

WEEK OF AUGUST 28TH

SPARK FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



Calendar

MAP TESTING

Grade 5

-August 29: MAP Science

Grades K-3

-August 28 - September 1: MAP Reading Fluency

August 31 - Jenny Lockwood's Celebration of Life 6:00 - 8:00

September 4 - Labor Day, no school

September 8 - Grandparents & Grandfriends luncheon

September 7 - Progress Reports go home

September 11 - SPAS Clubs begin

September 14 & 15- Pastries with Parents

September 15 - Fall picture day



Events

Pik My Kid: Starting **9/5/2023** all dismissal changes will be on the Pik My Kid app. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

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. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

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.

SPARK Socials: Get a peek at your child's school day by following Dr. Toney on Twitter (X) @drjtoney and our school page @APS_SPARK! You can also find us on Instagram @springdaleparkatl and join our Facebook group SPARK Parent Group (2023+).

Parent Coffee Talk with Dr. Toney and Mrs. Prueff: Join us in the SPARK cafeteria to chat with Dr. Toney and Mrs. Prueff over coffee on September 7th 8am.

Pastries with Parents: Join your child in their classroom for pastries with parents! This is a great opportunity to say hello to your child's teacher and see all the hard work they've been doing in their classroom since the start of school!

- **September 14:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade
- **September 15:** Kindergarten, 4th and 5th grade



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!

Lunch: We are excited to welcome families to join their child for lunch in the cafeteria this year! Students will sit with their guest at our guest tables at the back of the cafeteria. Please bring your own lunch and be mindful of your students lunch time so they are able to resume learning when lunch is over.

Admin. Back to School Night Presentation: Find Dr. Toney and Mrs. Prueff's Back to School Night presentation [HERE](#).

Walking School Bus: [CLICK HERE](#) to learn routes, timetables, and more. [CLICK HERE](#) to receive weekly emails about Walking School Bus.

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“C” is for COVID



We appreciate your ongoing support and understanding as we navigate the challenges posed by the ever-changing circumstances related to COVID-19 rates in our school community. At SPARK, our top priority remains the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and the entire SPARK community.

Last week we had 20+ cases of COVID-19 and/or confirmed respiratory illness at SPARK (students and staff members). We understand that making Back to School night a virtual event was disappointing, especially given the anticipation for a return to more familiar routines. Please know that this decision was not taken lightly. In working with district health officials, the decision was made to pivot this event to the virtual space in an attempt to reduce the spread of viral infections currently impacting our campus. We remain hopeful that by taking this proactive step now, we can lessen the the impact to future community engagement events and student learning. We are so appreciative for the outpouring of support as we navigate these challenges in real time.

We are proud of the spaces and culture that we are cultivating at SPARK. We hope you had a chance to experience it during Open House. At this time, we have several events planned for the coming weeks such as Grandfriends Luncheon, Pastries with Parents, and STEAM Night. We hope you will consider joining us.

Thanks for your continued support and partnership!

With Love,
Dr. Jennifer Toney

