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School Community Newsletter — December 10

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## DEAR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

We are concluding another busy week at Spark Academy. Wednesday featured writing workshops, health classes, and a meeting between our AMT cohort and Mr. George Cacace, the Director of Special Projects at Granite State Manufacturing. We want to remind our families that our Exploration Wednesdays are part of the school's curriculum and that appointments should be scheduled after school hours as much as possible. We do understand that the pandemic has made the scheduling of appointments more difficult, but we ask everyone to make an effort to avoid the loss of instructional time. We also want to emphasize the fact that all our physical activities including those conducted on Wednesdays are counted as part of Spark's physical education credit. All students should be participating unless there is an otherwise compelling reason.



## THANK YOU...

We have had another week of generous donations from our families! We have received paper cups, bowls, tissues, masks, and snacks. We thank you for your thoughtfulness!

## BAKE SALE...

Our Student Council will be hosting another bake sale on Wednesday of next week. Our last bake sale was a huge success, both in terms of participation and as a means of showcasing our families' baking abilities! We ask that

baked items be brought in on Tuesday, 12/14. The staff enjoyed these culinary delights at least as much as the students. This is fun way to usher in the holidays and to sweeten up the day!

## COVID PROTOCOL REMINDER...

The current COVID numbers in NH are concerning. We've had a few questions from parents regarding what you should do if your student has had a known exposure. Below is a summary of current guidelines from the CDC, and these are the steps that we ask everyone in our school community to follow.

Anyone who has had [close contact](#) with someone with COVID-19 should quarantine for 14 days **after their last exposure** to that person, except if they meet the



following conditions:

Someone who has been [fully vaccinated](#) and shows no symptoms of COVID-19 does not need to [quarantine](#). However, fully vaccinated close contacts should:

- [Wear a mask](#) indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until a negative test result.
- Get tested 5-7 days after [close contact](#) with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Get tested and [isolate](#) immediately if experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

It is our sincere hope that everyone in our school community remain healthy. Please take all necessary steps to ensure that! We thank you for your continued diligence in this regard.



## PARENT GROUP NEWS...

On Wednesday, December 22nd, the Parent Support Group will host a catered holiday lunch for our incredible Spark faculty and staff. We hope you will help us fund this lunch with a monetary donation. Donations by cash or check (made out to Spark Academy) may be left with Mrs. Larochelle. Please be sure to label your donation "Spark Staff Holiday Lunch." Venmo donations may also be made to Katie McQuaid via the Venmo code included here. For more information, please contact Katie McQuaid at [katiemcquaidnh@gmail.com](mailto:katiemcquaidnh@gmail.com) or 603-494-3505. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 6, at 6 PM.



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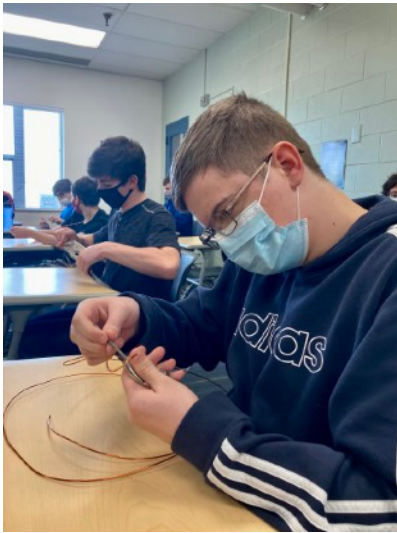
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## TUTTLE THOUGHTS...

Our vision is "to provide our students with the skills for problem solving, real world experiences and a sound work ethic. They will cultivate their skills, ingenuity, and character, ready to challenge the future with confidence, courage and curiosity." During the last two weeks, I have seen students collecting diapers for families, working together to solve problems, collaborating with guests, visiting career explorations sites, supporting others that are having trouble or need help, and creating a school where they have a voice and a choice.

As a school, we have created a supportive environment that is not just a school but a family. I have enjoyed these experiences and look forward to continuing this amazing adventure. Thank you all for welcoming me into this family and I look forward to meeting you all.

John Tuttle, Incoming Director



### THIS WEEK'S PHOTOS...

Our photos are from last week's presentation from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and this week's Wednesday activities.

We hope you all have a great week as we head toward our Christmas break!

Sincerely,

Denis Mailloux

Director