

**Music@SPARK**  
**AC/Chorus/GCMC Calendar DRAFT**  
**2019-2020**

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**Ensemble descriptions:**

**Chorus/General Music**--meets/rehearses during school in Music Class. These students are invited to most events as long as they know the music well. Check in with Ms. Turgeon if in doubt. Chorus/GM will include some Modern Band lessons this year (see [Little Kids Rock](#)) Chorus members are welcome to drop in for GCMC and AC at any time; however, after 3 sessions please decide to stay in the ensemble or not.

**Grady Cluster Music Club (GCMC)**--made up of students from Hope-Hill, Mary Lin, Morningside, and SPARK. GCMC meets on Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 pm at Hope-Hill. The purpose of this club is for our cluster kids to get to know each other and make musical friends before they get to Inman. It includes singing, dancing, drumming, ukulele, Orff instruments, and performing, but is mostly about making musical friends. This club is led by Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Colleen Kingston (Hope-Hill), Ms. Emily Backus (Mary Lin), Ms. Melanie Relyea and Mr. Hudson Gillot (MES).

**Advanced Chorus (AC)**--No audition necessary. Students rehearse after school on Fridays until 4:30pm. AC members will sing, move, and read music at our highest SPARK level, and are our on-call performing group when we have special event invitations. AC will participate in Large Group Performance Evaluation in March. LGPE is an adjudicated festival that allows us to reach toward our highest potential, and includes preparing two pieces of classical literature and sight-singing. SPARK's AC is one of very few public elementary choruses that participates in both repertoire and sight-singing for LGPE (Mary Lin also participates). We have consistently earned Superior and Excellent ratings from the judges most years we have attended. See the trophy case to see our plaques!

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**Confirmed/expected dates**

- ❑ **Saturday, August 10 Back to School Bash (select students perform)**
- ❑ **Saturday, August 24 8am-12:30pm AC/Chorus/GCMC Educators Open House at the Center for Civil and Human Rights** 15-25 minute sets at 9am, 10:30am, and noon.
- ❑ **Monday, September 9 registration and payment deadline for GMEA Fifth District Honor Chorus.** See the blog for details.
- ❑ **Thursday, Sept 19 AC only Virginia Highland Civic Association--at Virginia Highland Church (across from Inman). Call time (dressed, fed, & watered) at 6:15pm, perform at 7:00pm. Finished by 7:15ish.**
- ❑ **Friday, Sept 20 AC/Chorus/GCMC sing the National Anthem and Lift Every Voice and Sing at Grady HS football game** arrive at Grady HS Band room for pizza and rehearsal 5:30pm, Line up to go on the field between 7:00-7:30pm, sing right before the game at 8pm., meet parents at indicated spot after singing. Admission for kids is free.
- ❑ **September 24 WARM UP 4-6pm CONCERT AT 6:30pm AC/Chorus/GCMC Grady Cluster's Elementary Chorus Fall Friendship Festival at Grady High School** The main reason for the Fall Friendship Festival is for our elementary Chorus members to get to know some kids from our sister schools a bit better and see the ensembles they could participate in at Inman and Grady. Chorus members from Hope/Hill, Mary Lin, Morningside, and SPARK will meet to play games, learn some songs together. We'll be hosted by the Grady HS and Inman MS Chorus members.
- ❑ **Monday, October 28 SPARK, MES, Mary Lin, Hope-Hill, GCMC singers at Atlanta Hawks vs Philadelphia 76ers call time 6:15 at State Farm Arena. Tickets will be \$23, and singers must purchase a ticket. We will only have 10 spots for singers from SPARK. Purchase your tickets to ensure your spot!**
- ❑ **Fri/Sat Oct 25-26 5<sup>th</sup> District Elementary Honor Chorus** Ms. Turgeon can register up to 5 singers
- ❑ **Saturday Nov 9 at 12:55 Met in HD Madama Butterfly at Perimeter Pointe Theater**
- ❑ **Saturday, Dec. 7 (tentative) time 11am-1pm AC/Chorus Caroling for Virginia Highland's Tour of Homes**
- ❑ **Sunday, Dec. 8 Holidays Chastain at Chastain Horse Park Call 3pm-sing 3:30 pm and/or call 4pm-sing 4:30pm**

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- ❑ Friday, Dec. 20 during school SPARK Sing Along 8:30 & 10am (will be livestreamed)
- ❑ Sunday, January 19 Sing for the Harlem Globetrotters game at State Farm Arena. Call time 11:30 sing before 12:30 tipoff. All singers and guests must have a ticket
- ❑ Friday, January 24 AC is cancelled
- ❑ Thursday, January 30 Chorus/AC are invited to sing at SPARK's International Night. Meet at 5:15pm, parade and sing around 6pm
- ❑ Fri/Sat, Feb. 14-15 GMEA Statewide Elementary Honor Chorus at the Clayton County Performing Arts Center 4-6 singers Ani, Finn, Carys, Phoebe, Aine, Cait, Sam 2, Destiny, Caitlin
- ❑ February 20 AC participates GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation at TriCities HS 9:30am performance
- ❑ NEW DATE/TIME Saturday, February 29 7:05pm game AC/Chorus/GCMC and SPARK 3rd graders sing the US and Canadian Anthem at the Gladiators 6:05pm call time at Infinite Energy Center (formerly Gwinnett Arena)
- ❑ March 13 AC/Chorus/GCMC sing at 5th grade basketball Challenge
- ❑ Thursday, March 19 SPARK Fine Arts Night
- ❑ Friday, April 3 AC cancelled (Ms. Turgeon's going to Carnegie Hall)
- ❑ Friday, May 15 APS Elementary Music Festival 4th graders are eligible all day at Sylvan MS.
- ❑ *Tuesday, May 19 6pm AC/Chorus Chorus and AC's Spring Concert*