

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12th

SPARK FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Calendar

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

♥ We're thrilled that Black History Month is almost here! This year we're raising awareness, while celebrating and embracing the past, present and future of Black history. Our theme this year is: A Tribute to African Americans in STEAM. The faculty and staff are working diligently to create a memorable experience for our SPARK Dragons. We'd love to have parental involvement, volunteers, and support to help make these events a success! Sign-up sheets are available below for ways you can help. Please feel free to reach out to Applemania Bradford (applemania.bradfo@apsk12.org) with any questions or concerns.

[Amazon Wishlist](#) - please also indicate your purchase on this sign-up form.

Please try to have items delivered by Fri, Feb 2nd.

[School-Wide Decor Sign-Up](#) - help make door decorations, bulletin boards, and other decor. More details from your room parent to follow.

[Mystery Readers and Presenters Sign-Up](#) - volunteer to read books that reflect BHM and/or present if you or someone you know represents African Americans in STEAM.

[Showcase Set-up Volunteers Sign-Up](#) - help prepare and set-up for the BHM showcase on Thurs, 2/29.

📍 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. 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!



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.

🏠 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!

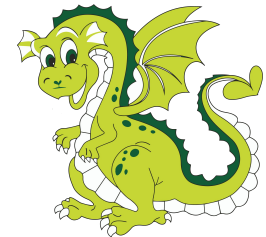
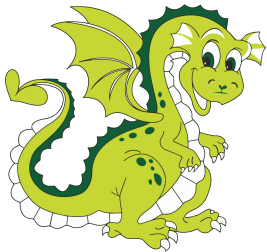
🌟 SPARK After Dark is our annual, adult-only celebration and fundraising auction. This year it will be held at the Trolley Barn in Inman Park on March 22nd! We are actively seeking volunteers and item donations for the event. Do you have a vacation rental? Own a small business? Consider donating your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

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“V” is for Vision for 2024-2025

Dear SPARK Dragons,

As we begin thinking about the 2024-2025 school year, we are excited to extend a warm welcome to all incoming families, particularly our new pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students and their parents. At Springdale Park Elementary, we believe in fostering a strong sense of community, and your support plays a crucial role in achieving this vision.

To ensure our new families feel embraced and informed, we kindly ask for your assistance in spreading the word. Please reach out to your friends and neighbors, especially those with young children, and encourage them to join our Facebook group and subscribe to the SPARK-e newsletter. These platforms will serve as valuable resources for important updates regarding registration, school tours, SPARK events, and more!

Moreover, we encourage you to extend invitations to your neighbors to attend SPARK events throughout the school year. Your warm welcome can make a significant difference in helping new families feel connected and valued within our community.

For our rising pre-kindergarteners and kindergarteners, we are thrilled to offer Pre-K and Kinder camps at SPARK from July 15th to 19th. These camps provide a fantastic opportunity for our newest SPARK dragons to ease into their journey with us gradually. We hope you'll consider joining us for this exciting experience!

Registration for camps and the upcoming school year can be found here: [Summer Camp \(myafterschoolprogram.com\)](https://myafterschoolprogram.com). Registration for rising kindergarten students can be completed online beginning March 11th through the following link: [Online Registration \(apsk12.org\)](https://apsk12.org)

For rising kindergarteners, we plan to host a Kindergarten Round Up event on Tuesday, March 12th. If you have a rising kindergartener, please save the date and anticipate additional information to come.

As always, thank you for your continued support in cultivating a vibrant and inclusive community at Springdale Park Elementary School. We look forward to welcoming all new families with open arms and making their transition a seamless and enjoyable one.

With Love,

Dr. Jennifer Toney