

WEEK OF MARCH 11th

SPARK FAMILY

# NEWSLETTER



## Calendar

**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

**April 1-5:** Spring Break



## Events

🌟 **Asynchronous Learning Day, March 12th:** Be on the lookout for a bag of activities that will go home on Monday! There will be a SPARK STEAM Journal students can complete along with STEAM activities. Students will not bring their device home.

♻️ Springdale Park is participating in the CHARM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials) contest leading up to their [Kids Day event](#) on Saturday, April 20th this year! Recycling bags will be placed throughout the school for kids to recycle #1 PET plastic beverage bottles. Start saving your bottles now so we can "compete willingly" as part of this month's steam learner profile and bring home a win for SPARK! We will collect bottles for three weeks per the below dates: **3/25 – 3/29, 4/8 – 4/12, 4/15 – 4/18**

In addition, students can compete in the [CHARM T-Shirt Contest](#). T-shirt designs should be related to earth stewardship, recycling, and general sustainability. The winner will receive printed T-shirts for their entire class!

🏀 **5th Grade Basketball Challenge:** 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. Planning on attending? Let us know so we can plan for a great event! RSVP [here](#).



## Announcements:

🔧 **Junior Science Fair:** 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](#).

🌟 **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](mailto: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.

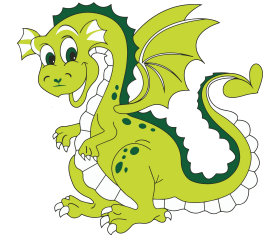
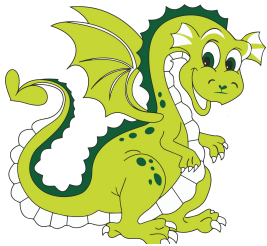
<https://bit.ly/SPARKCareerDay2024>

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**“Y” is for Your Input!**

Dear SPARK Family,

As we begin preparations for the upcoming school year, we value your input in ensuring the best educational experience for your child. Your insights are invaluable in helping us tailor class placements to suit each student's needs and preferences.

We invite you to share your thoughts on what environment and learning style work best for your child. Your input will guide us in creating balanced and supportive classroom placements that optimize academic resources and foster growth for all students.

Please note that while we appreciate your input, we will not be able to accommodate requests for specific teachers. However, rest assured that we carefully consider all factors to create balanced and productive learning environments for every student.

Your participation in this process is highly valued, and we thank you in advance for your contributions.

Please provide your input by completing the parent input form found here: [SPARK 24-25 Student Placement Input Form](#).

We ask that all placement forms be completed by Sunday, April 7, 2024.

Finally, please be on the lookout for additional opportunities provided by the PTO in order to gather feedback and input regarding opportunities for parental involvement for the 24-25 school year. We appreciate you!

With Love,

***Dr. Jennifer Toney***