

# Week of September 30th

# SPARK FAMILY NEWSLETTER



**October 5:** SPARK Night @ ATL United

**October 7:** SPARK PJ Day

**October 10:**

- Rising Rams Coffee Talk @ SPARK with Principal Hollis
- [50th Day Celebration](#)
- Report Cards Go Home

**October 11:** [SPARK Fun Run](#)

**October 14-18:** Fall Break (No School for Students)

**October 21-25:** Red Ribbon Week

**October 31:** Book Character Parade and Fall Treat



## Events

**SPARK Night @ Atlanta United** - Saturday, October 5th  
Come celebrate SPARK Night with us on October 5th at 7:30pm. The first 50 families to purchase tickets will have the chance to participate in the HIGH-FIVE TUNNEL!

[Click Here](#) for tickets!

**SPARK Fun Run Fundraiser** - We're excited to introduce this year's main fundraiser, the SPARK Fun Run. Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000 for Teacher Appreciation and STEAM Initiatives to benefit ALL students at Springdale Park Elementary PTO.

**Sign up online at MyBooster.com** – beginning 09/19/2024

**Fundraiser Kickoff in school** – 10/03/2024

**Event Day** – 10/11/2024

- 8:15-Pre-K, Kindergarten, & First Grades
- 9:30-Second & Third Grades
- 10:45-Fourth and Fifth Grades



## Announcements:

**SPARK Calendars:** Buy a SPARK School Calendar! [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase. The money helps SPARK Fine Arts. Get a free sticker sheet with SPARK events.

**Helping Hands Ending Hunger**, SPARK's Partner, is hosting a fundraiser in partnership with HundredX to support their mission of combating food insecurity. By sharing brand opinions through HundredX, you can help raise up to \$75 per person to support school chapters, stock pantries with nutritious food, and expand mobile pantries for families in need. When you join HundredX on behalf of Helping Hands Ending Hunger your personal information is not sold or shared. During the campaign, you will receive reminders from HundredX to submit feedback for Helping Hands Ending Hunger. You may opt out at any time. Visit <https://bit.ly/HXC-HHEH-24>

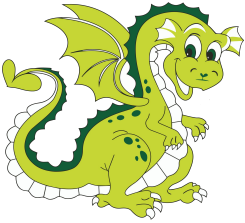
**Rising Rams Principal Coffee:** Calling all 5th grade parents! You will have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Hollis, principal at David T. Howard Middle School, on October 10th at 8:00. Come listen to Mrs. Hollis tell you all about what to expect in middle school!

# Principal's Corner



## SPRINGDALE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear SPARK Families,

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, a time for us to come together as a community to raise awareness about the impact of bullying and to reaffirm our commitment to fostering a safe, caring, and inclusive environment for all students.

At SPARK, we believe that every child deserves to feel safe and valued at school. Bullying, in any form, is not tolerated and goes against our core values of respect, kindness, and empathy. We are committed to creating a learning environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

This month, we will be engaging students in a variety of activities and discussions that emphasize the importance of kindness, respect, and inclusion. Our social-emotional learning (SEL) programs are designed to help students develop the skills they need to navigate their emotions, build healthy relationships, and make positive decisions. We encourage you to continue these conversations at home, reinforcing the importance of empathy and standing up against bullying.

Here are a few ways you can support our efforts:

1. **Talk to Your Child:** Discuss what bullying is and why it is important to treat everyone with kindness and respect. Encourage them to speak up if they see someone being bullied or if they experience it themselves.
2. **Model Positive Behavior:** Children learn by observing the adults around them. Show them how to handle conflicts calmly and respectfully, and how to support others who may be going through a difficult time.
3. **Stay Informed:** Familiarize yourself with the resources and policies we have in place to address bullying at SPARK. Understanding the steps we take to create a safe environment will help you support your child and our school community.
4. **Encourage Inclusivity:** Promote inclusivity by encouraging your child to reach out to others, especially those who may feel isolated or excluded. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Let's work together to ensure that every student at SPARK feels safe, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. Thank you for partnering with us in this important mission. If you have any concerns or would like more information about our bullying prevention and SEL programs, please do not hesitate to reach out to our wonderful school counselor, Mr. Carter at [rlcarter@apsk12.org](mailto:rlcarter@apsk12.org).

With Love,

***Dr. Jennifer Toney***