

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:

Hands on Shakerag is TOMORROW: Saturday, October 3!

Tomorrow, October 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., all Shakerag families and friends are invited to help us beautify our school by planting, removing weeds, and spreading pine straw around the school. Bring gardening gloves, small gardening tools, large yard waste bags, and your water bottles. The more families we have available to help, the faster we can complete this amazing project! Families can **volunteer, donate needed supplies, or do both**. To sign up, please click [here](#). Thank you so much in advance for helping to make our campus beautiful. When you arrive, please sign in at the table at the entrance of the school.



We are all going to hope that the rain holds off or gives us a window of opportunity to complete this great project! If it is just sprinkling, we will move fast and complete the project as long as it is not storming! Invite all of your friends and family so we can move as fast as possible and hopefully beat the weather!

Shakerag Spirit Day & Night

Thank you to our wonderful PTO for organizing our first Spirit Day/Night on Wednesday. What a great time for our Shakerag families to meet up after the break. We want to thank **Amigos Mex Grill** (5805 State Bridge Rd, Unit D, Johns Creek) for their sponsorship with our school.

Picture Retakes – Wednesday, October 14

Fall pictures went home in your child's folders today. Fall picture retakes will be on **Wednesday, October 14**. If you are not happy with your child's fall picture, please send in the original picture package and a note with your child by Tuesday, October 13 so their teacher can have them get their picture retaken on Wednesday. If your child was absent on our original picture day, or if they are new, we would like your child to get their picture taken as well for the yearbook. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the front desk!

Conference Time

Teachers are now scheduling parent-teacher conferences for the fall. Our front office is open from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (4:00 p.m. during the conference window of 9/28-10/30). If your conferences are scheduled outside of office hours, please make sure you have made arrangements with your child's teacher to gain entrance. For safety reasons, our after-school programs will not be able to allow any visitors to enter and/or exit the building from their entry points.

If parents have a scheduled conference right after dismissal and are making a dismissal change to pick-up their student prior to joining the conference, a Change of Dismissal form (click [here](#)) must be sent in with your student the morning of the conference. Parents are required to pick their children up at 2:20 p.m. and provide supervision during the conference time.

FCS Digital Citizenship Education Resources for Families

As students spend more time online, whether for learning, socializing, or entertainment—parents play a key role in reinforcing positive digital habits at home. By being informed about topics like online safety, screen time, cyberbullying, and media literacy, parents can support their children in making smart choices and becoming responsible digital citizens. Please use the resources below from Common Sense Media to support your family in increased digital citizenship understanding.

Article: [Digital Literacy Starts Offline](#)

Video: [Parenting in a Digital Age](#)

[Family Tech Planners](#)

Cell Phones/Other Electronic Devices... to include SMART Watches

With the passing of House Bill 340, we need the help and support from our parents in enforcing our policy on cell phones and other electronic devices, to include SMART watches. These items can be a distraction in school and disruptive in other nonstructured environments. If a child displays a device and/or is wearing a SMART watch, the teacher will collect the device, contact the parent, and then send it home at the end of the school day. If it happens again, the device will be turned into the front office, and a parent will have to come to school to pick it up. We truly appreciate your help with this. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Samantha Weaver, Assistant Principal, at weavers@fultonschools.org. Additional details can be found in the Shakerag Family Handbook under Cell Phones/Other Electronic Devices.

A Message from the PTO:

BINGO Night tickets are on sale!

Join us **Friday, October 16** for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Enjoy Bingo, raffle prizes, a silent auction, and plenty of chances to win. Be sure to reserve your spot! Link to purchase tickets: <https://shakeragpto.membershiptoolkit.com/bingo2026>

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:

All in on Attendance

As we conclude our Attendance Awareness Month, we invite all students and families to reflect on their attendance progress and recommit to finishing the quarter strong. Each day a student attends school brings them closer to achieving their academic goals and preparing for future opportunities.

Strong attendance is directly connected to increased confidence, greater responsibility, and readiness for future challenges.

Students who attend regularly are better positioned to stay on track, meet expectations, and build the skills they will need in high school, college, and their careers.

We appreciate your partnership and continued support in prioritizing attendance. By working together and maintaining a focus on reaching at least 95% attendance, we can ensure that every student can succeed and thrive.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications

Did you know free & reduced-price meal applications benefit your family and your school? Families may qualify for free or reduced-price school breakfast & lunch. A NEW application must be completed for the 2026-2027 school year.

If you have not completed a Free and Reduced application for SY26-27, had a change in income, or had an increase in household size, please take this opportunity to complete an application. Free & Reduced Meal Applications are available online at www.myschoolapps.com. Families may obtain a paper application from any school cafeteria. If able, families are encouraged to complete an online application to help expedite the application approval process.

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](#).

In the Community:

A Taste of Girl Scouts!

Join the Girl Scouts for a fun event where girls can sample some of the exciting activities Girl Scouts offer and families can learn how to join the adventure! Sign up for their upcoming event on Saturday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Johns Creek Fire Station No. 62 (10925 Rogers Circle, Duluth, GA 30097). For more information, click [here](#) for the flyer.

Fulton Science Math Tournament

Fulton Science Academy's Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society is hosting the Fulton Science Math Tournament for students in grades 3-5 on Saturday, October 10. Students may compete individually or as part of a four-person team in Individual, Team, and Relay Rounds. Registration is open through October 7 at <https://forms.gle/QsQDTTrTADWsS3K49>, and proceeds support FSA students attending the ARML National Math Tournament. If you have any questions, please contact them at fsmt@fultonscienceacademy.org.

Event Details

Date: **Saturday, October 10, 2026**

Start Time: **8:30 AM**

Location: **Fulton Science Academy**, 3035 Fanfare Way, Alpharetta, GA 30009

Registration Deadline: **October 7 at 11:59 PM**

Registration Fee: \$25 per individual or \$100 per team of four (online payment link is in the registration form)

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/QsQDTTrTADWsS3K49>

Students will compete in Individual, Team, and Relay Rounds; students may register individually or as part of a four-person team.

We hope to see you on Saturday for Hands on Shakerag!
Have a wonderful weekend!