



Academy of Advanced Technologies Public Charter School Grades 9-12

igniting your purpose!

November, 2019

Dear Parents & Guardians,

November will be a busy month for us with a variety of school activities. Here goes...

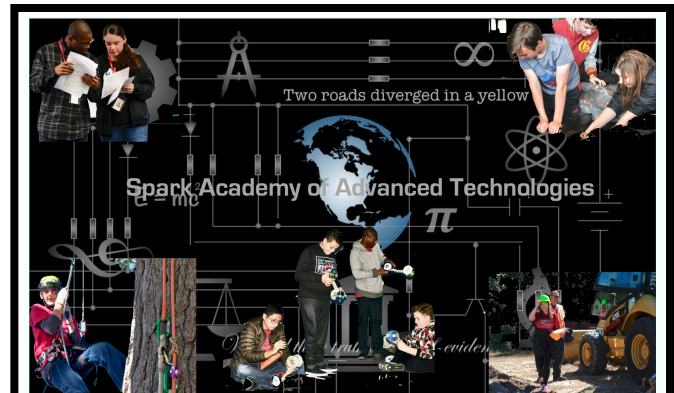
Monday, 11/4: Spark students will be registering for Manchester Community College's "Step Wars" program, a fitness competition that will involve the number of daily steps for competitors. Students with smartphones will not need pedometers. For those students without smartphones to count their steps, we will provide pedometers. The competition takes place from 11/4 to 12/1. We will be sure to include extra steps during the school day to meet our goals.

Tuesday, 11/5: Election Day, No School

Wednesday 11/6: We begin our involvement in the college's "Wellness Wednesday" program. On the 6th, Spark students will leave their afternoon classes in groups of four to engage in a fitness assessment at various stations. One Wednesday per month will then include various fitness activities with the college.

Thursday, 11/7: Grades close for the first marking period.

Wednesday, 11/13: Open House. We need parents and students to act as guides to interested families and answer their questions. Please consider joining us so that we can provide your family's perspective on our new school. We can't really tell our story without you!



**Spark Academy of Advanced Technologies
Open House for the Class of 2024!**

Wednesday, November 13th, 6:30 - 9:00

**See the campus. Visit the classrooms. Meet the students,
parents, and faculty.**

**A general introduction to the school will be followed by a
tour and Q & A session with parents and students.**

Thursday, 11/14: Reports cards will be emailed to your homes.

Wednesday, 11/20: Parent/Teacher Meetings will be taking place in 15 minute intervals beginning at 12:30. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with our instructional team to get an overview of your student's progress in each subject area. As always, we are available to schedule a longer meeting with you on another date should the need arise. A meeting with the entire instructional team provides all of us with a unified perspective on each student's progress so that we become better informed of your student's unique abilities.

We will be dismissing students at noon. Those students who are not able to find transportation at that time will be able to wait for rides at the normal dismissal time.

Every school must develop and file an Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) with local and state agencies. The Spark EOP was developed in conjunction with MCC. EOP's are not made public for obvious reasons. Therefore, the Spark/MCC EOP will not be sent home nor posted on our website. There is one very important piece of information that needs to be communicated with families however, i.e., the family re-unification site should we need to leave the campus. Transportation to the re-unification site has been arranged with MTA. Brookside Congregational Church on 2013 Elm Street, Manchester, has agreed to be our family re-unification site. Though on the other side of the Merrimack River, that site provides the most direct and logical route. Should the need ever exist for the EOP to be activated, you will be informed through our phone notification system.

We had a great day for a mountain hike this week! The staff did a fantastic job of keeping up with the students. It was an effort for most of us, but the reward was great. The view is amazing atop Mt. Major, and it was a great experience for all of us to share! Of course, the kids felt no after effects, while the director's legs are still a bit stiff. I think our group photo says it all!



Thank you, once again, for sending your kids to us and for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Denis Mailloux
Director