

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25th

# SPARK FAMILY NEWSLETTER



## Calendar

**September 25-29** - District Assessment: BASC 3-BESS Fall Window K-5

**September 30-** Last day to submit a parent referral for gifted eligibility testing

**October 2-** National Custodian Appreciation Day

**October 4** - National Walk to School Day

**October 5-** Fun Run registration opens

**October 9-13-** Fall Break, no school

**October 19-** Fun Run kickoff

**October 27-** Fun Run

**October 31-** Book Character Day and Fall Treat



## Events

★ **Gifted Eligibility Testing-Parent Referrals:** The window to request a parent referral for Gifted Eligibility Testing this school year is open from **September 1 through September 30.**

[CLICK HERE](#) for Parent Referral Informational Video and FAQs

[CLICK HERE](#) for Online Request for Parent Referral Form

[CLICK HERE](#) for SPARK GATE Testing Informational Session slides and meeting recording

📷 **Fall Picture Day:** QR codes to view proofs and order pictures were sent home in Thursday folders on September 21st. If your student was absent for picture day, make-ups will be September 29th. If your picture day QR code is misplaced, you can find the proofs using [THIS](#) link.

📱 **PikMyKid Transportation Options:** If you do not see "Bus" or "SPAS" as a transportation option in the PikMyKid app and need these options added, please send an email to [macey.howard@apks12.org](mailto:macey.howard@apks12.org) along with your bus route.

🗨️ **One Fair for 3rd-5th:** Please review [THESE](#) slides if you are interested in One Fair!

There will be an Q and A on Zoom at [THIS LINK](#) on September 28th at 5:00pm

**Meeting ID:** 404 583 7667 **Passcode:** spark



## Announcements:

💛 **Join SPARK's Parent Teacher Organization:** We strive to have 100% of families join the PTO, which helps support the enrichment, community, and fundraising of our school. Click [THIS LINK](#) to join the PTO for the 23-24 school year!

🚩 **SPARK STEAM Newsletter:** Our commitment to STEAM education SPARKles! Read our STEAM newsletter to learn more about how each grade level is using STEAM in their classrooms [HERE!](#)

📺 **SPARK Media Newsletter:** [CLICK HERE](#) to view the September newsletter.

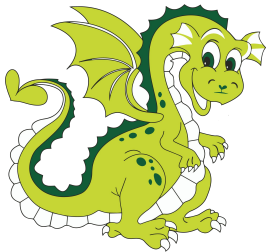
📖 **Volunteer in the SPARK Media Center:** The SPARK Media Center needs volunteers to help reshelve books! Volunteer times are flexible after volunteer training. Sign-up for a Media Center volunteer training [HERE](#).

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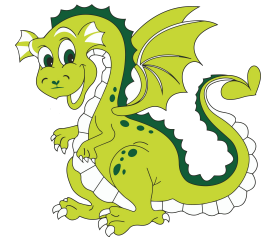


## SPRINGDALE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### "G" is for Gratitude



Here is what some of the SPARK teachers and staff are saying  
♥ they are grateful for in the SPARK community ♥

"I am grateful for the POSITIVITY at SPARK. The uplifting, positive spirits make me smile every day. Whether it's a cheery "good morning" from a student, a helping hand from a colleague, or a check-in from the administration staff, the positive energy this year is invigorating!" -Mrs. Canavan, 5th grade

"I'm grateful for the privilege of working alongside such kind-hearted coworkers whose warmth and support make every day a joy." -Mrs. Cady, Media Specialist

"The teachers and families at SPARK are truly dedicated to supporting the whole child! I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with them each and every day." -Mrs. Prueff, Assistant Principal

"I am grateful for health, my family and SPARK family." -Mrs. Mickens, 4th grade

"Grateful to be apart of this **SPARKle** school community, teaching, learning, and thriving every day!" -Ms. Bradford, 1st grade

"I am grateful for such a supportive SPARK community full of educators and families who are here to accomplish the same goal...push our students to achieve greatness." -Mrs. Walldorff, 2nd grade

"I am grateful for the SPARK community who embraces STEAM." -Mrs. Siembieda, STEAM Program Specialist

"I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received at SPARK, from the administration, fellow teachers, students, and parents alike! I am grateful for the support from PTO for investing in a new Spanish curriculum for us that the students are LOVING!" -Mr. Barrantes, Spanish teacher

"I am grateful for a SPARK community that welcomes new teachers and students with open arms!" -Ms. McDaniel, 2nd grade

"I am grateful for MY STUDENTS, hard working coworkers, an amazing PTO, and supportive families!" -Ms. Munro, 3rd grade

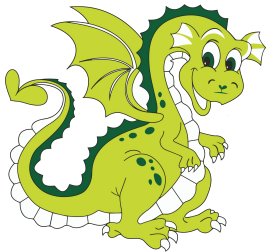
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"I am grateful for Dr. Toney for giving me the opportunity to join the SPARK family and community. This has been the best teaching experience that I have had in my 25 years of teaching." -Ms. Jackson, 3rd grade

"I am grateful to be a part of a community that is AMAZING, PASSIONATE, and ASPIRING!" - Ms. Bellard, MTSS/504 Specialist

"GRATITUDE is good for the soul! I am so grateful for the LOVE I receive every morning at carpool!" -Nurse Carr

"I am grateful for a supportive work environment." -Ms. Bryant, STEM Instructional Coach

"I am grateful for my SPARK Kinders and their families. Everyone is so excited to learn, support, and make everyday special." -Mrs. Holmes, Kindergarten teacher

"I am grateful that I get to come to SPARK every morning and be surrounded by such a lovely community: from the students, to the staff, and everyone in-between." -Mrs. Conklin, Kindergarten teacher

"I am grateful for the opportunity to teach our wonderful students that are kind, caring, polite, sweet, fun, loving, and full of energy to be curious and responsible citizens of the world!  
I am also very grateful for to be part of a supportive and friendly community who truly care about each other and their well-being, including SPARK administration, faculty and staff, PTO, families, initiatives, etc. It's sincerely appreciated. It makes a massive difference and creates a positive learning/teaching environment for all, which enables us to be the best we can be! THANK YOU, SPARK!" -Ms. McLaughlin, ESOL teacher

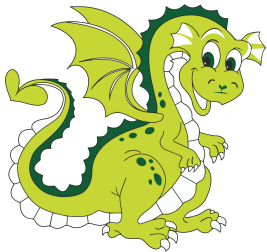
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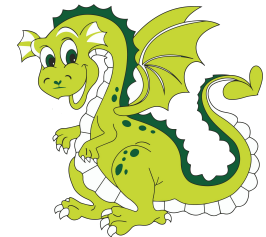


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"As the principal of Springdale Park, I am incredibly grateful for our vibrant communities unwavering support, dedication to education, and boundless enthusiasm for learning, all of which make SPARK SPARKle with a unique brilliance that sets us apart" -Dr. Toney, Principal

"I am grateful that I work with the great SPARK community that supports all students and teachers!" -Ms. Warfield, IRR

"I am grateful to be apart of such a warm community. I love our smiles, positive attitudes and our willingness to be what our students need daily. I love the community we have and are strengthening. Thank you for always making my family and I feel like we belong." -Ms. Afzal, 1st grade

"I am *beyond* grateful to be a part of this AMAZING school & community. I am surrounded by people who make me a better person and a better teacher every single day. A day doesn't pass where we don't learn, laugh, and love. Thank you for believing in me and bringing me on board. This MOOK is grateful to #BESPARK!" -Ms. Mookas, 4th grade

"I am grateful to be a part of such a wonderful school community. It's a privilege to work with dedicated colleagues, motivated students, and supportive parents who all come together to create a positive and nurturing educational environment. The collaborative spirit and shared commitment to learning and growth within this school community make it a truly special place, and I am thankful for the chance to be a part of it." -Coach Harrison, PE

"I am grateful to be able to teach in this community that is genuinely a village supporting our kids. We care about each other, we support and cheer for each other, and we focus on love and connection to each other and through our content of learning. Our students are amazing, our teachers are inspiring, our leaders are caring and innovative, our families are generous and helpful, our business partners and ATL community are supportive. All of this contributes to our SPARKle." -Ms. Turgeon, Music Teacher

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