

WEEK OF AUGUST 14TH

SPARK FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Calendar

August 24th - SPARK Back to School Night

- 5:30pm to 7pm
- Join us to learn more about the instructional day at SPARK!
- You only need to attend one session per child.

August 28th - Fall MAP Testing begins

September 4 - Labor Day, no school

September 7 - Progress Reports go home

September 15 - Fall picture day



Events

SPARK Parent Back to School Night: Join us for Parent Back to School Night on August 24th to learn more about your child's instructional day at SPARK!

4:45pm: GATE Presentation for **current** GATE students in the cafeteria.

5:30pm: Admin. presentation in the gym

6pm: Session 1 in your child's classroom

6:30pm: Session 2 in your child's classroom

Grandparents & Grandfriends Day: Bring someone who is GRAND to you and join us for some GRAND fun! Bring your lunch to join your student on September 8th their lunch time. Fill out [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

SPARK Night at Atlanta United: Come out and celebrate SPARK Night as Atlanta United takes on CF Montreal on September 23rd at 7:30pm. If attending, you will have the chance to participate in the High Five Tunnel Experience starting at 5:15pm! Tickets are \$40/each. A portion of your ticket is donated back to PTO! SPARK will be seated together in the 200 level of the stadium. Email mauryzwolfe@gmail.com **AND** Venmo @springdaleparkPTO to secure your tickets.

Remembering Jenny Lockwood: Join us on Thursday, August 31st from 6:00 - 8:00 pm to celebrate the life of a beloved SPARK teacher, Jenny Lockwood. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



Reminders

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!

PikMyKid:

PikMyKid will be slowly rolled out during the month of August. At this point, you do not need to enter more data. We will be utilizing our previous dismissal procedure during the first month of school while we fine tune PikMyKid to be ready to use after Labor Day.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



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Dear SPARK Families,

I hope this message finds you well and that your Dragons are settling into the rhythm of the new school year. I am so proud to see our Dragons learning and growing every day. We're already into our third week of learning, and I want to take a moment to reinforce the importance of ATTENDANCE in your Dragon's educational journey.

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"A" is for

ATTENDANCE



This theme has been at the forefront of our discussions since the beginning of the school year, and I want to applaud all of you for your efforts in ensuring that your Dragons are here and ready to learn. Consistent attendance remains a crucial factor in their academic success.

I can't stress enough the value of being present in the classroom. The connections they make with teachers and peers, the in-depth discussions, and the interactive learning experiences all contribute to a rich educational environment that cannot be replicated elsewhere. While we understand that absences due to illness or emergencies are unavoidable, striving for regular attendance is a commitment that pays off in the long run.

By making attendance a priority, you're not only supporting your child's current learning journey but also nurturing a fundamental life skill. The habit of punctuality and showing up consistently is something that will serve them well as they grow, both academically and professionally.

As we move into this third week of school, let's reinforce our collective goal of excellent attendance. Encourage your Dragons to be excited about each school day, to look forward to learning, and to take pride in being present. A wise saying goes, "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." Let's continue to build success through consistent attendance.

Thank you for your continued dedication and partnership. Together, we're shaping a bright future for our Dragons.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Toney