



Newsletter Highlights

- **Eco-Nights**
- **Ice Cream Social**
- **PTA Membership Benefits**

Upcoming Events

- Sept 28:** New Parent Party
- Oct 3:** PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Oct 8-13:** Book Fair
- Oct 13:** Ice Cream Social, 2:30 PM
- Oct 31:** Halloween Parade

Ice Cream Social



The Ice Cream Social is just around the corner, October 13th from 2:30-4:30pm. Please send in your forms for

tickets to school. If you need a form use the form on the back of this newsletter or download a copy at sparkspta.org. Also, we're still in need of volunteers to help out at the event. If you are able to help out please contact Damita Baldwin at Damitajb@aol.com or Blair Ensor at ensor04@verizon.net.

PTA Membership

It's not too late to join the PTA. Look for a PTA membership envelope to be coming home with your child. Just fill it out, submit \$5.00 per member, and return it to school. It's that easy! When you become a member these are the local benefits you can receive every time you show your PTA card:

AMF Timonium Bowling: Buy one game get one free until 10/31/07

Hereford Golf: \$1.00 off each admission for mini-golf.

Office Valet: 10% off Fed EX or DHL Shipping

Michael's Pizza: \$1.00 off any Large Carry-Out Pizza Monday-Friday

Wagon Wheel Restaurant: 5% off dinner checks 4:00pm until closing

My Secret Garden Florist: Get one free rose with every purchase

Baltimore Trading Company: Monogrammed Sterling Silver Jewelry and Gifts: 10% off every purchase
Expectations Hair Salon: 10% off any skin care needs when appointment is made on Tuesday with Tiffany

Pulse Health and Fitness Center: Free enrollment with the signing of a 13 month membership

-Thanks for your support!

Eco-Nights at Sparks

This year we are pleased to announce that Sparks will be holding a series of evening activities for families. The registration deadline is October 1st and if the programs are not full after this date we will do first come first serve registration. Our first event, **"Making a Compost Bin"** is at 6:30pm on October 16th. The \$15 cost will cover all materials and supplies needed. In November we will have a free workshop and activity **"Brrr, Winter is Coming"**. For this event Wayne Hudson, President of ECOLOGIC, LLC will talk about how to make your home more energy efficient and we will make a draft stopper to put in front of your door. Registration information was sent home with carriers last week, but if you need a form or have any questions, please email Pokey Fair at efair@bcps.org.

Direct Donation



It's Easy as A-B-C! just got easier! If you have yet to make your contribution to the Direct Donation campaign you may now pay by credit card at sparkspta.org.

As we near the end of our first month of school, Direct Donation is on the road to success. With great participation from everyone, we would like to thank all of our families, teachers, administrators, staff members and businesses that have supported our school's PTA and the programs that we have in place. We are getting closer to achieving our goal of \$25,000 as each day goes by. We are asking \$50 per child enrolled at Sparks. A thank you goes out to our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Benhoff, for contributing to our campaign. She is the recipient of a dinner for two at the Poitin Stil in Timonium. In the weeks ahead, the Direct Donation team will be available to answer any questions that you might have and to graciously receive your donations at:

- 1) Ice Cream Social
- 2) American Education Week
- 3) Grandparents Day

We will be sending thank you letters to those who have already donated which will serve as a receipt of your contribution. We will also be sending out a supplemental mailing to those that have not yet donated so please be on the look out for it. Another drawing will be held during the Ice Cream Social, for a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Everyone who has contributed thus far, will be eligible to win this fabulous prize. Kindly make your contribution payable to: Sparks PTA!

Recycling



Sparks continues to recycle ink cartridges, cell phones, and paper for profit that benefits our environmental education program. If you have any of these items send them in with your child or bring them to the containers in the lobby.

New Parent Dinner

The Sparks PTA executive board, teachers, administrators & staff are looking forward to seeing all of the parents who are new to Sparks Elementary at the New Parent Dinner this Friday evening. Come and enjoy the dinner and festivities in a nice comfortable backyard setting while meeting other new parents and your Sparks school community leaders.

Attire: business casual

We hope to see you there!

Paula Kovinsky and Tammy Waechter

Box Tops & Receipts



Keep clipping and sending in those Box Tops!

This year, in addition to our traditional Box Tops drive, we will be integrating the **Box Tops for Education Online Marketplace** with our PTA website. Now, when you shop online at stores such as Target, Walmart, Gap, Lands End, Old Navy, Office Depot, Oriental Trading, and Pottery Barn (to name just a few) you can earn cash for Sparks Elementary. Please visit www.sparkspta.org for a complete list of participating retailers and instructions for registering and shopping at the Box Tops Marketplace. Information will also be available for the Giant A+ Bonus Bucks program and Graul's Cash for Kids at sparkspta.org. Thanks for your support!

Come Get the Scoop at Sparks Elementary School



Annual Ice Cream Social

Fun for the whole family!

(An adult must accompany all children)

Saturday October 13th

2:30 - 4:30 pm

In the Sharketeria

\$4 (in advance using the form below) or \$5 at the door

Includes: Ice Cream Sundaes (expertly hand-scooped by our very own Sparks teachers and staff), D.J., Face Painting, Nail Painting, Graffiti Wall and a Cookie Walk
Please contact Damita Baldwin (410)357-0353 or Blair Ensor (410)472-2133 to volunteer.

Ice Cream Social Ticket Order Form

I, _____,

am enclosing \$_____ for the purchase of

_____ # tickets (@\$4 each)

NOTE: Tickets sold in advance will be kept on a Master List at the entrance to the Ice Cream Social. You will not receive tickets at home.

Please enclose the bottom portion of this form with a check payable to Sparks PTA in an envelope marked "Ice Cream Social". Send this form back an envelope to school with your child and we'll do the rest!

Please return this form to school by October 8th