

Shark Bytes

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Staff and Student Holiday - School Closed Monday, September 7

Shark Tales:

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 were sent home last week in your child's Friday folder.



Power Up for 30

Power Up for 30 starts next week! Beginning Tuesday, September 8, students are invited to join Coach Smith and Ms. Dean for a fun morning movement program designed to help students start the day active, energized, and ready to learn. [Power Up for 30](#) will take place from 7:10–7:35 AM on each grade level's designated day. Students must arrive at school by 7:20 AM to participate (all buses arrive by that time).

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Kindergarten/1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade

We are excited to get our Shakerag Sharks moving and start each morning with movement, focus, and fun!

Lunch Visitors and Lunch Drop Offs

As stated in our Family Handbook, we will be accepting lunch visitors starting next week. Please follow the guidelines in the Family Handbook which can be found on our [website](#) on the home page (or by clicking [here](#)). **As a reminder, we support our school nutrition program and thereby discourage all outside vendor food from being brought in during lunchtime. (i.e. Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, etc...)** We appreciate your support with this.

We also want to remind parents to send their children to school with their lunches. **Lunches should not be dropped off daily.**

After school enrichments

If your child is signed up for any of our afterschool enrichments starting next week, please send in a dismissal note the day the enrichment starts and the day it ends notifying his/her teacher of an afternoon transportation change. Please click [here](#) to access our Change of Dismissal form.

Beanstack Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all of our students who logged at least 300 reading minutes for the month of August and completed the Back-to-School Reading Challenge in Beanstack!

Kindergarten: Haasika K. & Roaric N.

1st Grade: Ethan L., Kyra T., Jackson E., Max X., Spark S.

2nd Grade: Carson D., Madison K., Amizhthini N.

3rd Grade: Avighna D., Caden L., Jesse M., Nolan D., Ethan P., Jennifer B., Aanya C., Zoey L.

4th Grade: Noah P., Aishani B., Akhil A., Janice L., Arjun S., Reyansh S., Olivia Z., Kaori T., Rohan K., Manvith B., James P., Ryder B., Enzo V., Ruhaan D., Matthew L., Prathmesh A., Ashley S., Satya K., Anderson C., Luha L., Prisheen S., Sarah W.

5th Grade: Adam E., Walton C., Penelope F., Aria V., Reyansh S., Atharv M., Maanvi B., Johnifer R., Ivan J., Sanat G., Piper L., Avika C., Cloud C., Takumi K., Ethan P., Matthew M., Matthew B., Hana M., Nyan A., Susie W., Shivanya Z., Skanda K., Aryasai M., Joanna W., William B., Srihan B., Dylan R., Ishanvi J., Shakthi N., Zehra Z., Viaan R., Mielael T., Angela L., Zayn M.

We drew 10 names from above who completed the Beanstack Back to School reading challenge for the month of August. Congratulations to our prize winners listed below:

Penelope F., Ashley S. Matthew B., Skanda K., Sarah W., Olivia Z., Angela L., Srihan B., Madison K., Haasika K.

There's plenty of time to join in on the fun for the month of September. The Beanstack reading challenge for September is the Fall into Reading Challenge. Students who log at least 300 reading minutes in Beanstack (available in Classlink) will complete the challenge and have their names entered into the prize drawing at the end of the month. Minutes that someone else is reading aloud to a student count! All you have to do is log into Classlink (link available on the school website), select Beanstack from the e-Library folder, and click the "Log Reading" button in the top right corner to start logging your daily reading minutes and earning badges. Please e-mail Mrs. Francis at francis@fultonschools.org with questions.

Attention all 5th grade students: Stage Crew Sign-Ups Now Open!

Aristocats Kids! is now accepting applications for 5th grade students interested in joining Backstage Crew. Any students that want to apply for this role should [review the attached rehearsal calendar](#) with their families and then may [sign-up via this online form](#). Note: this is only an INTEREST sign-up, not guaranteed placement in the crew. Sign-ups will close Wednesday, September 9 at 8:00PM.

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 this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's Music Newsletter.

What's Happening in PE with Coach Smith this Month

Please click [here](#) for this month's PE Newsletter.

FCS News:

Attendance Matters

This month, our school is launching an attendance awareness campaign centered on the message, "Your Presence Matters: 95% to Thrive." Our shared goal is for every student to maintain at least 95% attendance, which means no more than two absences this quarter.

Daily attendance plays a critical role in student success. When students are present, they strengthen their reading, writing, and math skills through consistent instruction and practice. In addition, they build lifelong habits such as responsibility, perseverance, and commitment. Even a few missed days can create gaps in learning that are difficult to recover from.

Last month, our attendance rate was 97.2%. That is an amazing start to the school year! Let's see if we can make September even better! We have several exciting activities planned for the month of September, and we know our students would love to be a part of the events! We encourage all families to help us start the month strong by prioritizing daily attendance. Being present each day sets the foundation for academic growth and long-term success.

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](#).

A Message from the PTO:

Bingo Night Is Coming!

Get ready for Shakerag's biggest fundraiser of the year this October! Bingo Night is always a fun-filled evening for our school community, and we need your help to make it a huge success. Want to volunteer, help with planning, or support the event in another way? Contact ShakeragPTO@gmail.com today.

Help Us Create an Amazing Silent Auction!

You can support Bingo Night even if you're unable to volunteer your time. We're seeking donations and community connections to help make our Silent Auction exciting and successful.

Consider donating:

- Restaurant or retail gift cards
- Family experiences or attraction tickets
- Sports, lessons, camps, or activities
- Products or services from local businesses
- New items for themed baskets
- Donations or sponsorships from your workplace

Do you know a business that may want to contribute? Have a great donation idea? Please reach out to ShakeragPTO@gmail.com and help us make this year's auction unforgettable! Thank you for helping PTO continue Making Waves at Shakerag!

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:

Techno Titans

The Northview Techno Titans Robotics Team will be hosting a STEM Night workshop for elementary students at our team workspace on Saturday, September 12, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Please click [here](#) for the flyer.

Have a wonderful LONG weekend! Thank you for an amazing start to the school year!