

Shark Bytes

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Daylight Savings Time: Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday!
REMOTE LEARNING DAY/TEACHER WORKDAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – No School for Students

Shark Tales:

Northview Cluster Community Night – THANK YOU!

We really appreciate all of our families so much for coming out to support and cheer on your teachers, staff and students this past Wednesday night at Northview High School! We had a huge turnout. I want to especially thank all of the staff that showed up and participated. We definitely had the biggest team present, and it did not go unnoticed. Thank you for being such an amazing community!!!!



Remote Learning Day Tuesday, November 3

Tuesday, November 3 is a statewide election day and will be a Remote Learning Day for all students. Students will participate in asynchronous learning at home on this day. Teachers will be sending lessons and activities home with the students today in their Friday Folders. Please look over your child's assignments and email your teacher(s) with any questions. Teachers will be engaged in professional development sessions most of the day on Tuesday so they will have limited access to their email. They will do their best between sessions to periodically check for questions and/or concerns and try to respond as quickly as possible. All assignments should be returned to school with students on **Wednesday, November 4**.

Attendance Reminders

It is extremely important for students to be in their classrooms and ready for the school day when the bell rings at 7:40 a.m. We are experiencing extremely high numbers of students who are tardy. Our carpool staff begins welcoming students into the building at 7:10 a.m. We see a lull in carpool from 7:15-7:30, and then long lines beginning at 7:30.

Students are marked tardy if they are not in the building when the bell rings at 7:40. If a student rides the bus, and for some rare reason the bus is late, students will not be counted tardy. Thank you for your help in making sure your children start their day off ready to learn.

Hearing & Vision Screenings for Grades 1, 3, and 5

Annual hearing and vision screenings for students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will take place on **Tuesday, November 10**. Students in grades 1, 3, and 5 received a more detailed letter in their Friday folders last week. Please fill out this form and return it by **November 6** only if you wish to OPT your child OUT of the screening(s). It is important to make a special effort to ensure your child is in attendance on this day so they can participate in the screenings. If your child wears glasses, we ask that you make sure they have them and bring them to the screening. If the screenings identify a possible concern, parents will be contacted with a letter. If you do not receive a letter in the days following the screenings, it is safe to assume the screening did not produce any concerns at this time. If you have any additional questions, please contact our Assistant Principal, Samantha Weaver, at weavers@fultonschools.org.

Let Us Be Thankful Together ~ Kindergarten Food Drive: November 9-16

Once again, our Kindergarten classes are spearheading Shakerag's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive November 9-16. In conjunction with North Fulton Community Charities, we will be supporting those in the community that are less fortunate during the holiday season. Please have your child bring in some non-perishable food items and help make this initiative a great success!

The pantry's current needed items are meals in a can, condiments (i.e. ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise), canned beans, canned corn, canned pasta, canned fruit, canned protein, dry beans, spaghetti, and tomato paste.

Other items include : canned ham or chicken, boxed instant mashed potatoes, boxed rice, boxed stuffing mix, canned green beans, canned corn, canned yams or sweet potatoes, cream of mushroom soup and canned fried onions (for green bean casserole), canned vegetables, canned or jarred gravy or gravy mix, canned cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin and pie crust mix, evaporated milk, shelf-stable milk for recipes, miniature marshmallows (for sweet potato casserole), canned apples or peaches, and boxed cake mixes.



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:

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.

Important District Reminder: Food on Campus

As we approach the upcoming holidays, Fulton County Schools would like for us to remind parents and families that candy, desserts, baked goods (store bought/homemade), or any other edible items **are not** to be sold or distributed at school or on the bus. Please discuss this expectation with your student(s). You can help us protect your student(s) by requesting that they not eat anything given to them by another person, anything that they have not brought from your home, or anything not in its original sealed package. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping all of our students safe at school!

A Message from the PTO:

Save the Date- Movie Night

Get ready for a night of big dreams and big-screen fun as we bring GOAT to Shakerag!

Join us **Friday, November 13**, in the **Shakerag Elementary cafeteria**. Bring your blankets and settle in for an evening of film, food, and community fun!

Admission:

- **\$4 per person presale**
- **\$6 per person at the door**

Pizza, popcorn, treats, and beverages will also be available for purchase. More details coming soon, including showtime and online payment options!

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 Cubing Club

The Northview Cubing Club is considering an event for next semester and is looking for interested students. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**If you and your family are celebrating Halloween this weekend,
HAVE FUN, BE SAFE, and please remember to enjoy the sweet treats at home!**

