

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

SPARK FAMILY

# NEWSLETTER



## Calendar

**September 11** - SPAS Clubs Start

**September 14** - Midtown Cluster Night at Midtown Football game

**September 14 & 15** - Pastries with Parents

**September 15** - Fall picture day

**September 21** - SPARK STEAM Night


**September 23rd** - SPARK Night at Atlanta United


**September 25-29** - District Assessment: BASC 3-BESS Fall Window K-5

**October 4** - National Walk to School 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.

 **Pastries with Parents:** Join your child in their classroom for pastries with parents from 7:15am-8am! 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

 **Gifted Eligibility Testing-Parent Referrals:** The window to request a parent referral for Gifted Eligibility Testing this school year is open from September 1 through September 30.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Parent Referral Informational Video and FAQs  
[CLICK HERE](#) for Online Request for Parent Referral Form

 **GATE Testing Informational Session:**

The SPARK GATE Team will host a virtual informational session with families interested in gifted testing for their child this school year. It will be held Monday, September 11th from 4pm-5pm on Ms. White's Zoom. The Zoom session will be recorded and posted on the SPARK website for families who are unable to attend.


<https://atlantapublicschools-us.zoom.us/my/mswhitegifted>

**Meeting ID:** 864 843 1908

**Password:** spark



## Announcements:

 **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!

 **SPARK STEAM Newsletter:** Our commitment to STEAM education SPARKles! Read our STEAM newsletter to learn more about how each grade level is using STEAM in their classrooms [HERE!](#)

 **SPARK Media Newsletter:** [CLICK HERE](#) to view the September newsletter.

 **Kids' Nature Walk and Scavenger Hunt on Peavine Trail:** [CLICK HERE](#) to come join us for an awesome, fun-filled adventure out in nature with the Kids' Nature Walk and Scavenger Hunt on Peavine Trail!

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



## SPRINGDALE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### “E” is for Engagement

Parents and Guardians, we would love for you to volunteer at SPARK this year! Want to learn more about the various levels of volunteer clearance? Check out the information here: [APS Volunteer Policy](#)



**Level 1** - No contact with students

**Level 2** - Supervised contact with students

**Level 3** - Unsupervised contact with students



#### Step 1

Complete [2023-2024 SPARK Parent Volunteer Clearance Certificate Process Form](#)

#### Step 2

Complete the forms based upon the level of clearance you are requesting. You will need to bring hard copies of complete paperwork with you to the district office at **155 Garnett Street, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303**

[Level 1 Volunteer Forms](#)

[Level 2 Volunteer Forms](#)

[Level 3 Volunteer Forms](#)



#### Step 3

**Level 1 and Level 2** - Deliver the completed forms to the Office of Safety & Security – (located inside of the parking garage) at **155 Garnett Street, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303** \*\*There is no guarantee that Contractors/Volunteers/Employees will be able to park in the parking deck. However, there are several privately-owned parking lots surrounding the Center for Leadership & Learning (CLL). Parking and meter rates vary from \$2 -\$10 per hour.

**Level 2** applicants will need to also bring a current form of identification that contains a photo of the applicant (i.e. driver's license, state issued identification card, Permanent Resident Card, or US Passport)

Should you have any questions about completing Level 2 Volunteer Clearance or hours of service, please contact Cynthia Salaam at 404-802-2183

**Level 3** applicants will need to complete the following additional steps:

Background checks are completed by appointment only.

Secure an appoint for background check here: <https://calendly.com/apsbackgroundcheck/schedule>

Please note the following additional items for Level 3 clearance must accompany you to your appointment:

- A hard copy of the **completed consent forms (see above)**
- An **unexpired form of identification** that contains a photo (i.e. driver's license, state issued identification card, Permanent Resident Card, or a US Passport).
- Confirmation of a **\$45 payment** made prior to your appointment. Payments must be made using the link: [www.atlantapublicschools.us/backgroundpayment](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/backgroundpayment)

With Love,  
*Dr. Jennifer Toney*