

SPARK

Academy



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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WORKSHOP DAY

Please remember that Monday 3/18 is a staff workshop day and there will be no Spark classes.

BUS STUDENTS

All students who ride the bus should carry their Spark Academy school IDs on them. The bus drivers will need to see them as Manchester SD begins rolling out the new tap on/tap off program. Also please remember that you should be consistent with bus riding. If you are not taking the afternoon bus home, you need to notify Mrs. Roberts at the front desk BEFORE the end of the day.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Reminder that the second progress reports for Semester Two will be distributed next week!

YEARBOOKS ARE COMING!

We will be distributing the forms for you to pre-order your yearbooks soon. Pre-order price will be \$25 (this is essentially at cost) and students who do not pre-order but decide to buy one later will be charged \$30. All pre-orders and payments are due by April 19.

EXPLORATION WEDNESDAY

We had a lot going on during this week's EW. The Leddy Group worked with our Third-Year students on interviewing skills (and we thank our students for coming in during their college break.) Our First- and Second-Year students were split into three groups: one went to the Aviation Museum, one went to Benson Park, and the third group prepared presentations for Women in History month.

NEW WRITERS CONTEST

MCC's 2024 New Writers contest is open to all New Hampshire high school students and is accepting entries now! Poets and creative writers of both fiction and nonfiction, please see the flyer attached to





the email containing this newsletter for submission details. The deadline is April 1st.

GRADUATION

This year the graduation ceremony will be on Thursday, May 30 at 12:00 PM. All members of Spark Academy will be attending. Senior Dinner is on Wednesday, May 29. Details will be sent out to Fourth-Year families soon.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ☑ Monday 3/18 – Staff Workshop (no Spark classes)
- ☑ Friday 3/22 – Progress Reports
- ☑ Wednesday 3/27 – SATs (Third-Year students)
- ☑ Thursday 3/28 – Info Night for Prospective Families
- ☑ Friday 4/19 – Yearbook Orders Due

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

As we continue to assess where we are in the school year and how we are doing, it is important to make sure that we understand that everything is a process. A lot of times when you decide to make changes, you want a quick result. This is not realistic. You cannot just be healthy because you ate one healthy meal. It takes time and during that time, a lot of reflection. It also takes effort. We continue to go through this process in a lot of different ways at Spark Academy. Progress Reports are one example for people to see what is happening and to reflect on progress.

The big challenge is that often times, people feel that there needs to be a consequence to help make that change. If you think this is what is needed for change, it is important to realize that you are hoping others will take the time to enforce that change for you. We have to create a self desire to make the change. If someone does not want to change, they never will. They might go through the steps, but they will go back to their old habits quickly. At Spark we continue to look at ways to help students understand the power that they have to make changes in their lives - and that they should not depend on others to make the changes for them.

John Tuttle
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OUR PHOTOS ARE FROM OUR FIELD TRIP TO BENSON'S PARK IN HUDSON

