



Newsletter Highlights

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The Weeks Ahead

PTA Meeting

Wed., February 7 – 9:00 AM

Report Cards Distributed

Thurs., February 8

Family Reading Night

Tues., February 13 – 6:30–8:00 PM

President's Day – School Closed

Mon., February 19

Science Fair

The Sparks Science Fair will be held on April 25th. Registration information will be coming home with students in the next few weeks. It is never too early to start to think of project ideas! We are looking for people to judge the 4th and 5th grade projects entered in the BCPS competition. If you know someone who would be available on the morning of April 25th to help judge, please forward the name to Pokey Fair at egoffigon@bcps.org.

Family Reading Night

**Family Reading Night - Tuesday,
February 13th**

Do you need to unload some children's books? Are you looking for some good Accelerated Reader options? Are you interested in finding out how children learn to read and how good reading skills develop throughout the entire elementary school education?

Then help us officially kick off the *Who's Ready to Read* program by

joining us for Family Reading Night as follows:

Who - Sparks Elementary Students and Parents/Guardians

When - Tuesday, February 13th - 6:30PM – 8:00PM

Where - Sparks Cafeteria

Admission - One or more new or gently used books for grades K-5 for the book swap tables. Each student attending may select up to 2 books to take home. All left over books will be donated to a local children's charity. We'll kick things off by launching the *Who's Ready to Read* program with some drawings for great reading-related prizes.

The students will then be adjourned to participate in fun reading games and activities sponsored by the Villa Julie interns, while parents relax in the cafeteria to hear a brief presentation by our reading specialist, Bernadette Worthing.

At the end of the evening, you and your child will have an opportunity to browse the book swap tables for new reading material (limit 2 books per student). Please note that we are making every attempt to collect Accelerated Reader books to pass on and will have them labeled accordingly.

Please feel free to either drop book donations off at the home of Vandy Harman or bring them into the school office ahead of time labeled "Family

Reading Night." Any books on the published **Accelerated Reader** list that you can pass long would be especially appreciated.

In order to estimate attendance, please RSVP to VandyHarman@hotmail.com indicating the total number that will be attending with you.

Recycling



The recycling drive is on!

Our goal is to recycle 6 tons of paper and 400

used ink cartridges and cell phones by March 31st. We are on target for the ink cartridges and cell phones, but not for the paper recycling. So far we have only recycling 1/2 ton of paper. Please send in any old newspapers, magazines, or papers for the paper drive. There is a bin in the lobby. If you have too much for your child to carry, please contact Pokey Fair at egoffigon@bcps.org for directions on where at Sparks school you can recycle the larger quantities. We get \$\$ for our school when we recycle the paper, cell phones, and ink cartridges. We also save valuable land fill space and energy!

Thanks!

Pokey Fair, Sparks Elementary

Please Come!

The next PTA Meeting will be held in the cafeteria on Wednesday, February 7th at 9:00 AM
As always, thank you for your participation with and involvement in the PTA.

– Robbie Stout

