Shark Bytes

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Shark Tales:



We would like to THANK our Veterans!

From the entire Shakerag family... a special thank you to all the men and women who have served and those that continue to serve our great nation! We appreciate YOU! Happy Veterans Day!

In honor of these men and women, we encourage all students and staff to wear Red, White, and Blue on Wednesday, November 11.

Emergency Preparedness Update: Help Us Keep Your Child Safe

As we prepare for the winter season and the possibility of unexpected school closures or other emergency situations, we are asking all families to take a few important steps to help us keep students safe and ensure we can reach you when needed.

1. **Update Your Early School Closure Plan:** At the start of the school year, you completed a form that informed us of how you wanted your child to go home, should school be canceled unexpectedly. Today we are sending home Early School Closure UPDATE Forms in Friday folders for each family to complete to ensure our records are still accurate as the colder season approaches. This allows us to know how students should be sent home should an early release be called **once the school day has already started**. If an early release is announced the day prior, students will be sent home their normal way unless a change of dismissal form is received. All children who were scheduled to stay for an afterschool program on an announced early release day should bring a change of dismissal note. Please refer to the Inclement Weather Update Form for more details. We ask that all forms be returned to your child's homeroom teacher no later than **Friday, November 13**.
2. **Review Your Emergency Contacts in Infinite Campus:** Accurate contact information is especially important during an emergency or unexpected dismissal. Students can only be released to individuals identified as authorized emergency contacts. We strongly encourage every family to list at least one emergency contact other than a parent or guardian who could pick up your child if you are unable to be reached. Families can review and update census information through Infinite Campus Online Registration. If you need assistance updating your child's emergency contact information, please contact our school data clerk, Courtney Gatlin Cleary, at gatlinclearc@fultonschools.org.
3. **Save Our Numbers in Your Phone Today:** Please save both the school and clinic phone numbers in your cell phone contacts. In the event of an illness, injury, early dismissal, or other emergency involving your child, recognizing our number will help ensure you receive our call and can respond promptly.
   Main School Number: 470-254-3880 Clinic: 470-254-8834

Thank you for taking a few minutes to review these important emergency preparedness items. Keeping contact information current, having a clear emergency dismissal plan, and recognizing calls from our school are simple but important steps we can all take to help keep our Shakerag Sharks safe.

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 previous Friday folders. 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.

Beanstack Reading Challenge
Congratulations to all of our students who logged at least 300 reading minutes for the month of October and completed the Hallow-Read Challenge in Beanstack!

Kindergarten: Amy A., Roaric N.
1st Grade: Ethan L., Levi C., Alden F., Michael H., Faisal A., Max X., Sterling H., Cinar E., Josiah L., Spark S.
2nd Grade: Amizhthini N., Daniel Y., Kassidy L., Chloe W., Ava W.
3rd Grade: Hannah Y., Gagan S., Jesse M., Nolan D., Zuri S., Avyaan V., Aanya C., Leonard T., Zoey L., Mivaan P., Aavya A., Pihu P., Atharv P., Ethan P.
4th Grade: Gavin K., Aayush J., Anagha Y., Riya V., Shray K., Dylan S., Noah P., Aishani B., Arjun S., Elijah A., Enya D., Hongyi C., Satya K., Ryder B., Riley B., Enzo V., Ruhaan D., Matthew L., Aiden P., Anderson C., Prisheen S., Emily V., Ann H.
5th Grade: Shaun P., Sanat G., Josephine M., Matthew M., Nyan A., Jessica S., Adam C., Dylan P., Skanda K., William B., Takumi K., Johnifer R., Owen F., Matthew B., Susie, W., Mielael T., Penelope F., Atharv M., Ethan P., Evelyn D., Zahra Z., Angela L., Zayn M., Sattvik G., Gabriel M., Kihuyn K.

From the names of those who completed Beanstack's Hallow-Read challenge for the month of October, we drew 10 names to win prizes. Congratulations to our prize winners listed below:

Sanat G., Saanvi M., Matthew L., Aishani B., Anagha Y., Aayush J., Susie W., Matthew M., Spark S., Anderson C.

There's plenty of time to join in on the fun for the month of November. The Beanstack reading challenge for November is the Read Grateful 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 francisa@fultonschools.org with questions.

A Message from the PTO:

Big Dreams. Big Laughs. One GOAT night!
Movie Night tickets are on sale! Join us Friday, November 13, in the Shakerag Elementary cafeteria for GOAT! Doors open at 5:30 PM, and the movie begins at 6:00 PM. Bring your blankets or chairs and enjoy a night of big dreams and big-screen fun!
Tickets are $4 per person in advance or $6 at the door. Pizza, treats, and beverages will be available for purchase.
We need volunteers to help make the evening a success! Purchase your tickets and sign up to volunteer!

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:

Winter STEM Night
The FCS Innovation Academy Foundation is excited to host a Winter STEM Night on December 11 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for elementary students in grades 3rd - 5th. For more information, please click here.

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.

Have a wonderful weekend!

