



Springdale Park Elementary PTO 2018-2019 Annual Report

Our Purpose:

Provide the financial and volunteer resources to assist the school leadership, provide academic enrichment and build our community and school spirit. The PTO promotes open communication among administration, teachers, and parents, and works with the APS district to advocate on the behalf of its members to build the strongest elementary school possible.

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Thank you, thank you, thank you to our wonderful and caring administrators, staff and community for making the 2018-2019 school year such a success. As we start the new school year we would like to take a moment to reflect on the 2018-2019 year as a PTO. We were overwhelmed throughout the year with the support you, our SPARK community, showed both in financial support, as well as with volunteering your personal time. Your support helped raise over \$270,000! The PTO invested this money in meaningful resources and programs to help the whole child and support more than 740 SPARK students last year.



Second Annual International Night



First Ever School-wide Movie Night



Our Expending Rooftop Garden



First Ever Color Run



Supporting wellbeing with our new Sport Court



STEM Night and STEM Week Activities

We set these goals for 2018-19, and we achieved them together. Thank you for another successful year at SPARK!

REAL STUDENT IMPACT



GOALS: Provide resources to the faculty so they can meet the needs of our children. This includes software, books, technology, and both grade level and individual teacher grants.

Together we provided licenses for curriculum support programs such as iXL, Reflex and Lexia. We were able to purchase several new carts (30 devices per cart) of Chromebooks and iPads to offer in classroom learning tools to more children. Our renovated media center and new Sport Court are being enjoyed by students every day.



FUNDRAISING

GOALS: Increase the percent of SPARK families contributing to PTO, at any level, and raise \$200,000 for our budget from all sources.

With 67% of families being SPARK Supporters and through other fundraising activities in the year, together we raised over \$270,000! We also hosted our first ever Color Run which was a huge success in supporting the installation of our Sport Court.



VOLUNTEERISM

GOALS: Increase volunteerism by providing more opportunities to volunteer and engage more first time volunteers.

Volunteers gave countless hours to support our teachers every single day. They organized special events like Movie Night, International Night, and STEAM Night. Committees also led the book fair, Teacher Appreciation Week and monthly teacher breakfasts. SPARK has the BEST volunteers!



COMMUNICATION

GOALS: Increase communication via multiple formats including PTO website, social media, SPARK-e, Room Parents, and General PTO Meetings.

We continued to prioritize ensuring our community stakeholders are well informed through our weekly SPARKe, school website, twitter and Facebook posts. We have shared information with literally thousands of you.



SCHOOL SPIRIT

GOALS: Increase the SPARK presence in our community through events and outreach efforts.

SPARK participated in our second Druid Hills Tour of Homes and was the gem of the tour with our historic Rutland Building! Our kindergarteners continued the tradition of reading to our friends at XXX. We also hosted XX Dine Out Nights with our amazing community partners!



Financial Overview

Statement of Operations year ended 05/31/19 (Unaudited)

	2018-19 Acutals	2018-19 Budget	\$ vs Budget	2017-18 Acutals	\$ Year- over-year
Revenue					
SPARK Supporters	\$119,068	\$110,000	\$9,068	\$98,789	\$20,278
SPARK Partners (Business)	\$39,546	\$39,200	\$346	\$18,033	\$21,513
SPARK After Dark	\$57,470	\$45,000	\$12,470	\$47,766	\$9,704
Incentive Programs	\$1,306	\$1,700	-\$394	\$1,828	-\$522
Book Fair	\$1,999	\$2,000	-\$1	\$2,389	-\$390
Color Run	\$48,284	\$40,000	\$8,284	\$0	\$48,284
All Other (Fine Arts Night, etc)	\$3,081	\$2,720	\$361	\$2,993	\$88
Revenue, net of direct expenses	\$270,753	\$240,620	\$30,133	\$171,798	\$98,955
Expenses					
Academic and School Infrastructure	\$182,126	\$201,431	-\$19,305	\$95,256	\$86,870
SPARK Staff Initiatives	\$73,724	\$87,688	-\$13,964	\$52,654	\$21,070
School Spirit	\$11,286	\$16,510	-\$5,224	\$9,175	\$2,110
Community	\$2,485	\$2,567	-\$82	\$3,617	-\$1,132
Communication	\$6,514	\$8,255	-\$1,741	\$1,583	\$4,931
Other	\$6,428	\$6,395	\$33	-\$7,717	\$14,145
Expenses, including Reserves Investments	\$282,562	\$322,846	-\$40,283	\$154,569	\$127,993
Net Income	-\$11,810	-\$82,226	\$70,416	\$17,229	-\$29,039



Revenues in 2018-19 were the highest of any year for which we have records and up \$98,955 over 2017-18. Almost across the board, revenues were above budget. The biggest impact on revenue year-over-year was the introduction of the Color Run. The SPARK Supporters campaign and SPARK After Dark auction also exceeded budget by a combined \$21,556. Incentive programs and the book fair both brought in less than the previous year and were under-budget, although the impact on overall revenue was marginal.

EXPENSES

Almost across the board, expenses were below budget. Technology expenses were \$24,000 less than budget because we did not purchase Recordex boards as expected. Playground expenses were almost \$9,000 under budget, due to delays that pushed the sports court completion date into the next fiscal year. Some of those savings were used to install blinds in the gymnasium. Small savings across the board allowed us to stay under budget in almost all categories. Curriculum and software included: IXL, Lexia, Saxon Phonics, Reflex, and Wordly Wise.



EXPENSE DETAILS

Academic and School Infrastructure	\$182,126
Weather Station	\$250
Rooftop Garden Umbrellas	\$1,695
Gymnasium Blinds	\$18,853
Playground	\$21,174
iPad and Chromebook Carts	\$108,216
Media Center Refresh	\$5,906
Curriculum & Software	\$26,031
SPARK Staff Initiatives	\$73,724
Teacher Support and Grants	\$54,792
Teacher Training	\$9,754
Teacher Appreciation	\$9,178
School Spirit	\$11,286
STEAM Week	\$2,424
Other Events	\$2,875
Wellness & Sun Safety	\$836
Garden	\$1,386
Supplies and Design	\$3,764
Community	\$2,485
Sneak Peek / B2S Night	\$2,485
Communication	\$6,514
Website, SPARK-e, Yearbook	\$4,251
Supplies	\$2,263



Refreshed entrance to Media Center



SPARK Reserves

As at 05/31/19 (Unaudited)

SPARK Reserves	Beginning Balance	Changes	Ending Balance
School Year Start-Up Reserves	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
Technology Reserves	\$122,157	-\$108,216	\$13,941
iPad Carts		-\$51,448	
Chromebook Carts		-\$56,769	
Playground Reserves	\$19,170	-\$19,170	\$0
Sports Court		-\$19,170	
Unrestricted Reserves	\$100,839	\$115,577	\$216,415
Net income (including Reserves Investents)	-\$11,810	
Reserves Investments - Technology		\$108,216	
Reserves Investments - Playground		\$19,170	
Total SPARK Reserves	\$282,166	-\$11,810	\$270,356

SPARK RESERVES

The SPARK Reserves are the PTO's long term funding source for funding technology, playground, and other infrastructure needs. It also includes \$40,000 for expenses at the start of a school year in the event the PTO raises insufficient funds to cover normal operations and purchases at the beginning of the school year. This year, the PTO solicited proposals for investing some of the Reserves in line with the investment policy implemented in 2018. Some of the Reserves will be managed by a professional portfolio manager and held in low risk passive funds containing investment grade bonds going forward. The investment strategy will be buy-and-hold with periodic rebalancing as needed.

The Reserves balance at the end of 2018-19 was \$270,356. We invested \$108,216 in iPad and Chromebook carts from the technology reserves, and \$21,174 in the new sports court and playground improvements, which reduced the playground reserves to zero.

Net income is usually added to the Reserves at the end of the year. Due to the greater than usual Reserves investments, the PTO reported an overall net loss for the year that reduced the Reserves by \$11,810. This reduction in the Reserves was less than the budgeted reduction of \$82,226.





457 Supporters Over \$119,000 net raised

SPARK Supporters

We are proud that our largest source of funding is directly from our community of dedicated families, teachers, staff and friends. Thank you for your generous donations!

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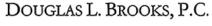












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We are excited to celebrate another school year at SPARK and to continue our mission of enriching students' educational experience, providing volunteer opportunities, and promoting community involvement.

FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising goal is \$250,000 this year. Funds raised will supplement planned curriculum, increase technology, buy a brand new STEM lab, start composting in the cafeteria, enhance the leveled reading classrooms, improve the rooftop garden, add shades in the 3rd grade hall and more!

VOLUNTEERISM

Our volunteer goal is to increase volunteer participation by 15%, especially encouraging new families to participate in the range of activities that the PTO and SPARK host throughout the year.

COMMUNICATION

Our communication goal is to keep our community informed about school happenings, upcoming events, community service opportunities, and school volunteer opportunities all while building a diverse and engaged community.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Our school spirit goal is to build awareness in all SPARK neighborhoods. We are a strong, diverse, and engaged school and in the 2019-2020 school year, we need to communicate that back out to our community through participation in neighborhood events and recognition for the decade of the accomplishments of SPARK students, administration, and staff.

