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# Shark Bytes

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## Newsletter Highlights

- Science Fair
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## Upcoming Events

**Sparks Roller Skating Party**  
Sun., March 5

**Sparks Spirit Night at Ledo's Pizza**  
Mon. & Tues., March 26 & 27

**Grandparents/Special Friends Day**  
Thurs., March 29 – Fri. March 30

## PTA Membership

Kudos to the 450 Parents, Relatives, Faculty, Staff and Interns who have become members of the Sparks Elementary PTA this school year. Your membership is an endorsement of all the hard work everyone does to support our children, making Sparks a great place for them to grow and learn. A roster of names is posted outside of the library and final membership paperwork needs to be submitted this month, so if you still need to become a formal member contact Cathy Kurtz, 410-357-9864 ASAP. Membership dues are \$5 per person each year.

## Recycling

### Recycling Drive Drives On!

Our recycling drive lasts until March 31<sup>st</sup>! We will still recycle after the drive, but right now we are working hard to meet our goal of recycling 6 tons of paper and 400 ink jet cartridges and cell phones by March 31<sup>st</sup>. We are on target for reaching our goal of cell phones and ink cartridges, so keep sending them in. We are not on target for paper. We have only collected about 2 tons of paper so send in those old

newspapers and magazines! If you have an extremely large amount of paper arrangements can be made for you to drop it off in our recycling dumpster. Please contact Pokey Fair ([egoffigon@bcps.org](mailto:egoffigon@bcps.org)) for information.

## Grandparents Day

### GRANDPARENTS'/SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY, March 29th & 30th

Our theme this year is, "*The Ties That Bind*". To decorate our lobby we would like the children of Sparks to send in color, or black & white photocopies or original pictures of themselves with their grandparent(s) or special friend(s). These pictures will not be returned. Please send them in to your child's teacher by: Monday, March 12th. Thank You, The Grandparent Day Committee

## Science Fair

### Science Fair- April 25<sup>th</sup> - Science Makes the World Go 'Round!

All students have received science fair entry packets. Participation is optional, however we ask for all students to return the form indicating if they are going to participate. All student projects will be displayed in the gym except for fourth and fifth graders opting to compete at the county level. These projects will go in the library and students will present before a panel of judges. Projects should be brought to school at 8:30 on the morning of the fair (pm kinder can bring them in the pm). During the day students will go with their classes to view the projects. Beginning at 6pm, projects will be on display for families to come see. At 6:45 we will present certificates to participants and announce the winners for the fourth and fifth grade competition. At 7 pm

we will have Marc's Groovy Science here to do a show. During the 6-7pm time we will also have an Usborne Science Book Fair. (Please be sure to read project guidelines carefully as students are not permitted to do any experiments with vertebrates, drugs or alcohol, grow mold or bacteria, or propel objects.) If you have any questions or concerns, please email Pokey Fair at [egoffigon@bcps.org](mailto:egoffigon@bcps.org)

## Roller Skating Party

Parents and kids, lace up your skates and join us on Sunday, March 4, 2007 from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM at the Shrewsbury, PA YMCA. This is one of the most popular family events sponsored by the Sparks PTA all year. We'll have the skating rink to ourselves and it's always a good time. Admission is FREE for all Sparks Elementary students and teachers – and parents and siblings are welcome too. The cost per additional skater (non-Sparks students, skating parent and/or sibling) is just \$1.50. A registration flyer went home with the children last week, but if you have not turned it in, please just come and join us anyway as we'll have someone at the door to sign you in. Bring your own skates if possible.

## Box Tops

I Scream, You Scream, We all scream for Ice Cream!  
The new BOX TOP contest runs from March 1-April 30. For every 100 Box Tops each class collects, they will earn one chance to win one of two ice cream parties! Every class has a chance to win if they collect 100 Box Tops..and, of course, the more chances you have ...the better! Have your relatives, friends and neighbors join in on the fun! Start Clipping!

***The Sparks PTA Cordially Invites You to:***  
**Sparks Spirit Nights at Ledo's Pizza**

**Join Us at:**  
**Ledo's Pizza**  
**11321 York Road**  
**Cockeysville, Maryland**  
**(In the Giant Food Shopping Center)**  
**410~785~5336**

**Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27**  
**From 5~9 pm**  
**Dine~In or Carryout**

**PTA will receive 20% of all orders *including Carryout.***  
**Think about ordering some half baked pizzas to take**  
**home for later!**



**Please Come!**

**Note: Ledos will not be accepting Ledo's**  
**~~Excellent Attendance Awards~~ these evenings.**  
**(Any questions, call Robbie Stout 410~472~0867)**