

WEEK OF MARCH 25th

SPARK FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Calendar

- March 27:** SPARK Career Day
- March 25-29:** World Autism Acceptance Week
- March 29:** SPARK Day of Play
- April 1-5:** Spring Break
- April 3:** Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
- April 4:** Media Specialist Appreciation Day
- April 15-19:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- April 18:** Junior ONE Fair
- April 18:** Fine Arts Night
- April 25:** Band & Orchestra Concerts
- April 27 & 28:** Inman Park Festival



Events

👉 **24-25 SPARK Student Placement Form:** As we begin preparations for the upcoming school year, we value your input in ensuring the best educational experience for your child. We invite you to share what experiences and learning environment work best for your child. [Please fill out the Student Placement Input Form](#) form by **April 7, 2024**

🎮 We are SO excited for the annual **SPARK Day of Play** on March 29th! Students are encouraged to bring in non-electronic games and puzzles to play with classmates. Please note, the school is not responsible for any lost pieces:)

♻️ 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 week 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!

🏠 Rising 6th graders can learn about the transition from elementary school to middle school and meet some teachers at the Howard Summer Bridge Program! [Click here for information](#)



Announcements:

🍲 **Food Drive:** March 1-March 29-[Click here for information.](#)

🔧 **Junior ONE 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 Night at Atlanta United:** It was so fun we're doing it again! Get your tickets for SPARK Night at Atlanta United! Come out and celebrate SPARK Night as Atlanta United takes on FC Cincinnati on April 20th at 7:30pm! If attending, you will have the chance to participate in the High Five Tunnel Experience! Tickets are \$50/per person. Email mauryzwolfe@gmail.com AND Venmo @springdaleparkpto for tickets.

👕 Field Day T-Shirts are on sale. Please order by March 29th. [Link to order](#)

📄 Students can compete in a Greg Tang Math Competition for prizes. Reach out to your teacher for the form. Turn forms into Ms. Siembieda before Spring Break.

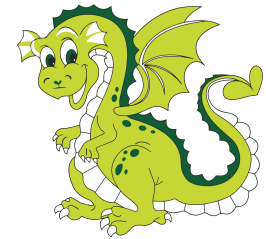
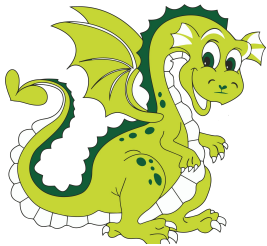
- [Greg Tang March Mathness](#)

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Thank you SPARK Family!

Dear SPARK Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for making our annual fundraising auction, SPARK After Dark, an amazing success!

Unique challenges of reuniting families comes when any school experiences rezoning. SPARK After Dark was truly a testament to the strong connections between both new to SPARK and returning SPARK families. The support was palpable in the room. Both families and SPARK faculty have reached out to express the sheer appreciation for our vibrant and connected community.

In addition, I would be remiss if I didn't highlight the incredible work of the main parent volunteers that organized and executed the event. Kelly Downs, Veronica Roof and Elise Blalock went above and beyond to ensure that the event exceeded the expectations of the community. The countless hours spent canvassing business, event planning, communicating with stakeholders and more, all culminated in a truly SPARK-tacular night. I can't thank them enough for their unwavering dedication to SPARK. Their fundraising efforts truly serve to support our students and families now and in the future. The PTO board was also an integral part in making the night a success.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to directly thank all parents, community members and SPARK faculty that attended, donated, bid and connected with one another to make the night memorable. It was a great joy to see families from Virginia Highlands, Inman Park, Poncey Highlands, and Druid Hills come together all for the same cause, providing SPARK students with top quality education.

With Love,

Dr. Jennifer Toney