, Japan, China, India, Korea, and more.

We are thrilled to feature an incredible lineup of artists and performers, showcasing a wide range of talents and art forms. Students will have the chance to participate in a sampling of sessions to include things such as opera, experience the vibrant energy of Bollywood and K-Pop dance, enjoy the artistry of a caricaturist, be entertained by a ventriloquist and magician, and witness the captivating movements of Mexican and Flamenco dance, among many other exciting activities.

Shakerag's Artist and Culture Day promises to be a memorable celebration of creativity, diversity, and global connection. We can't wait to share this inspiring day with our students!

Artist Day Lunches

On this special day, we will be having a school-wide lunch/recess from 11:30-12:30. All students will eat in their classrooms. To prepare for this event, an Artist Day Lunch Order Form was sent home today in each child's Friday folder. Please complete this form and return it to your child's teacher no later than **Friday, March 27**. **Since we will not be operating under our normal schedules, we will not be accepting visitors on this day.**

Save the Date! GA Milestones for Grades 3-5

Mark your calendars... This year the GA Milestones assessment window for students in grades 3-5 will be April 29 – May 7. Additional details will be provided following Spring Break.

A Message from the PTO:

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.

We're Looking for PTO Co-Chairs!

We are seeking parent volunteers to serve as Co-Chairs for several PTO roles, including Science Fun Labs, Bingo Night, Treats for Teachers, and Room Parents. These positions are a great way to get involved—co-chairs work alongside the current chair this year to learn the role and prepare to lead next year. Interested? Contact us at shakeragpto@gmail.com to learn more!

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 13 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:

Calling all Pre-K through 1st grade girls!

Get a Taste of Girl Scouts! Join us for a fun event where girls can sample some of the exciting activities Girl Scouts offers and families can learn how to join the adventure. Saturday, March 21 at 2 p.m. at the JC Fire Station NO.62 (10925 Rogers Cir, Duluth, GA 30097). For more information and to register, please click [here](#). Come learn how you can be part of the magic that makes Girl Scouts possible. Together, we can create more memories, more friendships, and more fun for our girls! Questions? Contact Monica Moreno, Area Executive, email at mmoreno@gsgatl.org or call 470-596-8191.

Georgia Express USA v Belgium Shakerag Elementary Ticket Offer

US Soccer has reached out to Georgia Express, one of our business partners, to serve as a Youth Partner for the USA v Belgium game in preparation for the 2026 World Cup. The game is March 28, 3:30PM at Mercedes Benz Stadium! Come see Christian Pulisic, Chris Richards, and the players for USA as they take on Kevin De Bruyne, Romelu Lukaku, and the team from the #8 team in the world Belgium. Georgia Express has access to tickets in the 300 level at (\$50). Please note these Group Tickets cannot be resold under any circumstances.

Due to the high demand and our strong partnership with US Soccer, we have 30 tickets remaining in the Level 300 section. Tickets will be \$50 per ticket. Maximum number of tickets is 6 per person. Orders will be processed in the order they are received and purchased. Payment is to be made by Zelle (6785757471) or Venmo (@Honey-Cunningham). Be sure to note your player's name and how many tickets you have ordered. Use the [Georgia Express USA v Belgium March 28](#) ticket order form to order tickets.

Calling all Shakerag Youth Swimmers!!!

Join the Shakerag Sharks Swim Team for the 2026 season! All Shakerag Elementary students are eligible to join the team. Practice begins the week of May 11th with the season wrapping up at the end of June. **While we have a variety of ability levels on the team, each child needs to be able to swim independently before joining the team.** The season consists of 5 meets against other subdivisions within the Johns Creek community and all the team practices are held at the Shakerag HOA Pool. To learn more about how to register for the team, see the meet and practice schedule, and meet this years coaching staff, please visit the official team website at www.shakeragswimteam.com. You can also reach the team via email at shakeragswimteam@gmail.com with any questions regarding the team. Registration is open from March 1-April 15 GO SHARKS!!!

Have a wonderful weekend!

