

WEEK OF JANUARY 29th

SPARK FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Calendar

February 1: Sign up for the Pre-K lottery
<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/67411>

February 9-Lunar New Year Walk to SPARK

February 16: School bus driver appreciation day

February 19-23: Winter Break-NO SCHOOL

February 24: Spring Into STEM event at GA Tech

March 7: SPARK International Night

March 11-13: Kindergarten early registration

March 15: Pre-K lottery drawing

March 22: SPARK After Dark



Events

Georgia Tech SWE is excited to announce our elementary school outreach event for this semester, "Spring into STEM!" The event will take place on **Saturday, February 24th** from **11 AM to 2 PM** at the **Clough Undergraduate Learning Center (CULC)** on campus. The event is free and pizza will be served for lunch. If you are interested in attending the event, please fill out [this form](#).

Walk to School on **February 9-Lunar New Year Celebration**.

- Meet at North Highland Avenue and St. Charles Place at 7:20am for a group photo at North Highland Park
- The parade will leave for SPARK at 7:25am

All kids that walk or bike to school will get special New Year goodies near the Briarcliff Road gate

International Night! Mark your calendar! International Night is Thursday **March 7th!** International Night gives SPARK families the opportunity to celebrate an aspect of their culture or share a memory or activity from their favorite country. Bring the whole family to experience food, games, music, and dances from around the world! If you would like to share your culture or one that you love contact Rebecca Duran at rebecca.duren@springdaleparkelementary.org for more details!

Support the PTO and enjoy a fun night at an ATL United game! Sign up to go to the [Atlanta United Game](#) on **April 20, 2024**.



Announcements:

Yearbook: Have you purchased a yearbook yet for the 23-24 school year? [CLICK HERE](#) to pre-order! PLACE ORDERS BY 2/24/24!

2 Liter Water Bottles Needed! Help the Science Olympiad Team by donating empty 2 liter bottles.

The City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation Dept. has created a "Winter Break Camp" for students to attend with the cost being \$35/week. The ages are 5 – 12 and the time is 7:30 am – 6:00 pm. There are 4 locations throughout the city and multiple activities will be offered such as (Arts & Crafts, Swim, STEAM, Sports-themed Activities and Field Trips). There will also be morning snacks and lunch provided for each attendee. To sign up, [visit this website and search "Winter Break"](#) - sign up today because spaces are limited!

SPARK After Dark is our annual, adult-only celebration and fundraising auction. This year it will be held at the Trolley Barn in Inman Park on March 22nd! We are actively seeking volunteers and item donations for the event. Do you have a vacation rental? Own a small business? Consider donating your services for the auction. It's a great way to get your company name out to the community plus help raise money for SPARK PTO. Contact Elise Blalock at elisehblalock@gmail.com for questions about volunteering and item donation.

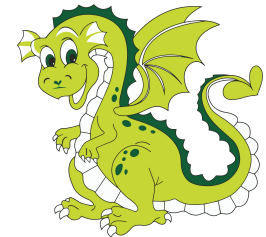
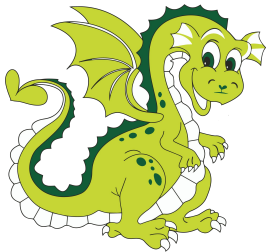
[GMAS Parent Meeting Recording](#)

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



SPRINGDALE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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"T" is for Team

Dear Dragons,

Did you know that both students, families and SPARK staff often say that the 3rd quarter of the school year is the most challenging? The excitement of the long semester break is behind us and has been replaced with dreary winter weather. Students have returned from their semester break and have a number of weeks ahead of them before their next long break. Families are handling the ups and downs of cold and flu season all while trying to get back into a school routine. Teachers and staff are working diligently to make sure that students have all the supports they need to demonstrate mastery on end of the year assessments that are quickly approaching.

We recognize that it can be a tough time of the school year. We want you to know that we are your support team! Our school nurse, Nurse Carr, can support you with health related questions. Our school social worker, Sydney Bell, can support you if you need additional resources due to illness, cold weather gear, or food. In fact, we have a new food pantry on-site at SPARK that you will be hearing a lot more about in the coming weeks. Our school counselor, Reggie Carter, can support you and your child if they are in need of supports with friends or feelings. Your child's teacher is available to answer any questions you have about the day to day activities inside the classroom.

In addition, Atlanta Public Schools has several departments that support the school that you may contact should you have questions. Transportation can be reached by calling 404-802-5500. Mr. Benton and Ms Cure are the transportation supervisors assigned to our area. The Office of Safety and Security, that provides staffing for our crossing guards and traffic officer, can be reached at 404-802-2000.

As always, Sara Prueff and I are here to support you with any questions or concerns you may have. We do ask that if it is a question for your child's teacher, that you ask them before bringing it to us. We've found that this helps develop a stronger partnership to support your child.

Finally, we would love to ask for your support in honoring our school counselor, Mr. Carter, the week of February 2-9 for School Counselors' Week and our bus drivers on Friday, February 16 for Bus Driver Appreciation Day. They are team members that are invaluable to operation of Springdale Park!

With Love,

Dr. Jennifer Toney