



2024 - 2025

SARAH SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Who We Are

Volunteer parent board members who work alongside staff and administration



What We Do

Provide financial support for curriculum and academic investments



How You Can Help

- Donate to the Star Fund
- Bid on auction items
- Attend Starstruck
- Become a corporate sponsor

The Sarah Smith Education Foundation (SSEF) provides financial support for curriculum and academic investments that benefit EVERY student at Sarah Smith EVERY DAY. We accomplish this through purchasing supplemental curriculum programs, additional training and conferences for faculty, technology investments, and innovative academic programs.



DONATE OR PLEDGE to the *Star Fund Annual Campaign!*

Go to atlantapublicschools.us/ssef to learn more about the SSEF and make your contribution today. Early donors have the chance to attend the Fall Star Fund Donor Party!



STAR LEVELS

Shooting	
Star.....>.....	\$10,000+
Super Star.....	\$5,000– \$9,999
Shining Star.....	\$2,500 – \$4,999
Gold Star.....	\$1,500 – \$2,499
Silver Star.....	\$500 – \$1,499
Star.....	\$1 – \$499

PAST FOUNDATION INVESTMENT AREAS

Academic Programs such as math manipulatives, High Touch High Tech "in house" field trips, classroom libraries, tutoring resources

Culture and Resources such as IB materials and resources, International Travelers Week as well as administrative support

Talent and Management including training for International Baccalaureate, Orton Gillingham, Gifted, Technology and Foreign Language as well as Teacher Grants

Look out for info on our Annual Starstruck Party and Auction this spring!

The Sarah Smith Education Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization that supports academic enrichment and supplements curriculum materials not covered through the APS allocated budget.



Sarah Smith PTO



Who We Are

Volunteer parent committee chairs and board members who work alongside staff and administration



What We Do

Work to bring phenomenal programs to the school that are focused on improving the quality of school life



How You Can Help

- Register for PTO on the Hub
- Participate in Fundraisers
 - Attend Meetings
- Volunteer for a committee - sign up on the Hub

The Sarah Smith Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) supports and enhances the culture and community of our ENTIRE school.


Visit sarahsmithpto.membershiptoolkit.com and follow the instructions to set up your free PTO Parent Hub account. There is also an app for your smartphone! For \$5 you can obtain access to the Sarah Smith Elementary directory. Please reach out to SarahSmithPTO@gmail.com if you would like to be involved with the Board or Committees.





KEY INITIATIVES

- Teacher/Staff Appreciation
- Spirit Wear
- Taste of Sarah Smith
- Fall Festival
- Bingo Night
- International Travelers Week
- Fifth Grade Promotion
- Yearbook
- Read a Thon
- Superstar Sprint

PLEASE JOIN US

 **PARTICIPATE** in our PTO fundraiser The Superstar Sprint!

 **ATTEND** our PTO meetings to learn about current school events and hear from our Principal. These meetings are open to all parents, teachers and members of the community. Schedule can be found online on the SRS calendar on the website.

 **VOLUNTEER** on a Committee or our Board. Our committees are always looking for help and extra hands. Fill out the Volunteer Signup on the HUB and express your interest.

The PTO also focuses on a variety of capital improvement projects. Past projects have included filtered water stations, air purifiers for each classroom, PC courtyard renovations, IC garden renovations, and student incentive items.

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Contact for Student Day-of Dismissal Changes (by 12pm) and Parent/Doctor Note for Excused Absences

Sarah Smith Elementary School Calendar

All dates / times subject to change, always reference school website for most up to date information

August 2024

Thursday August 1, 2024	First day of school
Tuesday August 6, 2024	Parent Meet & Greet 8:00AM The Gaudin's Home 3766 Ivy Rd <i>All parents welcome (younger non-school age siblings welcome)</i>
Monday August 12, 2024	Room Parent Sign-Ups Due
Thursday August 15, 2024	Parent volunteer Meet & Greet 6:00 - 8:00PM The Hays' Home
Friday August 16, 2024	Room Parent Orientation 8:00 - 9:00AM PC Cafeteria Repeated at 12:00 - 1:00PM via Zoom
Tuesday August 20, 2024	1st & 2nd Grade Parent Orientation Night 5:30 - 7:00PM PC
Wednesday August 21, 2024	K/Pre-K Parent Orientation Night 5:30 - 7:00PM PC
Thursday August 22, 2024	IC Parent Orientation Night 5:30 - 7:00PM IC <i>Parent Orientation Nights are for Parents Only, thank you for not bringing students</i>
Friday August 23, 2024	PTO Committee Chair Meeting 8:00 - 9:00AM IC Cafeteria

September 2024

Monday September 5, 2024	No School Labor Day
Tuesday September 17, 2024	Superstar Sprint (PTO Fundraiser) <i>Tuesday Sept 17th - Friday Sept 27th</i>
Tuesday September 17, 2024	PTO General Meeting 6:00 - 7:00PM
Friday September 20, 2024	Taste of Sarah Smith 5:30 - 8:30PM
Friday September 20, 2024	Fall Book Fair Friday Sept 20th - Friday Sept 27th

October 2024

Wednesday October 2, 2024	Custodian Appreciation Day
Saturday October 5, 2024	Sarah Smith Spirit Night Atlanta United 7:30PM Game
October 14th - 18th, 2024	No School Fall Break
Tuesday October 22, 2024	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
Saturday October 26, 2024	Sarah Smith Fall Festival 10:00 - 2:00PM PC
Thursday October 31, 2024	Trunk or Treat (Classes will go during recess)

November 2024

Tuesday November 5, 2024	No School Election Day / Teacher Professional Learning Day
Monday November 25 - 29	No School Thanksgiving Break



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December 2024

Tuesday December 3, 2024	Staff Appreciation Party
Thursday December 19, 2024	Holiday Party (Pre-K / K, Times TBD)
Friday December 20, 2024	Holiday Party (All Other Grades, Times TBD)
Monday December 23, 2024	No School Holiday Break Begins

January 2025

Tuesday January 7, 2025	First Day Back - Begin Semester 2
Wednesday January 15, 2025	Perspective Parent Open House 9:30AM
Monday January 20, 2025	No School MLK Holiday
Friday January 24, 2025	Sneaker Shimmy (Boys Dance)
Friday January 31st - Feb 10th	Read-A-Thon
Friday January 31, 2025	Pajama Day

February 2025

Friday February 7, 2025	Tall and Small Ball (Girls Dance)
Friday February 17th - 21st	No School Winter Break
Tuesday February 25, 2025	General PTO Meeting 7:00PM Zoom

March 2025

Friday March 14th - 21st	Spring Book Fair
Monday March 17, 2025	No School Teacher Professional Learning Day
Friday March 21, 2025	Bingo Night 5:30PM Dinner 6:30 - 8:00PM Bingo at IC
Friday March 28, 2025	Starstruck Party (Parents and Teachers Only, SSEF Fundraiser) 7:00 - 11:00PM The Carlyle

April 2025

Friday April 4, 2025	Assistant Principal Appreciation Day
Monday April 7th - 11th	No School Spring Break
Friday April 18, 2025	Walk to School Day
Friday April 25, 2025	Kindergarten Round Up
Friday April 25th - 26th	Smith On Stage Fri Night & Sat Afternoon Performances
Monday April 28th - May 2nd	Staff Appreciation Week

May 2025

Thursday May 1, 2025	Principal Appreciation Day
Wednesday May 7, 2025	School Nurse Appreciation Day
Monday May 5th - 21st	Milestone Testing (3rd - 5th Grade Only)

More May Events Coming Soon...

Support Sarah Smith with Local Retail Partners

Save Money, Support Local Business AND Sarah Smith Buy a Dine and Shop Card (\$20 Each)



Shop with our partners to help raise funds

Please share with your family and friends, everyone can participate

Support SRS with Publix:

1. At Check-Out: Enter your phone number to donate a portion of your grocery bill to SRS.
2. Re-Enroll Annually: Remember to re-enroll at the start of each school year.

Existing Account:

1. Go to publix.com/partners and log in to your Club Publix account.
2. Click "My Publix Partner" in the top ribbon (scroll right) and select "Sarah Smith Elementary School PTA".

New Account:

1. Go to publix.com/partners.
2. Click "Join Club Publix" and follow the prompts to set up your account and link it to our school.



Kroger donates a portion of your grocery bill to SRS when you shop using your Kroger Plus card.

To sign up:

- Go to krogercommunityrewards.com.
- If you have a digital account, scroll to "link your card to an organization" and link your card to Sarah Smith Foundation (Organization number: (AK754)).
- If you don't yet have a digital account, click on "create a digital account" and follow prompts to sign up; make sure to link your account to Sarah Smith under "Community Rewards"

mabel's labels

Mabels Labels donates 20% of proceeds to the school on any orders. Use it to label clothes, water bottles, lunch boxes and more. To help our school: Click on support a fundraiser; in the top banner of mabelslabels.com, select Sarah Smith Education Foundation & place order.

minted.

Sarah Smith families get a 20% discount on all orders* at Minted and 15% of proceeds are donated to the school. Use Minted for your personalized stationery, holiday cards, gifts etc. (* only fine arts and wedding are excluded). To get the discount and help our school: Go to minted.com, and add in couponcode FUNDRAISESSEF when checking out.



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BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

ON THE PTO HUB:

- ☐ Register and update your contact info, student info, and directory
- ☐ Pay \$5 to receive immediate access to the Online Directory
- ☐ Volunteer for PTO Committees and Events
- ☐ Donate to the PTO to help sponsor our events
- ☐ For each student, donate towards the Staff Appreciation Fund
- ☐ For each student, order a Field Trip T-Shirt or other SRS Spirit Wear
- ☐ Buy a SSEF Dine & Shop Card
- ☐ Download the Membership Toolkit App (The HUB)

ON THE SARAH SMITH ELEMENTARY WEBSITE:

- ☐ Pledge or donate to the Sarah Smith Education Foundation (SSEF) Annual Campaign
- ☐ Get your Grade-Level School Supply List
- ☐ Sign up for the Sarah Smith Weekly Star Newsletter
- ☐ Follow the School Calendar for important school and PTO events
- ☐ Get CONNECTED with phone apps used by your teacher, the school, and APS

IN YOUR CLASSROOM:

- ☐ Read the APS handbook and sign all applicable agreements
- ☐ Sign up for Classroom Volunteer Positions through Sign-Up Genius
(will be sent out by classroom room parent)
- ☐ Get your Teacher Specific Wish Lists

ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

- ☐ Follow Sarah Smith on Facebook: Sarah Smith Elementary School
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