



Springdale Park Elementary
803 Briarcliff Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30306

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Dear SPARK Families,

Summer is winding down, and with a few more weeks left to soak up sunshine and make memories, we're already buzzing with excitement for the year ahead. We can't wait to welcome you back for another year of discovery and growth!

First Day of School

The first day of school is Monday, August 4th, 2025. We are thrilled to begin the year together and can't wait to see our Dragons back in the classroom or joining us for the first time!

This Year's Theme

This year's theme "High Expectations, Heartfelt Connections" reflects our dual commitment to academic excellence and the close-knit supportive community that makes SPARK so special. We hold ourselves to the highest academic standards while centering students' social and emotional well-being.

Innovative STEAM Learning

We're proud to continue our hands-on STEAM-based approach to learning. From coding in Pre-K to 3D printing in 5th grade, every student engages in thoughtfully integrated lessons across science, technology, engineering, art, and math which build deep connections to real-world challenges and opportunities.

Service Learning and Sustainability

In alignment with our mission to serve both students and the broader community, we're continuing our school-wide effort to combat food insecurity through the Helping Hands Ending Hunger pantry and our on-site sustainable agriculture work. This kind of service-learning builds empathy and connects classroom learning to meaningful action.

Commitment to the Arts

Our commitment to visual and performing arts remains strong. All students participate in both dedicated and integrated arts instruction, including robust music education. Beginning in 4th grade, students may choose band or orchestra as an elective and develop a lifelong love of music.

Get Involved: Join Our PTO

As we prepare for the new school year, we invite you to be an active part of the SPARK community. Our PTO is the heart of parent engagement, and we encourage you to join today. Whether you help plan an event like International Night or read to your child's class, every act of involvement strengthens our school. There will be a table to sign up at Open House.



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We'll share more at Open House on Friday, August 1st from 9:00–11:00 AM including how to complete your Level 3 Volunteer Clearance so you're ready to jump in right away.

Arrival, Attendance, and Breakfast

- Building opens at 7:15 AM each day
- Students should arrive by 7:30 AM to be ready for learning by 7:45 AM
- Breakfast is served until 7:40 AM
- Students arriving at 7:45 AM or later are considered tardy

If your child is sick, please keep them home and notify both their teacher and Mrs. Odette Taylor to ensure attendance is recorded properly.

Consistent on-time attendance supports both student success and SPARK's state CCRPI rating, which reflects the excellence we uphold.

Dismissal Procedures

Dismissal begins at 2:15 PM daily

- At Open House, you'll share your child's daily dismissal plan for the year
- Keep your child's dismissal consistent as much as possible
- If you need to make a change, email the teacher(s) and Mrs. Taylor by 12:00 PM that day

After-School Options

SPAS, our on-site after-school program, is available daily until 6:00 PM. Additionally, several enrichment programs pick up directly from SPARK

- Horizons Kids
- Contact Point L5P
- Community School of Music
- Jewish Kids Group

If your child attends any of these, notify their teacher of the specific days.

Student Devices

All students must keep phones off and away during the school day. This year SMART watches are also included in that policy.



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Because of this, families cannot contact students directly during the day. Please communicate any transportation changes early with both the teacher and Mrs. Taylor.

Celebrate Our Community

Help us celebrate the beautiful diversity and unity of our community by bringing in a family photo during the first week of school. We'll proudly display these in our hallways to show that every Dragon is supported by a loving village and that includes YOU.

Let's Soar Higher Together

Let's make this year one of high expectations, deep connections, and lasting memories. We are honored to walk beside you in your child's journey and look forward to making SPARK a home for your family's growth for years to come.

Upcoming Dates

- New Parent/Caregiver Orientation is August 1st at 8:30 AM.
- Open House is on Friday, August 1st from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.
 - Meet the teachers
 - Drop off Edukits & supplies (List of Supplies-<https://www.edukitinc.com/find-your-school>)
 - Transportation information
 - Infinite Campus Parent Portal Information
 - Purchase SPARK Spirit Wear
 - Sign up for SPAS After School Daycare
 - Drop off a can of food or non-perishable item to donate to Intown Cares, our Community Partner

With appreciation,
Dr. Jennifer Toney
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