

# Shark Bytes

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## Shark Tales:

### Shakerag Showcase

Thank you so much for joining us at our Shakerag Showcase Thursday night. Our staff and students have been working so hard throughout this year, and we are so proud of their work! We hope you enjoyed the evening and the experience.



### Treats for Teachers

Thank you, Agnes Law, Kathy Preuss, Aamani Parchuri, Nilam Valiyani and the fabulous PTO, for once again preparing a delicious lunch for our teachers and staff today! We greatly appreciate our PTO for taking such good care of us during this busy time of year!

### School Lunch Hero Day!

We would like to acknowledge that **Friday, May 1 is School Lunch Hero Day!** Ms. Santana, Ms. Carcamo, Ms. Dominguez and Ms. Sosa have a lot on their plate! They work so hard to make sure all of our children have a healthy breakfast and lunch. We are so lucky to have them!

### GA Milestones

Our 3rd through 5th grade students will get to show what they know next week on the Georgia Milestones. For more information about the Georgia Milestones, visit our state testing website by clicking [here](#). We will be in "testing mode" throughout our building from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. each day during the testing window and will not be accepting volunteers during that time. The specials and lunch schedule may also be modified depending on the testing day.

Throughout the testing window, please make sure your child is present and arrives no later than 7:40 a.m. each day! We encourage all students to get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast each morning. Students **should not** bring any additional electronic devices (cell phones, smart watches, etc.) into the classroom as these items will be collected.

Thank you for your support and flexibility. If you have any questions, please contact our testing coordinator, Samantha Weaver, at [weavers@fultonschools.org](mailto:weavers@fultonschools.org). Below you will find the Milestones testing schedule.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		April 29 ELA Section 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 ELA Section 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	May 1 ELA Section 3 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>
	May 5 Math Section 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	May 6 Math Section 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	May 7 Science 5 <sup>th</sup>	

### Student Placement Support Request for the 2026-2027 School Year

If you feel your child has a specific need that we should be aware of when considering class placements for the 2026-2027 school year, please carefully read and review the Student Placement Support Request Form by [clicking here](#). If needed, please submit the form on or before **3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11**. The form will no longer be available after **May 11**.

### Kindergarten Round-Up

We will be hosting our Kindergarten Round-up on **Wednesday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m.** Please click [here](#) for more details. To register for the event, please use the following link. [Kindergarten Orientation RSVP 2026-2027 School Year – Fill out form](#) If you know a future SHARK, please pass this information on. Our current PreK students do not need to attend unless you would like to join us.

### Lost and Found

Our lost and found closet has become quite full of coats, sweaters, water bottles, and other outerwear. If your child is missing any of these items, please come and claim them by May 15. Everything left in the lost and found closet after May 15 will be donated at the end of the school year. Also, please remember to put your child's first and last name on everything!

### Field Day is Coming Soon!

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming 2026 Field Day, a highlight of our school year! On May 15 (with a rain make-up day on May 18), our students will come together for a day filled with friendly competition and fun activities. Each class will be divided into red and blue teams, with students wearing their team's color-coded t-shirts. If the students do not have the color, they can wear something similar. Students will be having an end of session competition between classes to add to the excitement and team spirit!

We are seeking volunteers to help at the various game stations. If you're interested, please sign up using the link below. Make sure you have completed the FCS volunteer form at <https://www.fultonschools.org/community/become-a-volunteer>. Volunteers are

asked to arrive at 7:45 a.m. for the first session and 11:00 a.m. for the second session. You are only allowed to volunteer at the station assigned. You may not follow your kid/kids around.

Please visit the sign-up genius link for more information and to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Smith at [smithjm@fultonschools.org](mailto:smithjm@fultonschools.org).

**Grades PreK-2 (8:15-10:45):** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AFAD2CA4FEC61-62977700-field>

**Grades 3-5 (11:20-1:45):** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AFAD2CA4FEC61-62977765-field>

If you volunteer and want to check your student out early, all check-outs must be completed by 2:00 p.m. You must come to the front desk first. Your child will not be dismissed until called down by the front office.

## 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](#).

### School Governance Council (SGC) Elections

The Spring 2026 SGC Elections will take place from **April 22<sup>nd</sup>-April 29<sup>th</sup>**. During this period, eligible parents and teachers can cast their votes using the links provided via email.

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **How Will Parents Vote?** Parents will receive a **unique link** to their email address that is on file with the district. This link will allow parents to **vote directly** for their school candidates.
2. **Multiple Schools? No Problem!** If you have a child at **multiple schools**, don't worry! Parents will receive **unique links** to the same email address based on each student. For example, if you have a child at multiple schools, you will receive **one email** with a unique link that allows you to vote for each SGC.
3. **Staff Voting:** Staff will receive a **link to vote** via their FCS district email.
4. **No Paper Ballots:** We will **not provide paper ballots** for the elections. However, if you need assistance with updating your email address (or setting one up), please contact our school Data Clerk, Mrs. Gatlin-Cleary at [gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org](mailto:gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org).
5. **Missing Email Address?** If you don't have an email address on file, please reach out to our school Data Clerk, Mrs. Gatlin-Cleary at [gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org](mailto:gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org) to provide updated information.
6. **Translation Options:** The election ballot will be **translated into different language options** for parents.

#### Election Email Information:

*Sender:* **Fulton School Governance Elections**

*Subject Line (Parent Email):* **FCS School Governance - 2026 Parent Elections**

*Subject Line (Teacher Email):* **FCS School Governance - 2026 Teacher Elections**

#### Voting Eligibility:

- **Parents:** Parents will only vote for **parent candidates**. They will receive a unique link to cast their votes directly for the SGC candidates representing parents.
- **Teacher:** Staff will vote for **teacher candidates**. They will receive a link via their FCS district email to participate in the elections.

## A Message from Fulton County:

### ALL IN ON ATTENDANCE – Attendance Powers Performance

With testing season here, attendance ensures students have the tools and preparation they need to do their best.

Students who attend daily in April score up to 12 points higher on standardized tests. The late bell rings at 7:40. Students should be in their classroom ready to learn at that time. Please email Courtney Gatlin Cleary at [gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org](mailto:gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org) and copy your child's teacher when your child is absent.

### Census Verification

It's time to help us update your census information in Infinite Campus. It is important for us to make sure all student information is maintained to support safe dismissal practices—particularly during emergency situations. It is critical that we have up to date and current information on file as we are unable to release students to anyone other than identified emergency contacts. All families are encouraged to identify at least one emergency contact other than the parent or guardian in the event the parent or guardian is unable to be reached. Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, families can complete census verification through Infinite Campus Online Registration ([Infinite Campus Online Registration](#)). Please review this very important information and ensure you update the information for your family in Infinite Campus as soon as possible. Your support in completing this important task is greatly appreciated.

## In The Community:

### Northview Techno Titans Robotics Team

The Northview Techno Titans Robotics Team will be hosting a STEM Night workshop at our team workspace on Saturday, April 25, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Please click [here](#) for more information.

### **Northview JR Titans Football**

We are excited to share information from our Northview High School Football program about the Northview JR Titans, which serves as an important feeder program for our students. The Northview HS Football Board is working to build a strong feeder program at the elementary and middle school levels, and your support plays a key role in that success. Please click [here](#) for more information about the JR Titans program, including how interested students can get involved. Thank you for supporting opportunities that help build school spirit and strengthen connections across our Northview cluster.

### **Taste of Alpharetta – Road Closure**

The annual Taste of Alpharetta, a long-time community tradition, will take place Thursday, May 14, from 5 -10 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit their website by clicking [here](#). Please click [here](#) for the most recent ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION.

**Have a great weekend!**

