

Shark Bytes

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Staff and Student Holiday - School Closed Monday, October 12

Shark Tales:

Hands on Shakerag- A Huge Success!

On behalf of Shakerag and the Shakerag PTO, we want to thank all of the amazing volunteers that came out to Hands on Shakerag on Saturday, October 3. Students from all grades, parents, Cub Scouts, and Shakerag staff collected trash, picked up branches, and spread hundreds of bales of pine straw! There was even a popsicle celebration at the end.

A special thank you Sarah Chu and the PTO Board for coordinating this event. We also want to thank Pack 1000 for their annual participation in this event and keeping the streets surrounding Shakerag beautiful. We appreciate all of your support!



Treats for Teachers

Thank you, Kathy Preuss, Agnes Law, Nilam Valiyani, Katie Ngo and the fabulous PTO, for once again preparing a delicious lunch for our teachers and staff on Thursday! We greatly appreciate our PTO for taking such good care of us!

Picture Retakes – Wednesday, October 14

Fall pictures went home in your child's folders last week. 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!

Fulton County Schools 2026-2027 Student Technology Competition

The 2026-2027 Fulton County Student Technology Competition (FCSTC) will be held in person on 1/9/2027 (Saturday) at North Springs High School from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All 3rd -12th grade Fulton County students are eligible to enter one student-created technology project that aligns with one of these [CATEGORIES](#). Projects are to be designed and created by students. A student (either as an individual or as a team up to 2 members) can only register for ONE competition category. Individuals and teams of two compete against each other. Only ONE project entry is allowed for each competition category by division. Please read the category descriptions before you select your project category and consult Mrs. Francis in the media center if you need assistance. No changes can be made once a student registration is submitted. Student projects will be judged based on the category for which they are registered. Changes in category WILL NOT be made for any reason after submission. Projects will be judged by the category under which the project was submitted. Some adult guidance is allowed, but it must be clear that the work was done by the student(s). If interested, please click on the link below for more details. All registrations should be completed and given to Mrs. Francis in the media center no later than Friday, October 30.

- Link for more information: <https://www.fultonschools.org/all-departments/academics/learning-teaching/instructional-technology/technology-competition/fcstc-announcement>
-  [Registration Form](#) – Please complete and turn in to Mrs. Francis in the media center by October 30.

Donations for ASL

Throughout the month of October, Mrs. Pennywell is collecting empty cereal boxes for upcoming classroom projects. Cereal boxes of any size are welcome. Thank you for helping provide materials for fun learning activities. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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>

FCS News:

Capital Plan 2032: ESPLOST

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing and seeing more information about Fulton County Schools' next Capital Plan and the projects that will improve our schools. Today, you will see details in your child's Friday Folder that explains the investments being made throughout the school district as well as what the one-penny sales tax for education, ESPLOST, has been doing for our students – such as the student devices and classroom technology that has transformed our learning environment. Capital Plan 2032 continues these investments for our schools and also includes cafeteria audio and visual replacements for Shakerag specifically. On November 3, 2026, Fulton citizens will vote on whether or not to continue ESPLOST as the funding source for the projects in Capital Plan 2032. Fulton County Schools has created a special webpage about Capital Plan 2032 and ESPLOST at www.fultonschools.org/ESPLOST.

We encourage you to visit that page to view information about our school's specific projects as well as general information about districtwide improvements.

Qustodio: Online Safety Resource for Parents

As families continue to navigate the digital world with their children, Fulton County Schools offers access to [Qustodio](#), a helpful online safety and digital wellbeing resource for parents and caregivers. Qustodio provides families with tools and resources to better understand and support their children's digital lives. Please click [here](#) for the Qustodio flyer. For additional parent resources and information about Qustodio, please [Visit the Fulton County Schools Online Safety Hub](#)

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:

Red Phoenix Theater Company

The Red Phoenix Theater Company is now one of our business partners. Join them under the sea for Disney's The Little Mermaid! This show is part of their educational programming and is intended for grades 1-5. Please click [here](#) for the flyer. General auditions will be completed by video submission. These will be due **Sunday, October 18 by 7pm**. [All info can be found by clicking here](#).

Northview Cluster Community Night- 10/28 – 6:00-8:00 PM at Northview

Come out and enjoy a fun evening with our Northview Community and cheer on your teachers and staff as they compete in some friendly competitions. We hope to have a HUGE Shakerag fan turnout! The event will look a little different this year, as the event will start in the gym at 6:00 for the national anthem and then have a few friendly competitions to see which school can claim the Titan Cup for the 26-27 school year. After awarding the Titan Cup (6:30ish) all Northview clubs will host a "Trunk or Treat" for students (and siblings!) until 8:00 or until the candy runs out. There will be some food trucks/dinner options available for whoever is interested. More details will be coming soon!

Have a wonderful LONG weekend!

