

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Curriculum Night – Thank you!

We hope you were able to join your child's teacher(s) for curriculum night on Thursday. We truly appreciate your support as we begin the new year. If you have questions or concerns about your child's classroom, please communicate them with your child's teacher by writing a note or sending an email. We look forward to a great year and appreciate your partnership!

Teacher Assignments

We appreciate your patience each year as we work through our initial enrollment counts and teacher allocations. After this week, we are confident in all of our numbers for each grade level and don't anticipate any changes in our general education classes. We are still waiting for confirmation on our special programs and will communicate further IF there are any additional changes.

Newcomers Coffee – Wednesday, August 26

We look forward to welcoming all of our new families to Shakerag next week! If you are NEW to Shakerag, please mark your calendar for our Newcomers Coffee on **Wednesday, August 26, at 8:00 a.m.**

2025-2026 Georgia Milestones Results Released for Grades 3-5 in Math and Grade 5 Science

GA Milestones assessments are one of the tools we use to measure student mastery of grade level standards. These assessments are taken by all 3rd-5th graders in the Spring each year. The results from the 2025-2026 school year are now available in the State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). Student scores are accessible via your child's Infinite Campus portal (Please click [here](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to set up your account.). You will need to click on the SLDS Portal link once you are logged in. Please note that ELA scores are not available yet due to the assessment of new standards. We anticipate those scores being released late fall.

We have so much to celebrate. We are so proud of our students and staff. Below is a high-level summary of the percent of students scoring Proficient (level 3) or Distinguished (level 4):

Grade	Mathematics		Science	
	25-26 State	25-26 Shakerag	25-26 State	25-26 Shakerag
3 rd Grade	48%	92%	N/A	N/A
4 th Grade	50%	95%	N/A	N/A
5 th Grade	44%	78%	44%	77%

i-Ready For Families Report

We are currently wrapping up our fall iReady Inform assessments for ELA and Math. Families will have the opportunity to review their child's iReady Inform results by viewing the i-Ready for Families Report. Families will have digital access to the For Families report after logging in to their student's i-Ready dashboard and entering our year-long district report code: CMVRR3 on the top right-hand corner of the For Families tab. Please ensure that pop-up blockers are not enabled, or you will get an error message. For additional details and guidance on the assessment results, click [here](#). Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions about the results.

Fevers and Illnesses

While attendance is important, we also want to make sure we are keeping all students safe and healthy. As students adjust to back to school germs, we often see a rise in illnesses. Please help us keep everyone healthy by reminding your child(ren) about washing their hands, practicing the elbow cough to cover their mouth when they cough or sneeze, and keeping your children home if they have a fever. Students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications prior to returning to school. We appreciate everyone's help during this time of year.

Fall Picture Day – Wednesday, September 9

Fall Picture Day is Wednesday, September 9. GCI portraits will be taking our individual portraits for the yearbook. These pictures will be available for purchase at <https://www.gciporraits.com/pre-pay-for-pictures> School Code- S125. Order forms will be sent home next week in your child's Friday folder.



Beanstack Reading Challenge

Welcome to a new year in Beanstack & this year, the fun is better than ever! Beanstack is an app available in Classlink that allows students to log their daily reading minutes in order to earn badges and complete a monthly reading challenge. This month's challenge is the Back to School Reading Challenge! Students who log at least 300 minutes in Beanstack will complete the challenge, have their name featured on the morning news and are entered into a raffle drawing for prizes. There will be 10 prize winners each month randomly selected from the names of those who complete the monthly challenge. Shakerag is also working on a school-wide reading goal for this school year – 320,000 total minutes as a school. Joining the fun is easy! In Classlink, select the e-Library folder or search for Beanstack in the search bar at the top of Classlink. Then, click the “Log Reading” button in the top right corner to start entering daily reading minutes. Students who are being read to at home can enter those minutes in Beanstack as well. Contact our media specialist, Alison Francis, with questions at francis@fultonschools.org.

FCS News:

Fulton County Schools Student Code of Conduct Handbook

Fulton County Schools' Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook is available online in a PDF format (click [here](#)). Once you have read the electronic version and have reviewed the contents with your student(s), please take a moment to complete the **Acknowledgment of Receipt Form** by using the provided link to access Infinite Campus' [Parent Portal](#). Please download the [instructions on how to complete the Acknowledgment of Receipt Form](#). **All parents and students (over 10 years old) MUST sign this form found within your INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL ACCOUNT**. If you would like a paper copy of the Handbook, you or your student can pick one up in the front office. The deadline to sign the Student Code of Conduct is August 28.

Protect Your Child's School Device – Deadline September 25!

Fulton County Schools offers a Device Protection Plan to help families avoid the full cost of repairing or replacing student devices. For just \$50, this plan provides peace of mind throughout the school year. The deadline for purchase is September 25, so don't wait. For more details, please click [here](#).

TAG Eligibility Update

The Fulton County School System screens all students for eligibility for gifted services (TAG) twice a year and uses a systematic approach to identify highly capable students who may qualify for gifted services. Please click [here](#) for more information on the TAG Eligibility Process.

A Message from the PTO:

Make Waves with the Shakerag PTO!

Shop Spirit Wear!

Ready to show your Shark pride? There's still time! Browse and customize your favorite Shakerag Spirit Wear online: <https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/GA/Johns%20Creek/Shakerag%20Elementary%20School>

Let's make waves all year long and fill our halls with Shark pride!

Help Us Make Bigger Waves!

Shakerag PTO has big plans for our students, teachers, and school community this year, but we need more families on board to make them possible! Our 2026-2027 PTO budget invests nearly **\$48,000** back into Shakerag through programs, events, teacher appreciation, enrichment, and so much more. Right now, only **52 families** have joined PTO, and our goal is 150.

Every membership adds to the support behind the experiences our students enjoy all year long. And remember, **joining PTO does not mean you have to volunteer!** Simply becoming a member is an easy way to support Shakerag.

Join today and help us make waves together!

A Message from the School Governance Council (SGC):

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting

Our first School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 9 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:

Upcoming Future Titan Night

Northview High School is excited to host all Northview feeder elementary and middle school families for our Homecoming Game & Future Titan Community Night. All students will get free admission with a parent/guardian ticket if wearing their school spirit wear! Please click [here](#) for more information.

LEGO Coding Club

In the LEGO Coding Club, students turn colorful bricks into moving, thinking machines using the [LEGO Spike Essentials Kit](#). They'll apply basic coding concepts to cool builds like moving cars and spinning helicopters.

What Your Coder Will Learn:

- Basic sequencing and cause-and-effect thinking — the building blocks of all coding logic

- Problem-solving and critical thinking skills that carry over into everyday life
- Introductory engineering and design concepts used by real-world innovators
- How to build and program robots using motors and sensors, bringing their creations to life

Start Date: August 31

Dates/Times: Mondays, 2:30-3:30 PM

Sign up [HERE!](#) For more information, contact us: 770-744-5523 or suwanee@thecoderschool.com.

Girls in STEM

Girls in STEM is a club run by Northview High School students to encourage elementary school girls to join STEM fields at a young age! They introduce topics such as chemistry, engineering, physics, and more, through fun science experiments and activities. Meetings are completely free of charge and held once a month on Thursdays @ Northview High School from 3:50 – 5:00 PM!! Please click [here](#) for the flyer to join their mailing list!

EV3 Robotics

EV3 Robotics is excited to share an enriching after-school opportunity for students this fall! In partnership with STREM HQ Tech Academy, students can participate in the EV3 Robotics After-School Program, where students will explore robotics, engineering, and coding through engaging, hands-on activities.

Throughout the program, students will build and program LEGO® EV3 robots while developing valuable STEM skills in a fun and collaborative learning environment. This program is designed to foster creativity, critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving while introducing students to the exciting world of robotics.

Program Highlights

- Build and program LEGO® EV3 robots
- Learn block-based coding
- Explore sensors, motors, and engineering concepts
- Develop teamwork and problem-solving skills
- Participate in exciting hands-on STEM challenges

Program Information

- **Start Date:** Tuesday, September 1
- **Time:** 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
- **Location:** Shakerag Elementary School
- **All materials included**

Space is limited, and registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. If your child is interested in participating, we encourage you to register as soon as possible to secure a spot. **[ENROLL NOW!](#)**

Kid Chess

Kid Chess has been Atlanta's most popular after-school enrichment club since 1998. The program meets at Shakerag Elementary on Thursdays. They send multiple coaches (on average of 5) to keep a uniquely low student teacher ratio, which guarantees level appropriate instruction from true-beginners to advanced players. Registration deadline is August 27, 2026. For details or to register call (770) 575-5802 or go to Kidchess.com.

Have a great weekend!

