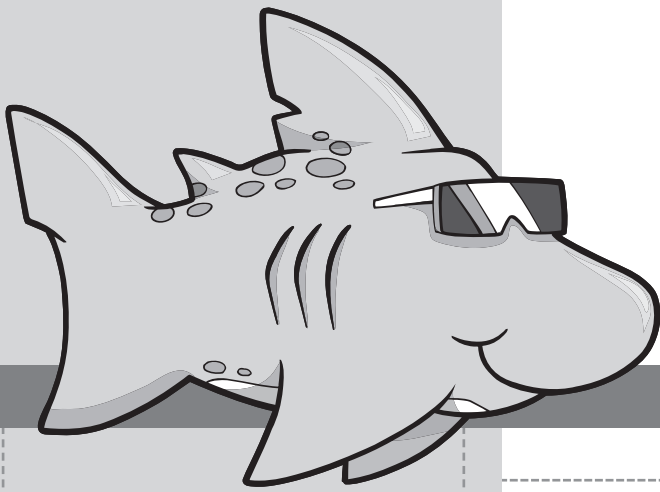


# Sharkbytes

ALWAYS MOVING FORWARD



## Mark your Calendar!

### February

- HULA FOR HOPKINS  
Feb 20/Fri 7:15 pm
- SCIENCE FAIR  
Feb 26/Thurs

### March

- PTA MEETING  
Mar 5/Wed 9:30 am
- ICE SKATING PARTY  
Mar 27/Fri 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

### April

- PTA MEETING  
Apr 1/Wed 7:00 pm
- KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP  
Apr 16/Thurs
- SPRING FAIR  
Apr 18/Sat
- ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR  
Apr 24/Fri

### May

- TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK  
May 4–8
- PTA MEETING  
May 6/Wed 7:00 pm
- VOLUNTEER TEA  
May 15 11:30 am
- SPRING CONCERT  
May 19

### June

- READING INCENTIVE FINALE  
June 3
- PTA MEETING/LUNCHEON  
June 4 11:30 am

## To contact the Sparks PTA

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## \*\*\*HELP WANTED\*\*\*

**The PTA needs you!** We're looking for moms or dads to help make this year's Spring Fair another BIG success!

If you are interested in chairing a Sub-Committee or just helping out, please contact Dawn Lasure at [drlasure@comcast.net](mailto:drlasure@comcast.net) or 410.472.2704, or Kim Graybill at [kimgraybill@comcast.net](mailto:kimgraybill@comcast.net). Thank you!

## Sparks Scientists are Exploding with Creativity

The Science Fair will be held on Thursday, February 26th in the Sparks gymnasium. Students will need to bring their projects and check in at the Science Fair table that morning. Families are invited to school that evening to view the students' projects and to attend a brief award ceremony. As a reminder, all 5th graders must submit a project to be judged. If you need more information, entry forms or some terrific project ideas, please go to the Sparks website (<http://sparkses.bcps.org>) and click on the Science Fair Information link.

### Also, we desperately need judges!

If you have a scientific background or have a particular interest in science please email Pokey Fair at [efair@bcps.org](mailto:efair@bcps.org). We would need your participation from 9:00am until 12:00pm on February 26th to hear the students present their projects.

## Sparks canned food drive to benefit the Hereford Food Bank

In conjunction with the Hula for Hopkins, the Sparks PTA is organizing a canned food drive to help support the Hereford Food Bank. Donations will be accepted from February 17th through the 20th in a specially marked bin in the Sparks school lobby. Families can also bring donations to the Hula for Hopkins on February 20 at 7:15 pm. Suggested items for donations are: canned goods, laundry and dish detergent (no jumbo sizes please), paper towels and toilet paper. Your donations will be most appreciated!

## Stretch your donation with matching gifts!

UPS, T. Rowe Price, Black & Decker, FedEx and many other companies actually match your direct donation, dollar for dollar—some companies will even triple your contribution! If you work for one of these companies, or for another organization that offers matching gifts, please contact Diane Bedwell, Direct Donation Chair, at [djbcookie@comcast.net](mailto:djbcookie@comcast.net) or at 410.917.8656. She'll do the work, and Sparks wins!

## Sparks Library Gift Fund

Spark's Library Gift Fund Committee would like to thank the families of the children listed below for making a contribution to the fund. A number of books have been purchased for the benefit of Sparks Elementary Library honoring these student who had January birthdays. **Thank you and Happy Birthday!**

Lily B.

Samantha S.

Carly W.

# HULA FOR HOPKINS

...An awesome dance party to benefit Johns Hopkins Children's Center

**WHEN IS IT?** Friday, February 20, 2009

**WHAT TIME?** 7:30 pm through 9:00 pm

**WHERE?** The Sparks Sharketeria, of course!

The Sparks Elementary PTA is proud to host this Hawaiian dance party to show kids how great it feels to give back to the community!

- ★ DJ Dave will be jammin' on the mike. Thanks to DJ Dave for donating his time to this event!
- ★ All proceeds from the Hula will be donated to the Johns Hopkins Children's Center. Our Sparks Student Government representatives will deliver the check in person!
- ★ Middle-schoolers can help out and earn credit toward service learning hours.
- ★ All Sparks students will be asked to contribute to a Food Drive to benefit the Hereford Food Bank. Donations can be brought to the Hula, or dropped off in the Sparks lobby from Feb. 17-20.
- ★ And, it's fun evening that the kids really enjoy. **Please join us!**

Great prizes  
and contests!



All children attending Hula for Hopkins MUST be accompanied by an responsible adult, 21 years of age or older.

A registration  
form is on the  
back!

# pta reflections program

## Sparks Reflections winners keep on winning!!!

We have some exciting news from the Baltimore County PTA Reflections Program!

We sent our Sparks Reflections Winners on to the Baltimore County PTA Reflections competition. Over 231 elementary students competed and just 101 of those entries won awards. **Of those 101 winners 17 are from Sparks Elementary!**

(The primary category is for grades k-2 and intermediate covers grades 3-5.)

### Award of Excellence

*(4 students awarded in each category)*

#### Visual Arts Primary

Katie C.  
Claire T.

#### Visual Arts Intermediate

Caeleigh T.

#### Dance Choreography Primary

Amanda R.

#### Literature Intermediate

Nicholas T.

Only Award of Excellence winners will go on to the Maryland State Competition.

# WOW!

### Award of Merit

*(up to 14 students were awarded in each category)*

#### Visual Arts Intermediate

Isabelle C.  
Sophia S.  
Britton T.

#### Photography Primary

Cooper D.  
Owen G.  
Jake T.

#### Photography Intermediate

Caeleigh T.

#### Literature Primary

Anika (C.) S.

#### Literature Intermediate

Isabella B.

#### Dance Choreography Intermediate

Alejandro N.  
Britton T.

#### Film Production Primary

Claire T.

The Baltimore County PTA has scheduled an award ceremony for March 22nd. Invitations and information will be mailed directly to the student winners by the Baltimore County PTA.

Congratulations to our creative Sparks students, great job!! Let's hope we hear more great news from the Maryland PTA Reflections competition!

**Kelly Tannian**, PTA Reflections Chair

## Box Tops Ice Cream Winners

Congratulations Mrs. Mayo's homeroom! They collected 800 box tops and were treated to an ice cream party! Any class that collects 800 box tops will win! Last year 11 classes won an ice cream treat, and it looks like we will top that number this year! **Way to go Mrs. Mayo's first grade!!**

## Roster Correction

The following address is incorrect in our Sparks roster. Please update your roster with the correct information.

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Monkton, MD 21111

**Thank you!**

