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The Week Ahead

Monday, June 18: Half day- School closes 3 hours early

Tuesday, June 19: Last day of school, Half day- School closes 3 hours early

New School Schedule



The new school hours are:
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

The 2007-2008 school year will be the start of a new daily schedule for Sparks Elementary. The day will begin and end 15 minutes later.

Mark Your Calendars

Although summer break is in the forefront of our thoughts right now, don't let these important back-to-school dates take you by surprise. Mark your calendars now, then relax and enjoy your summer.

AUGUST 2007

8/21 New Parent Orientation

8/27 1st Day for Students

SEPTEMBER 2007

9/4 Back to School Night

9/5 Volunteer Training - 9AM

9/11 Volunteer Training - 7PM

Save Your Magazines

Parents are being asked to please save magazines over the summer for a special art project this fall. Artist and author, Stephen Parlato will be coming to spend a day with Sparks students on October 22nd. Students from each grade will select topics, and with the guidance of Mr. Parlato, will use pictures cut out from magazines to create wonderful collage masterpieces. We will need lots of magazines.

If you would like to volunteer to help, stay tuned for more information, as many volunteers will be needed to assist with this project. In the meantime save those magazines to be recycled in highly creative way!

THANK YOU!

Three important names were absent from the "Thank You" message for Teacher Appreciation Week in the last edition of Shark Bytes.

"Thank You!" to Kelly Huffman for her Cookie Lee Jewelry donation, Carol Kern also for her Cookie Lee donation, and Kelly Rodier for her donation of Tastefully Simple products.

Your generosity helped to make the week a big success!

Girls On The Run

Girls on the Run will be back again at the beginning of the new school year! This wonderful program is open to girls entering 3rd through 5th Grades. It's designed to promote a girl's self-esteem and confidence, create a healthy body image, encourage community involvement, and improve physical fitness. The

girls will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:30 to 5:00 beginning 9/11/07. The program will run for 12 weeks. It then culminates in the girls' participating in a community 5K walk/race, which provides them with such an overwhelming sense of accomplishment. Ms. Hoffman and Mrs. Tarlton will be coaching the girls! Registration forms have been sent home along with an informational brochure. The program accommodates up to 20 girls and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Chris Carpenter at (410) 357-8214 if you have any questions.

Yearbook Party

The 5th grade Yearbook Party will be held at Sparks on September 26th at 3:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served. The rest of the school will receive their books on Sept 27th.

Volunteer Hours

If you have not turned in your volunteer hours please do so ASAP. Please email your hours (totals and descriptions) to Rachel Wenck at mamachelly@gmail.com.

Message from the 5th Grade

The 5th graders and their families would like to thank Debbie Ensor for leading the Fifth Grade Farewell Committee. Debbie, the dedicated members of the farewell committee, and all of the volunteers who worked for the farewell events deserve our sincerest appreciation.

To The Class of 2007

Congratulations! Today is your day.
You're off to *Great Places!* You're off and away!

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.

You're on your own. And you know what you know.
And **YOU** are the guy who'll decide where to go.

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And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed!
(98 and 3 / 4 percent guaranteed.)

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KID, YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!
...You're off to *Great Places!* Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting. So...get on your way!

---Dr. Seuss

***The Sparks Elementary PTA wishes the
teachers, administrators, staff,
students and families of Sparks
Elementary a safe and happy summer!
See you next year!***

