

Parent Welcome Letter

SPAS Extracurriculars

Welcome to Springdale Park After School (SPAS) Extracurricular Programs! We are excited for this session to begin and are ready to have some fun! Please read this email entirely (3 pages) for important details about how students will transition throughout the afternoon and details for pickup when class is over. This is a ton of information, but includes answers to most commonly asked questions.

BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN: Parents, review your student's schedule! Login to the Parent Portal on www.myafterschoolprogram.com using your username and password to view your student's schedule. Do not send your student to a class they are waitlisted for or are not registered for. We have specific capacities and procedures.

PLEASE SHARE THE PROGRAM DETAILS, EXPECTATIONS, and PROCEDURES BELOW WITH YOUR STUDENT TO HELP PREPARE THEM FOR NEXT WEEK. Your student is expected to follow school day behaviors while in their extracurricular class/club. Being disruptive, destructive, disrespectful, etc. may cause for a student to be removed from a program.

PARENT ACTION ITEMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

*Mark your family calendar with all class start and end dates and times for each student..

- **TRANSPORTATION CHANGE in PIK MY KID: NEW THIS YEAR: PIK MY KID SPARK parents must indicate how their child will dismiss (WHICH WILL BE TO SPAS AFTERCARE FOR EXTRAS) for the semester using the SPRINDALE PARK ELEMENTARY PIK MY KID APP.** <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/71069> Please click link for information about Pik My Kid. IF you have issues, contact the school front office. **If dismissal is not showing dismissal to SPAS Aftercare the day they have an extras class in PIK MY KID, the student will be dismissed from the end of their school day via their usual mode of transportation for that day.**
- Email beth@myafterschoolprogram.com if your student has any special needs and/or behaviors we need to be aware of to make sure your student's experience, the experience of the other students and their instructors is the best that it can be. These notifications assist the instructors as they prepare lessons for each class. This includes any in-class behavior plans that we can continue in the afternoons, any sensory issues, allergies, fears, etc.

GENERAL LOGISTICS FOR THE EXTRAS AFTERNOON:

- All classes take place at the main SPARK campus.
- Start time for first hour classes will show 2:45 on the schedule. Please note that from 2:55-3:00 students are in transition from their school day classroom to their instructors in the cafeteria for attendance.
- Instructors will be waiting for the students in the cafeteria, holding signs indicating the class name. Instructors will report absences to our on-site program monitor/SPAS aftercare Director and parents of absent students will be called. Please let us know if your child will be absent by contacting the on site contacts at bottom of this letter.
- Instructors and students will transition to their class space at 3:00. Extracurricular program students are released directly to extracurriculars check-in in the cafeteria at the end of their school day.

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- Snacks will not be eaten during the extracurricular program afternoon. Students returning to aftercare after their extracurricular will be provided their afternoon snack at that time.
- All classes take place at the Springdale Park main campus.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS: Parent should make the following **THREE** email notifications (a group email is OK) on days your student is absent: brandy@myafterschoolprogram.com, TOYA@myafterschoolprogram.com , beth@myafterschoolprogram.com, by 2:00 on the day they have their class. **Be sure to include the student's name, class they will miss, and school they attend (we have 5 schools!).** It is our policy to call parents each day a student does not arrive for their class if we have not been notified by the parent or the student is not on the school absence report. **Elementary school classroom teachers do not relay your student's school day absences or early pickups to us.**

UPDATED 1/19/2024 PICKUP/DISMISSAL FROM EXTRAS COURSES:

- **UPDATED 1/19 NEW: Students not transitioning back to SPAS after care after their extras class ends should be picked up by a parent or caregiver listed in the STUDENT's Parent Portal parent/emergency contacts at the front of the school, gym door at the end of class. Someone will open the door once dismissal has begun at the course end time.** Emergency Contacts in the My After School Program parent portal are also pickup persons. Students will wait in the gym to be released until ID has been checked by the instructor.
- **Please arrive no more than 10 minutes early for pickup at the front of the school, gym doors.** Most classes dismiss at 4:00- **Check your student's schedule in their profile in your Parent Portal account for their class details and end times.** A general schedule is also shown on page 4 of this document.
- **IF your child has another regular weekly obligation that requires you to pick-up your child early- before scheduled class end time- each week, please know that courses meet across campus and for our staff to transition to the class location to pick up the child may take up to 20 minutes which would make the student miss a portion of their MASP course and cause potential delays each week with your early pick up. Please consider course end times and other afternoon activities. Last date to withdraw (withdrawal fee applies) is Friday Feb 2 at 7PM.**
- **APPROVED PICK UP PERSONS must be listed in your student's portal profile- not the parent's portal profile (as a parent or emergency contact) on www.myafterschoolprogram.com .** Person picking up must be prepared to show ID. **Student should not be dismissed to someone not listed in your student's parent portal account without speaking to the parent or guardian of that student. THIS IS OUR POLICY; program providers have been instructed to follow this policy.** UPDATE your emergency contacts in your **STUDENT's** parent portal profile in your portal account before programs begin. This may be an inconvenience, but the instructors do not know the students or parents yet. This is for the safety of your child!
- **Dismissal will take place at the front of the school, gym door. Please park and walk to pick up your student at that location.**

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- **Be prepared to show ID each time you pick up.** You never know when there may be a substitute- a rare occurrence, but it could happen. Instructors should ask for ID the first three weeks of programming until they are familiar with parents or pick up persons.
- **If you notice an instructor is not checking ID, please email beth@myafterschoolprogram.com so this can be addressed this with the program provider.**
- If in an EMERGENCY SITUATION, someone other than the parent or additional contacts you entered in our system will pick your student up after an extracurricular class, **PARENT must notify the following THREE people: brandy@myafterschoolprogram.com, **NEW**→ toya@myafterschoolprogram.com and beth@myafterschoolprogram.com by 2:00 if possible** the day the class meets, *before extras program dismissal*. Our program monitors, the SPAS Directors, will be working with students in the aftercare programs, so PLEASE notify by 2:00 when possible.
- **SPAS aftercare students, full time and those attending as a drop-in on the day they attend an extracurricular class, will transition back into the SPAS aftercare program when their extracurricular class ends.** If your student is enrolled SPAS aftercare and you wish to pick your student up at the end of class instead, please NOTIFY the following: brandy@myafterschoolprogram.com, **NEW**→ toya@myafterschoolprogram.com by 2:00 the day the class meets.
- The first two or three weeks of class, there will likely be delays during release as the instructors and students get used to these new procedures. *We appreciate your patience during this time!!*
- The safety of each student is our primary concern.
- Please let us know of any joys your student has shared about their class as well as any concerns that you may have regarding extracurricular programs.
- Students are expected to follow the code of conduct for Springdale Park Elementary while participating in SPAS Extracurricular Programs. In addition, the following policies and procedures for MASP aftercare apply to the extracurricular programs day and can be found on www.myafterschoolprogram.com under Parent Handbook. Behavior Policy page 4, Special Services/Inclusion page 5, Refusal of Care page 5, Page 6)
- Feedback (positive or negative) will allow us to improve and/or add programming to better serve the students at Springdale Park. We are new to you and hope this new process and these new programs are successful!
- It is our mission to provide safe, quality, fun and engaging programming to the students of SPARK!

Thank you for allowing your student to participate- we hope they enjoy their class!

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A general schedule is on page 4 for your convenience along with some parent agreement reminders from the registration process. Student specific schedule is found on www.myafterschoolprogram.com in your parent portal account.

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REGISTRATION AGREEMENT REMINDERS:

*Class refunds will only be given at rate of class fee minus \$50 of the class fee once a registration for a student has been completed in the registration system until **Friday, Feb 2** at 7PM. After that, no refunds will be made.

*Class changes will be made until **Friday, Feb 2** at 7 PM. After that, no changes will be made. A \$10 class change fee applies.

*If a school system shut-down (like COVID) occurs at any time during this semester, we will place the programs on HOLD and resume once we return. If for some reason a class does not come back in person, you will be offered by the class provider to choose either a refund FROM THE CLASS PROVIDER, a virtual option or a credit for the next open semester.

Students enrolled in SECOND HOUR STUDENTS IN RED BELOW: Before programs begin, parents are responsible for making sure that their SECOND HOUR program student is cared for (either at SPAS aftercare, if enrolled, in a first hour extras program, if enrolled, or is brought back to the school 5 minutes before class start time by a parent or caregiver. No students are allowed on campus unattended in the hour between school day dismissal and their extracurricular class starting. This is the Springdale Park Elementary and Springdale Park After Care (SPAS) policy. GENERAL SCHEDULE BELOW. For your student's specific schedule, parent should check the student's PERSONAL profile in your myafterschoolprogram.com PARENT PORTAL account.

NOTE LATER END TIMES IN BOLD; PLEASE ARRIVE NO MORE THAN 5 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS END TIME TO KEEP DISMISSAL AREA LESS CONGESTED.

Course Name	Days	Start Date	Times	End Date
Basketball with 411 Brand Athletics	Mondays	01/22/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/22/2024
Soccer with OT Sports	Mondays	01/22/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/22/2024
Kids TV - Video & Film Production	Mondays	01/22/2024	2:45 PM 4:15 PM	04/22/2024
Drawing Elements with Spunky Arts	Mondays	01/22/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/22/2024
Tap & Ballet with Studio Go Dance	Tuesdays	01/23/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/30/2024
Chess FIRST HOUR with Kid Chess	Tuesdays	01/23/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/30/2024
Chess COMBO (both hours) with Kid Chess	Tuesdays	01/23/2024	2:45 PM 5:10 PM	04/30/2024
Chess SECOND HOUR with Kid Chess	Tuesdays	01/23/2024	4:10 PM 5:10 PM	04/30/2024
STEM Velocity Lab	Wednesdays	01/24/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/24/2024
Golf with OT Sports	Wednesdays	01/24/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/24/2024
Art & Facts Around the World with Vamos Chicos	Wednesdays	01/24/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/24/2024
Video Game and Coding with Bricks 4 Kidz	Wednesdays	01/24/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/24/2024
Master Builders with Bricks 4 Kidz	Thursdays	01/25/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/25/2024
Drama with Atlanta Children's Theatre	Thursdays	01/25/2024	2:45 PM 4:15 PM	04/25/2024
Karate Beginners with Atlanta Karate	Thursdays	01/25/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/25/2024
Karate Advanced with Atlanta Karate	Thursdays	01/25/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/25/2024
Yoga with Grounded Kids	Thursdays	01/25/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/25/2024
Robotics Senior with Steam Powered Kids	Fridays	01/26/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/26/2024
Robotics Junior with Steam Powered Kids	Fridays	01/26/2024	2:45 PM 4:00 PM	04/26/2024