

Shark Bytes

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Fall Break for Students - School Closed Monday - Friday, September 21 – 25
FCS Professional Development Day: September 24 & Teacher Workday: September 25

Shark Tales:

Strong 4 Life Challenge

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Children's Health Care of Atlanta and the Strong 4 Life Challenge team for an amazing pep rally on Thursday afternoon. In this high energy assembly, students learned the four healthy habits – Eat smarter and drink water, screens go away and go play, get rest to do your best, and emotions are real so express how you feel! All students received a Strong 4 Life water bottle today as a reminder to drink more water. We look forward to emphasizing these healthy habits throughout the year and can't wait for the Strong 4 Life team to return in the spring.

Volunteers Needed for Our Media Center & PALS Program!

We are looking for parents who would like to support our school by volunteering in the Media Center and PALS workroom. Opportunities include shelving books, assisting students with book check-in/check-out, making copies, laminating, preparing classroom materials, and more. Whether you can help regularly or occasionally, we'd love to connect with you! If you have a little time to share, please complete the volunteer interest form so we can match your availability and interests with volunteer opportunities throughout the school year. If you have any questions, please reach out to Megan Milovich at MilovichM@fultonschools.org.



Sign up here: [PALS & Media Center Volunteer Interest – Fill out form](#)

Reading Bowl

Our school is exploring the possibility of forming a team for the **Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl** and would like to gauge student interest through a brief survey. This opportunity is open to **students in 4th and 5th grade**. Participation on the team would require students to read approximately **5-10 books** from a designated reading list, with the exact number depending on the size of the team. Team members would also be expected to attend either **monthly or bi-weekly after-school meetings** to prepare for the competition. The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl is a district-wide event in which students compete against other **Fulton County Schools** by answering quiz-style questions based on the books they have read. The competition will be held **in person on Saturday, January 23, 2027, at Riverwood International Charter School, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m.** Students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the event. Please note that there may be a participation fee to help cover the cost of team T-shirts and competition registration. If this sounds like an opportunity that would interest your student, please complete the survey form below by **Wednesday, September 30th**. Once survey responses have been collected, we will determine whether there is sufficient interest in forming a team. Thank you for your support!

Please click [here](#) to complete the interest form if your child would be interested in joining a Shakerag Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl competition team.

Shakerag Spirit Day & Night is coming up!

Join us **Wednesday, September 30** at **Amigos Mex Grill** (5805 State Bridge Rd, Unit D, Johns Creek) for an all-day Shakerag Spirit Day & Evening. Enjoy lunch, dinner, or takeout, and Amigos Mex Grill will generously donate 15% of sales back to Shakerag Elementary. **Be sure to mention Shakerag when ordering so our school receives credit.** Thank you for supporting Shakerag while enjoying a delicious meal!

Hands on Shakerag — Saturday October 3: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Bring the family and help us spruce up our school! We'll be planting, weeding, spreading pine straw and giving the front of Shakerag some extra love. Families can **volunteer, donate needed supplies, or do both**. To sign up, please click [here](#).

FCS News:

All in on Attendance

School is not only a place for academic learning but also a space where students develop meaningful connections and a sense of belonging. When students attend regularly, they are able to fully participate in classroom experiences, collaborate with their peers, and build positive relationships with teachers and staff.

Every student contributes to the learning environment. Their ideas, participation, and presence help create a strong and supportive classroom community. When students are absent, they miss valuable opportunities to engage, share, and grow alongside others.

We encourage families to talk with their children about the importance of being present and involved each day. Attending school consistently supports both academic growth and a sense of connection that helps students feel valued and confident.

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:

Tanner Fall Family Pictures

Staying in town for Fall Break? Why not update your family photos! Support Shakerag this September with a fun and easy family photo session for just \$45. Your session includes multiple poses and an 11x14 family print. Sessions are available September 20 and 27 at Mill Creek Pond and Big Creek Greenway. Book here: tinyurl.com/tannerspiritevents. Be sure to use referral code **SPIRIT** when booking so your session supports Shakerag!

Bingo Night is coming!

Save the date for Shakerag PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year! **Friday, October 16!**

Get ready for bingo, prizes, and lots of family fun, all while supporting Shakerag Elementary. More details, including session times and ticket information, are coming soon!

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 next School Governance Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 14 at 8:00 a.m.** At this meeting we will be holding a 10-minute public comment session. If you are interested in speaking at our public comment, please email Rashi Manaktala at Manaktalar@fultonschools.org. Public comment will be held at the end of the meeting. To read more about our School Governance Council, we invite you to visit our School Governance Council (SGC) website by clicking [here](#).

Have a wonderful FALL break!
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