

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5th

SPARK FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



Calendar

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 1: Last day to submit application for Pre-K lottery

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](#). It is NOT binding and another form will be sent out closer to the event for an accurate headcount and with additional information. There will be a variety of activities throughout the day. The tentative plan is to explore snowflake crystals, the life cycle, origami, and aqueducts. We are so excited and look forward to your students joining us!

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 2/14/24!**

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

Read our [STEAM Newsletter](#)

The City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation Dept. has created a "Winter Break Camp" for students to attend with the cost being \$35/week. To sign up, [visit this website and search "Winter Break"](#) - sign up today because spaces are limited!

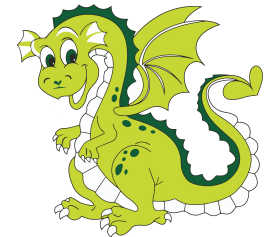
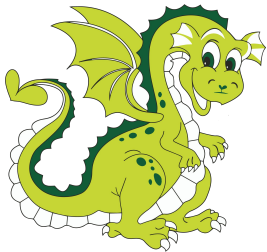
SPARK After Dark is our annual, adult-only celebration and fundraising auction. This year it will be held at the Trolley Barn in Inman Park on March 22nd! We are actively seeking volunteers and item donations for the event. Do you have a vacation rental? Own a small business? Consider donating your services 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.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



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“U” is for Unwavering Dedication!

Dear Dragons,

Did you know that Springdale Park is partnering with Helping Hands Ending Hunger Inc. to further implement our schoolwide project-based learning initiative with the goal of fighting food insecurity right in our own community? We are able to implement projects like this because of your unwavering dedication to SPARK and the SPARK community!

PTO purchased a chest freezer, refrigerator, shelving and food storage bins. Individuals through Donors Choose helped with the initial stock of the food pantry. A dedicated group of volunteers, including staff, students and parents, have been rescuing uneaten packaged food that would otherwise be discarded throughout the day. They've taken great care in making sure these items were packaged, counted, weighed and placed in the pantry for those that need a snack while at school or a meal to take home. We've also partnered with a local food pantry in our community that will take any remaining items at the end of each week to help those in the wider community.

It has truly taken the unwavering dedication and determination of a host of SPARK dragons to get this initiative started. Without your support, we would not be able to provide such an incredible resource for our community and teach our students about the importance of taking care of each other!

In order to focus and supplement our efforts in stocking the SPARK Helping Hands food pantry, our School Social Worker, Ms. Sydney Bell, will be conducting needs assessments with the families that our food pantry aims to serve. Each month, we will highlight an item or category of food that is in need to stock the pantry and serve our community.

This month, families have expressed a need for individually wrapped snacks. This could include yogurts, cheese sticks, chips, pretzels, crackers, etc. If you would like to donate any of these items to our food pantry, please drop them off in the front office. Label these Helping Hands so we know these items are specifically for the pantry. If you are interested in volunteering in the pantry, please reach out to Ms. Bell at Sydney.Bell@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Again, thank you for your unwavering dedication to making our community the best place to learn and grow!

With Love,

Dr. Jennifer Toney