

# Shark Bytes

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## Shark Tales:

### 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](#).

### Spring Pictures

Spring pictures are coming home TODAY in Friday folders. If you are not happy with your child's Spring picture, please follow the refund steps on the back of your child's picture envelope. If you only purchased a digital package, and you would like a refund, please email [support@gciportraits.com](mailto:support@gciportraits.com) to request a refund.



### National Teacher Appreciation Week: May 4 – May 8

May 4 – May 8 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Please join me in thanking and recognizing all of the amazing teachers and staff at Shakerag. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated team that is passionate about making sure all students succeed. If you have a chance, please reach out and share with them the impact they have made on your child(ren). Those stories and memories mean the world to them.

### 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.

### GA Milestones

It was a successful first week of Georgia Milestones testing! We are so proud of our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students! 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
	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**.

### 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>

### **Field Day Lunch Menu Change**

There will be an update for the Field Day lunch menu. Instead of what is on the online menu, students will have a choice between; Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Drumstick, and Jamwich with side options of mashed potatoes and Ceasar Salad.

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.

### **Media Center**

We have had a great year in the Media Center! Now it's time to finish up those books and return them to the library so we can get ready for next year. Please ensure that your child has returned all of their books to the media center by **Monday, May 11**. Please contact our METI, Mrs. Francis, with questions at [francis@fultonschools.org](mailto:francis@fultonschools.org).

### **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!

## **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.

## **A Message from the Shakerag PTO:**

### **Attention 5th Grade Parents – Yard Sign Pick-Up:**

If you ordered a YARD SIGN for your 5th grader, please make arrangements to pick it up at the front desk. Please adhere to the following pickup dates and times.

**Friday 5/8, Monday 5/11, Tuesday 5/12**

**8:00 AM – 2:00 PM and 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM**

We cannot send the yard signs home with the students on the bus as they contain sharp stakes which may pose a risk. Thank you for your understanding!

### **Join the Shakerag PTO – We Need You!**

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to get involved next year? The PTO is seeking volunteers for a few key roles that make a big impact:

- Membership Chair
- Fundraising Chair
- Fall BINGO Night Co-Chair
- Financial Secretary
- Science Fun Labs Co-Chair

These roles are a great way to connect with other parents while supporting our students and school community.

Interested? Email [shakeragpto@gmail.com](mailto:shakeragpto@gmail.com) to learn more!

### **Only 18 Yearbooks Left!**

Don't miss out secure your student's copy today before they're gone!

Order your student's yearbook using this link: [Order Yearbook](#)

Time is running out!

## **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](#).

## **A Message from Fulton County:**

### **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:

### **Parade of Stars**

Calling all Johns Creek students to be a shining part of the Parade of Stars to celebrate America 250 on Friday, July 3. This is an opportunity for students to decorate a round sign with a star and then show off their creativity in a parade across the stage at the event. Sign up ends May 22. Stars will be available for pick up in June. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

### **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**

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!**

