

Shark Bytes

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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL THURSDAY, MAY 21

Shark Tales:

Field Day was a HIT!

We had beautiful weather and a great time today at Field Day! Thank you to all of the parent volunteers and the PTO for helping make this day such a success. A special thank you to Coach Smith and Ms. Dean for organizing this fun day for our students and to Kelly Gipson, Nafiseh Sarirafraz, NaTasha Pennywell, and Megan Milovich for their hard work coordinating volunteers and ensuring that everyone was supported and well cared for.



Clinic

Please remember to pick up any medication that your child may have in the clinic before the end of school on **Thursday, May 21**. If you have an Epi pen or inhaler in the clinic, please pick it up on the last day of school. Any medication left in the clinic by the end of the school day will be disposed of. Also, remember that a new Medication Authorization form and/or Health Care Plan for your child will need to be completed by you and your Physician **every school year**.

Georgia Milestones

We are so proud of how hard our students worked on the GA Milestones. Data from the Georgia Milestones assessment will be incredibly beneficial and will guide instructional planning for our students.

The state will post results in the Georgia SLDS platform which can be found within the Infinite Campus student/parent portal once they are available. Our hope is that they will be available for Math and 5th grade Science real soon. ELA will be delayed this year due to the norming of the new standards.

Carpool Numbers

If your child(ren) will not be returning to Shakerag next year, please return your carpool number to any staff member on the last day of school as you drive through carpool in the afternoon. If you will still have children attending Shakerag, please keep your number in a safe place, as you will continue to use the same number next year.

Yearbooks

We are excited to reveal the 2025-2026 Shakerag yearbook on Monday, May 18. 5th graders will be given the privilege of receiving their yearbooks first on Monday. All other students will receive their yearbooks on Tuesday, May 19. A special THANK YOU to Ms. Kelly Gipson for her amazing work in putting the yearbook together for us.

Please help us remind our students about proper yearbook signing etiquette.

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council Meeting

We invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website, which can be accessed through our school website (click [here](#)). Our latest Strategic Plan as well as other relevant SGC information is posted to this site for your convenience. Our first meeting of the 2026-2027 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12 at 8:00 a.m.

We would like to thank all of our amazing members of the SGC for a great year!

Megan Ames, Community Member (approved)
Keith Kreutzer, Parent (elected)
Christine Lemerond, Principal
Debbie Wise, Teacher (appointed)

Brittany Burnett, Staff (appointed)
Kathy Preuss, Parent (elected)
Mia Mandel, Staff (appointed)

Craig Cunningham, Community Member (approved)
Megha Solanki, Parent (elected)
NaTasha Pennywell, Teacher (elected)

A Message from the Shakerag PTO:

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 to learn more!

A Message from Fulton County:

Transportation: Safety Request

With the last day of school quickly approaching, the transportation department would like to ask all members of our community for their support...

The last day of school celebrations always brings the question of afternoon drop-off locations. Keeping safety for all students in mind, they will run all afternoon routes and bus stops as scheduled all year. There will not be any approvals for alternative bus stop locations, such as the pool, clubhouse, or other locations. This also includes students getting dropped off with friends. All students will only be dropped off at their assigned stops on their assigned bus.

In addition, they highly discourage any type of water balloons, water hoses, etc. from "rushing" at the bus as students disembark. This really causes a concern for the students and bus drivers' safety as they do their jobs as well as getting their bus driver compartment/equipment wet.

As always, we appreciate your support all year and thank you in advance for helping us keep our kids safe!

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 1st, 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:

A message from River Trail to all parents of rising 6th graders:

To our incoming 6th grade families: Welcome to the River Trail Middle School community! As your child gets ready to make the move to middle school, we'd love to invite you to get involved with the RTMS PTO from the very start. The PTO is the parent-led organization behind so much of what makes River Trail special — teacher mini-grants, monthly spirit nights, the annual book fair, family game night, the 8th grade yard sign celebration, and more. Everything we do is powered by parent volunteers, and we're currently recruiting for several open positions for the 2026–27 school year. For more information on all open positions for the 2026–27 school year, please click [here](#) for the flyer.

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 Titans Cheer

The Northview Cheerleading will host a Titan Cheer Mini Camp June 15-18 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Northview High School. All ability levels are encouraged to join. This is for anyone that is a rising K-8th grade student. Click [here](#) to register and 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.

Have a great weekend!

