

WEEK OF MARCH 4th

SPARK FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Calendar

March 4-8:

Read Across America Week

March 7: SPARK International Night

March 8:

Spring Picture Day

March 11-13: Kindergarten early registration

March 12: Kindergarten RoundUp
Asynchronous Learning Day/Election Day

March 15: Pre-K lottery drawing

March 15: 5th Grade Basketball Challenge @ Howard

March 22: SPARK After Dark

March 27:

SPARK Career Day

March 25-29:

World Autism Acceptance Week

March 29: SPARK Day of Play



Events

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>

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.

Come out to cheer on the 5th graders and parents/staff at the 5th Grade Basketball Challenge on March 15th! This event will take place at David T. Howard and is a fundraiser for the 5th grade trip.



Announcements:

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!

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.

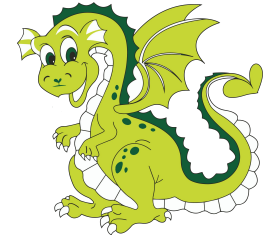
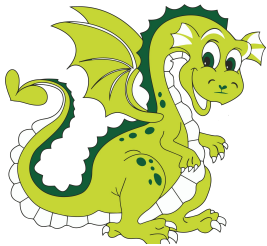
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“X” is Exciting events at SPARK

Dear Dragons,

Believe it or not, we have just a few short weeks until Spring Break! During this time, we have a series of exciting events lined up. We invite you to mark your calendars for the following:

- **International Night - March 7:** A celebration of diversity and cultural exchange where students will showcase various aspects of different countries through performances, food, and art.
- **Individual and Class Picture Day - March 8:** Professional photography services will be available to capture individual and class photos. These photos are perfect for creating lasting memories and commemorating your child's growth.
- **Kindergarten Round-Up - March 12:** Parents of prospective kindergarten students can learn more about our program, tour the campus, and meet the teachers.
- **Kindergarten Registration - March 11-13:** We invite parents to complete the registration process for incoming kindergarten students online.
- **Asynchronous Learning Day - March 12:** A day dedicated to independent learning and assignments, allowing students to work at their own pace. We have a number of exciting STEAM activities planned.
- **MAP Growth Reading (K-5) - March 13:** Students will take the MAP Growth Reading assessment, which helps measure their reading skills and growth throughout the school year.
- **MAP Growth Math (K-5) - March 15:** Students will take the MAP Growth Math assessment, which helps measure their math skills and growth throughout the school year.
- **5th Grade Basketball Challenge - March 15:** A friendly basketball competition among 5th-grade students, emphasizing teamwork, sportsmanship, and physical activity.
- **MAP Growth Science (5th Grade Only) - March 18:** Students will take the MAP Growth Science assessment, which helps measure their science skills and growth throughout the school year.
- **MAP Reading Fluency (K-3) - March 19:** Students will take the MAP Reading Fluency assessment, which helps measure their reading fluency.
- **SPARK After Dark - March 22:** SPARK's main fundraising event of the school year
- **SPARK's Career Day - March 27:** A day dedicated to learning about various careers and professions, featuring guest speakers and interactive presentations.
- **GMAS Simulation (3-5) - March 29:** Students will participate in a simulation of the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), helping them prepare for the actual assessment.
- **SPARK DAY OF PLAY-March 29:** Students can bring in board games and it is a tech free day. We will be promoting SEL competencies and HAVING FUN!

We are excited about these upcoming events. If you have any questions or would like more information about any of these events, please reach out. As always, we appreciate your commitment to SPARK.

With Love,

Dr. Jennifer Toney