

WEEK OF JULY 23RD

# SPARK FAMILY NEWSLETTER



## CALENDAR

July 25th - SPARK Staff returns!

July 31st - 8:30am - New Parent  
Welcome - SPARK Cafeteria

July 31st - 9am to 11am - SPARK  
Open House

August 1st - First day of school! Be  
sure to arrive before 7:45am.  
Dismissal begins at 2:45pm

August 24th - SPARK Curriculum  
Night - 5:30pm to 7pm - Join us to  
learn more about the instructional  
day at SPARK!

August 28th - Fall MAP Testing  
begins



## TO-DO

SPARK will be transitioning to the **PikMyKid** app for  
dismissal and transportation changes. We are  
excited about implementing this new procedure.  
Please help us get ready by filling out the PikMyKid  
information form found here:

[SPARK PikMyKid Dismissal Information](#)

Want to support SPARK before the school year even  
begins? We are looking for some parent volunteers  
to help get the building ready for the return of  
families July 31st. Sign up to volunteer here:

[SPARK Summer Volunteer Days!](#)



## PTO News

Interested in joining PTO?

[Find more information here.](#)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following SPARK on social media is a great way to stay connected and get a window into  
what is happening at SPARK!

FaceBook: [SPARK Parent Group \(2023+\)](#)

Twitter: [@APS\\_SPARK](#)

Instagram: [springdaleparkat!](#)

Don't want to lug your child's EduKit around at Open House? Drop them off at the school  
**July 24th through the 28th from 1pm to 3pm.** Make sure your box is labeled with your **child's  
name and grade level.**

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



## SPRINGDALE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dr. Jennifer Toney, Principal • Mrs. Sara Prueff, Assistant Principal  
803 Briarcliff Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30306 (404) 802-6051



Dear Springdale Park Families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at SPARK! We hope you are having an enjoyable summer break filled with wonderful memories. As we gear up for the 2023-2024 academic year, we are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to our new kinderbabies, families from Inman Park, and all new families. We are excited to have you join our vibrant school community! At Springdale Park, we believe in fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child can thrive.

### DAY ONE

August 1, 2023

### WORLD CLASS FACULTY AND STAFF

Our dedicated faculty and staff have been eagerly preparing for the new school year. We are fortunate to have such a talented and caring team of educators. This year we will continue to, "Plant the seeds of knowledge, and watch our garden grow." There's a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new teachers/staff to meet, new friendships to nurture, new books to read, and new skills to learn and master.

### OPEN HOUSE-Monday, July 31, 2023

- ✓ New families-please join me in the cafeteria at 8:30am so that I can take you through all things SPARK!
- ✓ Returning Dragons, please plan to attend Open House from 9am-11am to meet your child's teacher, receive information about transportation, see friends, purchase SPARK swag, and receive other pertinent information.

### APS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

All APS Elementary Schools operate on a 7:45am-2:45 pm bell schedule.

- ✓ 7:15am-Student arrival begins.
- ✓ 7:45am-Daily instruction begins. Please make sure that students are in their classrooms by 7:45am.
- ✓ 2:45pm-Dismissal begins.

### STAYING CONNECTED

To stay connected and up to date with all the happenings at Springdale Park, we invite you to visit our website <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/springdale>.

Our website is a valuable resource where you can find important announcements, school news, and helpful information for both new and returning families. Please take the time to explore the various sections and familiarize yourself with the resources available.

### SPARK PTO

We would also like to encourage all families to join our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). The PTO plays a vital role in supporting our school community, organizing events, and providing opportunities for families to engage with one another. It's a fantastic way to get involved, make new friends, and actively contribute to the success of our students. We value the partnership between our families and the school, and your participation in the PTO is greatly appreciated.

### SPARK CARES

As we embark on this new school year together, we are filled with enthusiasm and optimism. We have exciting plans and initiatives in store to enhance the educational experience of our students and create a supportive and enriching environment. Thank you to everyone who has helped maintain our garden this summer. We continued our initiative to fight food inequity by donating over 50 pounds of fresh SPARK produce to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. We cannot wait to witness the continued growth, achievements, and endless possibilities that lie ahead.

It is truly an honor to serve as the principal of such an exceptional school, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work with every one of you. We look forward to seeing our Springdale Park families. Here's to a remarkable year of learning, discovery, and shared experiences!

Warm regards,

*Dr. Jennifer Toney*

Principal

P.S. Parents, please give your Dragon(s) a big hug from me! 😊