

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26th

SPARK FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



Calendar

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

March 4-8:
Read Across America Week

March 7: SPARK International Night

March 8:
Spring Picture Day

March 11-13: Early registration

March 12: Kindergarten RoundUp
Asynchronous Learning Day/Election Day

March 15: Pre-K lottery drawing

March 22: SPARK After Dark

March 27:
SPARK Career Day

March 25-29:
World Autism Acceptance Week

March 29: SPARK Day of Play



Events

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!

APS Clever Cooks Competition We are looking for students' favorite healthy dishes to feature on the APS menus for next school year. Students may enter the competition by completing the entry form. The lucky finalists will be chosen from completed forms to compete in a live cooking competition on Saturday, March 23. Winning dishes will be featured on our menus for SY24-25! Entry forms are available with this link: <http://tinyurl.com/355vbzt>

Absent? Submit excuses! Whenever a student is absent, we ask that parents communicate with the homeroom teacher and our social worker, Ms. Sydney Bell. Excuses for student absences should be sent to both teacher and Ms. Bell so we can ensure your student's attendance records are accurate. Ms. Bell can be reached via email at sydney.bell@apsk12.org or via phone at 404-802-6035. Thank you!



Announcements:

Is your First or Second Grader Interested in Science and Engineering? Consider signing them up for the Junior Science and Engineering Fair: More information here: [Informational Slides](#). Zoom Meeting March 5th. See slides for details.

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. Please 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.

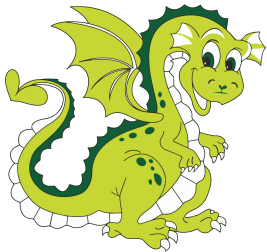
Career Day: As a valued APS partner, we are asking you to consider participating in our Career Day. Guest speakers for our Career Day will present to small groups of students (16-22) K-5 in 25 minutes rotations. There is no guarantee speakers will be able to present to their child's class. We appreciate any contribution you can make toward a successful College and Career Motivation Week for our students at Springdale Park Elementary School. Please use the link below to complete the response form indicating your availability to participate. We are asking for participants to register by Wednesday, March 13th. <https://bit.ly/SPARKCareerDay2024>

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“W” is for Well-being

Dear SPARK Dragons,

As your child's home away from home, we want to assure you of our unwavering vigilance when it comes to student safety and well-being!

As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain a safe and secure learning environment, we consistently review and update our safety protocols. Our team of dedicated staff members undergo regular training to ensure they are equipped to respond effectively in any situation.

We also take proactive measures to prevent potential safety hazards. We want to make sure you are aware of two newly implemented safety measures that are meant to increase the safety and security of our buildings, students and staff.

The first and most noticeable change is our new visitor management system in place in the front office. All visitors are required to check in through the front office when on campus. Our new system requires all visitors to scan their drivers license when coming into the building and upon exiting the building. If it is the first time you're scanning your identification card, the system will take your picture before printing a visitor's badge that displays the location of your visit. When exiting the building, simply scan the back of your ID again to check out. Please plan to bring your state issued identification card anytime you are visiting SPARK.

The second measure implemented by the district at all schools is a crisis alert badge. Teachers and staff have received training on how to utilize the badge to request immediate assistance or how to put the building on lockdown should an serious threat to safety be observed. Although students might not notice this added layer of security, we want to let you know that it is present.

Please know that we take the safety of our students very seriously and will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to provide a secure learning environment that fosters well-being for all.

With Love,

Dr. Jennifer Toney