

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13

SPARK FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Calendar

November 13 - 17 - SPARK Book Fair

November 14-16 - SPARK Thanksgiving Luncheons

November 16 - SPARK Literacy Night 4:30-6:30 PM

November 16 - SPARK @ VAHI Farmers Market

November 16th - Wear GREEN

November 20-24 - Thanksgiving Break

December 1 - SPARK One Fair

December 1 - 5th Grade Movie Night

December 1 - All Fired Up PTO Event

December 4 & 5 - SPARK Garden Lights 6-7:30pm



Events

SPARK Thanksgiving Luncheon: Save the date! SPARK Thanksgiving Luncheons will be held from November 14-16. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view times and RSVP.

Family Literacy Night: Join us for our [Family Literacy Night](#) on November 16th from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. This will be a fun event for the whole family to enjoy!

Little Shop of Stories Book Fair: Save the date for the Little Shop of Stories Book Fair! November 13-17. Students can shop during their time at school or you can join your student at the book fair during the Thanksgiving Luncheon.

SPARK Garden Lights: Come get into the holiday spirit at [SPARK Garden Lights](#)! Grades K-2 are invited to attend on 12/4 and grades 3-5 on 12/5. The event will take place from 6-7:30pm on the rooftop garden. If you are planning to attend, please fill out this form so we have enough supplies. [RSVP Form](#)

SPARK @ Atlanta Hawks: Please come out and support our SPARK Chorus and AC kids as they sing the US and Canadian National Anthems on Sunday, January 28th at 6:00pm! Each ticket sale include \$10 worth of concession stand credit. [CLICK HERE](#) to get your tickets NOW to ensure you get this deal!

Join SPARK families at the Virginia Highland Farmers Market on Thursday, November 16th for SPARK Day at the Market. Every student will bring a \$5 coupon home from school that can be redeemed at the Market Information Booth and spent with a farmer. The farmers market that day will feature a dragon-themed story time, kids' booth, and chef demonstration.



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 HERE](#) to join the PTO for the 23-24 school year!

Recycling Challenge: Please bring in clean plastics to recycle ([CLICK HERE](#) to see what is accepted) for a grade level recycling challenge from October 20th-November 17th. The PTO has provided brag tags for the winning grade level. The winning grade level teachers will get a pizza lunch provided by the SPARK STEAM Team.

Regional Meetings with Interim Superintendent: Please join Dr. Battle and the Atlanta Board of Education members for one or more of the upcoming Regional Meetings and make your voice heard in shaping the future of APS. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

National Homeless Youth Awareness Month: [CLICK HERE](#) to learn now you can support children in the APS community.

!! Please read our [STEAM Newsletter](#) & [Media Center Newsletter](#)

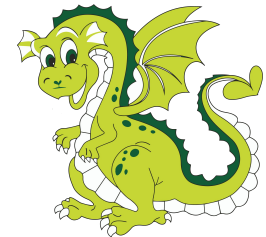
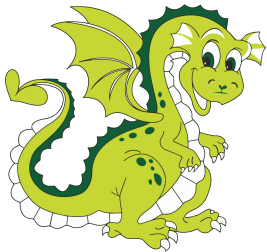
All Fired Up PTO Fundraiser: Join your SPARK community to paint pottery at [All Fired Up on December 1st](#) from 3 - 9!

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“M” is for MAP Testing!

SPARK Families,

As we approach the upcoming MAP testing period, we want to ensure that both you and your child are well-prepared. The assessment dates are as follows:

- MAP Growth Reading - Grades K-5: Tuesday, November 28
- MAP Growth Math - Grades K-5: Thursday, November 30
- MAP Growth Science - Grades 5: Monday, December 4
- MAP Reading Fluency - Grades K-3: December 5-8

To maximize the effectiveness of these assessments, we kindly request your assistance in the following:

- **Timely Arrival:** Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time each day of testing. Prompt arrival helps create a calm and focused environment for optimal performance.
- **Nutritious Breakfast:** A nutritious breakfast is crucial for sustained concentration during testing. Please ensure your child has a well-balanced breakfast before coming to school.

In addition to these requests, here are some helpful test-taking tips for your child:

- **Encourage a Good Night's Sleep:** A well-rested mind performs better. Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep in the days leading up to the tests.
- **Stay Positive:** Remind your child to approach the tests with a positive attitude. Encourage them to do their best without unnecessary stress.
- **Time Management:** Remind your child to pace themselves. Encourage them to answer each question to the best of their ability and move on if they get stuck.
- **Review Test-Taking Strategies:** Remind your child of general test-taking strategies, such as reading questions carefully, eliminating obviously incorrect answers, and managing time wisely.

Your support is invaluable to ensuring a positive testing experience for your child. We appreciate your commitment to their success.

We know that our Dragons will continue to SPARKle!

With Love,

Dr. Jennifer Toney