

**SPARK IT UP! News Release:**

**To: Identified Gifted and Talented Students/Parents in the 6th Grade for the 2018-19 School Year**

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**RE: SPARK IT UP! Summer GT Learning Academy**

**Calling all 6th Grade LRSD Gifted and Talented Students!** Mark your calendar for June 3<sup>rd</sup>-June 14<sup>th</sup> when the SPARK IT UP! Summer GT Learning Academy will be offered for qualifying students. (Qualifying students are defined as students who are identified/participating in GT programming in the LRSD.) SPARK IT UP! will be held at Stephens elementary. The academy will begin at 9:00 a.m. each day and dismiss at 1 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, a program t-shirt, and transportation to and from your home address (within the LRSD district) will be provided. The Academy will accept 75 students. Ten days of engaging learning activities through a S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math & Music) based curriculum will be explored. Five engaging classes will SPARK imaginations through an energy related theme, “Energizing Minds, SPARKing Futures.” Registration for the academy will open on Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. via a registration link posted to the LRSD Gifted and Talented Website that may be accessed from [www.lrsd.org](http://www.lrsd.org) The registration process will require submission of each student’s LRSD Student Identification Number. All registration submissions will be date and timestamped to assure that they are processed in the order received. The link to register for SPARK IT UP! will be shared via a parent link, on the LRSD Gifted Programs website, LRSD Gifted Programs Facebook Page, and LRSD Gifted Programs Twitter Page. Once registration is submitted and current LRSD/GT enrollment is confirmed, **the first 75 students registered** will receive letters of acceptance to the academy. All others will be added to a waiting list and will receive a letter informing them of their wait list status.

**“SPARK IT UP! 2019- Energizing Minds, SPARKing Futures”**