

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11TH

# SPARK FAMILY NEWSLETTER



## Calendar

**December 15:** PJ Day and Holiday Sing-Along + SPARK Community Gathering @ 8:00

**December 18 - January 2:** Winter Semester Break

**January 4:** Report Cards Go Home

**January 10:** 5th Grade Bowling Night

**January 12:** Admin Coffee Talk 8:00 - 8:30 AM

**January 15:** No School - MLK Jr. Birthday

**January 25:** GMAS Parent Academy

**January 28:** SPARK @ ATL Hawks Game



## Events

**10 Days of SPARK Cheer:** Join us in celebrating this holiday season with daily spirit days!

- 12/11: Wear a vacation shirt
- 12/12: Red, black & green in honor of Kwanzaa
- 12/13: Favorite holiday plaid
- 12/14: Ugly holiday sweaters
- 12/15: PJ Day!

**Coffee Talk with Dr. Toney and Mrs. Pruett:** Join us for an Admin. Coffee Talk on January 12th at 8am to catch up on all things SPARK and have the opportunity to ask Dr. Toney and Mrs. Pruett questions.

**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!

**GMAS Parent Academy:** Would you like to learn more about the Georgia Milestones Assessment System? Join us for a virtual information session on January 25th. Open to families in 3rd - 5th grade. More information will be forthcoming.



## 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!

**Yearbook:** Have you purchased a yearbook yet for the 23-24 school year? [CLICK HERE](#) to pre-order!

**Winter Break:** Don't forget, APS will be closed December 18th - January 2nd. We look forward to welcoming back your students on January 3rd!

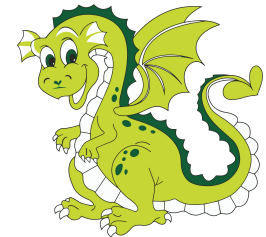
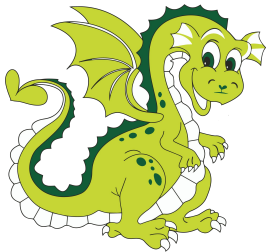
**Library Books:** Do you have any SPARK library books hiding in your home? Please return them before the winter break!

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



## SPRINGDALE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### “O” is for Opportunity

Dear Dragon Families,

As we approach the end of the first semester, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible opportunities we've had together as a school community. It has been a semester filled with enriching experiences and shared accomplishments, and we are truly grateful for the support and involvement of each and every one of you.

Throughout the past few months, we've had the opportunity to engage in various events and activities that have brought us closer together. From Curriculum Night to the Grandparents Luncheon, STEAM Week and STEAM Night, the Little Shop of Stories SPARK Book Fair, Thanksgiving Luncheons, Literacy Night, ONE Fair, Garden Lights, chorus performances, and more! The enthusiasm and participation from our community have been truly heartwarming.

Your support and generous donations to the PTO have made a significant impact on our ability to enhance the learning opportunities for our students. Thanks to you, we've been able to provide valuable print and digital resources, STEAM materials for hands-on learning activities, and extend our appreciation to our hardworking staff by offering occasional breakfasts and lunches as a token of our gratitude.

In addition to raising over \$2,700 for the Atlanta Community Food Bank, SPARK families had the opportunity to support over 50 families with Thanksgiving meals and 30 families with holiday gifts through SPARK up the Holidays this year! Your generosity has truly impacted those in our community.

Therefore, as we close out the year, we want to express our deep appreciation for the community that makes SPARK such an incredible place to learn and grow. Looking ahead to the second semester, our focus remains on personalized academic instruction, and we are excited about the opportunities to further support our students' social and emotional well-being.

In partnership with Helping Hands Ending Hunger, we aim to strengthen our efforts in supporting the SPARK community by providing more food resources. Your continued support will undoubtedly contribute to the success of these initiatives, making a positive impact on the lives of our students and families.

Thank you for being an integral part of the SPARK community. We look forward to the second semester opportunities with anticipation and enthusiasm, confident that together we can continue to create an environment where every child can thrive.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a restful break.

With Love,

***Dr. Jennifer Toney***