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DEAR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

As we enter the week before Christmas break, we want to wish everyone the very best over the holidays. I think COVID may have taught us a valuable lesson about the value of our families and friends in our lives. We hope the break provides everyone with the opportunity to enjoy time with those who are most precious to us.

CALENDAR REMINDERS...

- Wednesday, 12/22, will be a regular day of instruction.
- Thursday, 12/23, will include some fun activities so as to send everyone off with a joyous spirit. Dismissal will be at 3:00pm.
- Christmas break will include Friday, 12/24, to Monday, 1/3.
- The MCC campus will be closed from Monday, 1/3, to Friday, 1/7. Therefore, our students will be learning remotely during that week. They will be heading home with their school laptops and will have the software on those units to complete their assignments. Teachers will give students the necessary details next week. Their instructions will include times for Zoom sessions. This remote period will be taking place only as a precaution on the college's part to provide a buffer after the holidays.



BAKE SALE...

Student Council had another **very** successful bake sale on Wednesday. The treats were delicious and were very much enjoyed by all! We thank all of you for supporting our students through your baking skills and purchases.

SCHOOL PICTURES...

The photos from Bill Marshall Photography are online and ready for viewing! If you registered using the QR code provided to your student on picture day, you should have received an emailed link. Please note that the fastest way to obtain photos is to purchase the digital file. If you choose printed photos, they will come back from the lab after the holidays.

FESTIVE FACULTY LUNCH...

We thank all of you who were able to help the Parent Group with your donations for the faculty lunch scheduled for Wednesday of next week! It means so much to all of us as a sign of your support and spirit.



TUTTLE THOUGHTS...

"As your child grows, you are always looking to find ways to make their life better. School is an important part of making that happen. Deciding what path to take and wondering if you made the right decision is one of the many challenges of being a parent. I have always known that students learn in many different ways, and finding the right place so that they can be successful is important and difficult.

Spark Academy has many different advantages for students coming to this program. Exposure to real world experiences is one that I have seen in the last few weeks. Our curriculum and schedule plan elements were specifically designed for the active learner. Students have cultivated knowledge in writing workshops and projects involving laser-cutting, 3D printing, and CAD. They have had to develop rules for a kickball tournament, plan a bake sale, organize a diaper fundraising event, and collaborate with others during science experiments.

At Spark Academy, we have created real world experiences for all students to learn and work together. These are key elements of success for the future, and by developing these skills, all students learn how to be successful. Thank you for trusting us with your child's education and have a great weekend."

John Tuttle,

Incoming Director

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES...

We had another activity-loaded Wednesday this week with writing workshops, another presentation from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, board games, dancing, and kickball. This week's photos are from those activities.



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 vis the Venmo code included here. For more information, please contact Katie McQuaid at katiemcquaidnh@gmail.com or 603-494-3505. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 6, at 6 PM.



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Warmest Holiday Wishes...

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