



## Important Dates

- January 21-** Martin Luther King Jr. Day- School Closed
- January 25-** Second Marking Period Ends
- January 28-** Assessment Day- School Closed
- February 6-** PTA Meeting- 7PM

## Science Fair

"Let Science Pull You In!" This year's Science Fair will be held on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Information and sign up materials will be going home the last week of January and the first week of February. All students are encouraged to participate. This year's theme is "Let Science Pull You In". We always have a great turn out and a great time!

Please make sure to read the guidelines carefully as BCPS does NOT permit students to grow any cultures, mold, or bacteria. Additionally, students may not use any type of vertebrates as test subjects. Use of any type of weapon in the investigation is also prohibited.

## Yearbook



Calling all shutterbugs! The yearbook needs pictures for the 07-08 school year! When you are at the school for special events such as class parties, Halloween, field trips, etc... please bring your camera and snap away. Send prints in to school in an envelope or bag marked "Yearbook". We still have 06-07 yearbooks available. The cost is only \$15.00 for a color yearbook. For info call Joanie Schmalenberger.

## Eco-Nights

The next Eco-Nights activity will be on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. We will be learning about bluebird houses and each family will build and take home a cedar blue bird house. Pre-registration for this event occurred in the fall, but there are a few spots open for interested families. The cost of materials is \$15 payable at the beginning of the workshop. Please email Pokey Fair at [efair@bcps.org](mailto:efair@bcps.org) if you are interested in coming and have not already signed up. There are only a few spots left, so act quickly if you are interested.

## Happy Birthday!

Spark's Library Gift Fund Committee would like to thank the families of the children listed below for making a contribution to the fund. New books have been purchased for the benefit of Sparks Elementary Library honoring these students who recently celebrated their birthday. Happy belated birthday wishes go to:

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## Recycling

We are continuing to recycle ink cartridges, cell phones, and paper. We get \$\$\$ for our environmental education program for these items. The bins are located in the lobby. Please do NOT put cardboard in the paper recycling. The school does recycle it's cardboard, however the paper recycling program does not accept cardboard.

## PTA Membership

It's not to late to become a PTA member. We will be accepting new members until the end of February. Anyone can become a member. By having both parents, significant others, grandparents, family and friends join we can reach our goal of having one PTA member for every child in the school. The cost is \$5 per member. Please use the membership form on the back of this newsletter or visit [sparkspta.org](http://sparkspta.org) for more information or to print a membership form. Please return completed forms with payment to school in an envelope marked "PTA Membership". Thank you for your support.

## Direct Donation

It's Easy as A-B-C!  
 With over \$24,000 raised so far, we are just a grand away from meeting our goal of \$25,000. Thanks to everyone who has contributed thus far - parents, teachers and staff, local businesses and grandparents. Letters of appreciation were distributed in early December. Remember, your contribution to our *It's Easy as A-B-C!* campaign is completely tax deductible. There is still time to contribute to Direct Donation if you have not already done so. Every amount helps, whether big or small. Thank you for your continued support of the Sparks PTA and Sparks children.  
 Paula Kovinsky & Tammy Waechter  
 Direct Donation Co-Chairs

