

Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:



BINGO NIGHT – TONIGHT!

Join us TONIGHT for a fun-filled evening of Bingo, prizes, raffles, food, and family fun!

Session 1: 5:30–7:00 PM

Session 2: 7:30–9:00 PM

Didn't purchase tickets in advance? No problem! Tickets will be available at the door as long as the session isn't sold out! Come out, have some fun, and support the Shakerag PTO!

Can't attend tonight... Join our online raffle that will be open until 9 p.m. on Sunday, 10/18. Explore an incredible selection of auction items and experiences. Every bid helps fund school programs and events that benefit our students and community. Please click [here](#) for the raffle link.

Progress Report Cards

Student 9-week progress reports were sent home today in your child's Friday folder. They are also available on the Parent and Student Portals. For instructions on how to access your child's 9-week progress report card please click [here](#).

National School Bus Safety Week

National School Bus Safety Week is October 19-23. Please take some time to recognize your bus driver during this week. They work hard making sure every student arrives at school and gets home safely every day.

Beanstack Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all of our students who logged at least 300 reading minutes for the month of September and completed the Fall Into Reading Challenge in Beanstack!

Kindergarten: Amy A., Roaric N.

1st Grade: Ethan L., Levi C., Alden F., Liana W., Jackson E., Max X., Spark S., Josiah L.

2nd Grade: Amizhthini N.

3rd Grade: Avighna D., Gavin L., Hannah Y., Jesse M., Zuri S., Maro C., Aanya C., Zoey L., Leonard T., Mivaan P., Aavya A., Atharv P.

4th Grade: Reyansh S., Dylan S., Noah P., Aishani B., Janice L., Vivian C., Olivia Z., Enya D., Amalia B., Aayush J., James P., Dhriti D., Ryder B., Enzo V., Matthew L., Prathmesh A., Aiden P., Saanvi M., Anderson C., Prisheen S., Satya K., Emily V.,

5th Grade: Sanat G., Matthew M., Nyan A., Skanda K., William B., Matthew B., Susie W., Aryasai M., Shakthi N., Penelope F., Atharv M., Avika C., Ethan P., Hana M., Zehra Z., Angela L., Gabriel M., Kihyun K.

From the names of those who completed Beanstack's Fall Into Reading challenge for the month of September, we drew 10 names to win prizes. Congratulations to our prize winners listed below:

Aiden P., Penelope F., Saanvi M., Ethan P. (5th Grade), Roaric N., Ethan L., Prathmesh A., Enzo V., Amizhthini N., Josiah L.

There's plenty of time to join in on the fun for the month of October. The Beanstack reading challenge for October is the Halloween Read 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.

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 return 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!

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 2032 and the projects that will improve our schools. On November 3, 2026, Fulton citizens will vote on whether or not to continue ESPLOST as the funding source for these projects. For those unfamiliar, ESPLOST is the one-penny education sales tax that has funded new and replacement school construction, additions and renovations, technology innovations, transportation upgrades and safety improvements in our school system. Fulton County Schools has created a special webpage with information 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 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, November 11 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:

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 PM 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. Show your Shakerag pride by coming in spirit wear or dressed up to win some individual prizes and help Shakerag win the Titan Cup for the year!

Kristin McCabe's Community Meeting

Our school board member, Kristin McCabe, will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at Taylor Road Middle School. All are welcome to join.

Northview Techno Titans

The Northview Techno Titans Robotics Team will be hosting a STEM workshop for elementary students at their team workspace on Saturday, October 24, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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](#).

Have a wonderful weekend!

