

Week of February 10th

# SPARK FAMILY NEWSLETTER



**February 10-14:** Random Acts of Kindness Week

**February 13:** Sneaker Ball  
5-6:30pm - SPARK  
Gymnasium

**February 14:** Valentine's  
Day

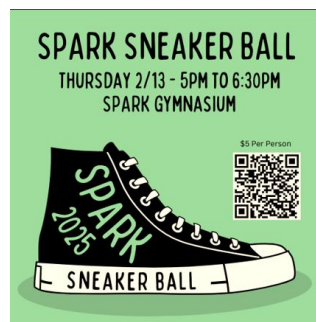
**February 17:** Pre-K Lottery  
Opens

**February 17-21:** Winter  
Break - No School

**February 27:** Principal's  
Coffee Talk



## Events



### **SPARK Sneaker Ball!**

Please join us for our first Sneaker Ball hosted in the SPARK gymnasium on Thursday, February 13 at 5pm! Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased using the link below. We hope to see you there!

[Sneaker Ball Tickets](#)

### [Online Kindergarten Registration:](#)


March 10 - 12 - Please complete registration online during this window.

 **SPARK Kindergarten Round-Up Event:**  
March 17 at 8:30 AM. [RSVP here!](#)



## Announcements:

 **5th Grade, Valentine's Day Fundraiser:** February 13th & 14th. Buy a carnation! 2 for \$5 or 1 for \$3

 **Pre-K Lottery Application Window:** The Pre-K lottery application for the 2025-2026 school year will tentatively be available from **February 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. through March 10, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.** The lottery drawing will take place on **March 24, 2025.** [PreK Lottery Information](#)

 **Atlanta Gladiators Game:** Join us for a thrilling afternoon of ice hockey action on Sunday, Mar 2, 2025 3:00 PM at Gas South Arena for the Atlanta Gladiators - Hockey Heritage Game! The Music@SPARK Choruses will sing "O, Canada" Gladiators ticket link:  
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Springdalepark2/offer>

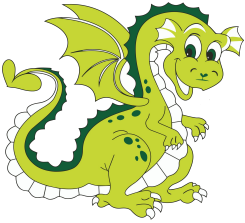
 [Parent Placement Input Form for 2025-2026 School Year](#) - Please complete by Friday, March 28th

# Principal's Corner



## SPRINGDALE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SPARK Family,

We are excited to announce that Springdale Park Elementary School (SPARK) has officially entered the **Launching Phase** of the STEM/STEAM Certification process. As a school committed to innovation and interdisciplinary instruction, we recognize the value of integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) into our curriculum to provide students with real-world learning experiences.

SPARK has taken significant steps in aligning our instructional practices with the Georgia Department of Education's STEM/STEAM framework. Our teachers and staff are actively engaging in the **Ask and Imagine** phases of the certification process, exploring ways to deepen project- and problem-based learning opportunities for our students. We have established strong community partnerships and are working collaboratively to design meaningful, standards-based learning experiences that address real-world challenges.

As we embark on this journey, we are committed to:

- Strengthening interdisciplinary instruction through authentic, hands-on learning experiences.
- Expanding partnerships with local organizations and experts to enhance student engagement.
- Developing a sustainable framework that supports STEAM pedagogy across all grade levels.
- Gathering evidence of student learning and engagement to inform our progress.

We look forward to working closely with the Georgia Department of Education throughout this process and appreciate your guidance as we progress toward certification. Our goal is to build a strong foundation that not only benefits our students but also positions SPARK as a model for STEAM education in our community.

To see other schools that have achieved STEM/STEAM certification, please visit <https://url.gadoe.org/ye3t1>.

Thank you for your continued support. We are eager to take the next steps on this exciting journey!

With Love,

***Dr. Jennifer Toney***