



SPRINGDALE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Springdale Park Families,

It is my honor and a pleasure to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year! I hope you've had a relaxing and fun summer break. I am extremely proud to serve as the principal of this amazing learning community for the 3rd year and my 7th year in leadership at SPARK! We are committed to developing the whole child and empowering students to achieve excellence by engaging them in their learning. With that said, the Springdale Park staff and PTO are excited to kick this year off in true Dragon style!

I would like to welcome both new and returning families to Open House on Wednesday, July 31! We will welcome new families for new parent orientation at 8:30am. This will be a chance for you to learn more about the basics of SPARK, how to get involved in our school community and for us to answer any questions that remain. Returning families are invited to join us between 9am and 11am to meet your teacher, sign up for PTO, buy SPARK merchandise and drop off school supplies. We are excited to share with you all that Springdale Park has to offer and believe you will soon feel as we do that Springdale Park is a special place for all children. We hope you will join us!

One thing we will reiterate at Open House is the district wide elementary school bell schedule change for this year. Our school hours will be from 7:15am to 2:15pm. Breakfast will be served in our cafeteria from 7:15am to 7:40am daily. Students that arrive at or after 7:45am will be marked tardy and will miss out on valuable instructional time. I would like all students at school and ready to learn every day by 7:30am! Can we do it, yes, we can! 😊

Our teachers and staff are eager to meet their new students and begin this year's journey with them. The dedicated staff at Springdale Park have been working tirelessly to prepare for the 24-25 school year. Our goal is to ensure student mastery in core academic subjects, so we will continue to refine our instruction, analyze data to guide instruction and communicate feedback effectively. We will continue to engage our students in Project Based Learning and all things STEAM. We know this interdisciplinary pedagogy will help our students thrive as they grow as learners and citizens. In addition, we are hopeful that we will earn an additional STEAM certification from the Georgia Department of Education this year!

Last year, our Dragons earned the following accolades! We know our students thrive because of STEAM programs implemented at our school made possible by our dedicated staff and families! We couldn't be prouder of our students, and we greatly appreciate your continued support in making these programs possible!

Bea Sinitere	Clever Cooks First Place Winner	
Ryder Pumpelly	First Place, Best in Category Best in Show APS Science Fair	First Place State Science Fair
Madelyn Yiadom	First Place, Best in Category Best in Show APS Science Fair	First Place State Science Fair
Malcolm Guise	First Place APS Science Fair Best in Category	First Place State Science Fair Special Awards Animal Research
Marina Shepherdson	Second Place APS Science Fair	
Norah Cardillo	Second Place APS Science Fair	
Maggie Shields	First Place District Innovation Competition	First Place School District Math Competition
Evie Price	First Place District Innovation Competition	

5th Grade Team-Aaron Sulchek, Maggie Shields, Micah Heckerling, Sam Tedder		Perennial Math Tournament First Place
Nina Payne	Atlanta Hawks Coding Challenge Winner	Second Place District Tech Fair
Kash Wilkerson	Second Place District Tech Fair	
Nazanin Saghafi	Live Thrive T-shirt Contest Winner	
Bo Rothstein	First Place School District Math Competition	
Micah Heckerling	SPARK Spelling Bee Winner	First Place School District Math Competition
Sam Pollet	First Place School District Math Competition	
Science Olympiad	Participated in Cobb Regionals	
SPARK Garden Lights	Raised \$2,784 for Atlanta Community Food Bank	
Number of community members helped with SPARK's Helping Hands Ending Hunger food pantry program:		98 families 98 adults 116 children 613 pounds of food 500 meals

We will be holding our traditional, in-person Back-to-School Night presentations on Thursday, August 22nd. The program will begin at 5pm with a short presentation in the gym where you will meet our teachers, support staff, admin team, and me. While in the classroom, your child's teacher will present an overview of the year's instructional program, schedules, digital resources, and expectations for the coming year. Please refer to the school's website for additional information on upcoming events.

As I have always said, Springdale Park's outstanding educators create the foundation for your child's academic success. In addition, a large part of the Springdale Park Learning Community's success can be attributed to its active and engaged parents who are involved in the PTO and their numerous committees. Please consider contributing to the Springdale Park PTO so that we can continue to fund engaging enrichment programs, assemblies, and much-needed supplemental equipment and supplies that will support teaching and learning this year. Your donations directly affect your child's education. Last year your contributions enabled us to provide learning resources in literacy, math, and science, Spanish, materials and supplies, the SPARK rooftop garden, and a variety of outdoor equipment.

Please visit the Springdale Park PTO website at <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/domain/18242> to become a PTO member and to learn of the many opportunities available to volunteer at Springdale Park.

Please be sure to read the SPARK Family Newsletter each Sunday night as it contains important information from the school that you won't want to miss! This year, we will continue to foster a culture of collaboration, inclusivity, and respect within our wonderful school community. We believe in the power of teamwork and the significance of a strong partnership between home and school. I encourage you to actively engage in your child's education, maintain open lines of communication, and participate in school activities and events whenever possible. Together, we can provide the support and guidance our students need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. As always, my door is open and our team welcomes your input. Additionally, please do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated staff members should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We value your feedback and are committed to continuous improvement. Please feel free to contact me via email at the address below or call to make an appointment to speak with me to discuss any ideas you feel will make this the best year yet!

Go Dragons!

With Love,

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