

# SPARK Academy

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### AMT/BIOFAB CAREER FAIR 4/9

There will be a career fair for Advanced Manufacturing Technology and Biofabrication on April 9 from 3:00-6:00 PM in the MPR at MCC. There will be 48 industry partners attending.

### FOURTH-YEAR FAMILIES

Be sure to check your email for information about Senior Dinner. Fourth-Year students have also begun selling ad space for the program book; if you know a person or company who would like to place an ad, please ask your student for an order form.

### WHY EXPLORATION WEDNESDAYS?

The concept of Exploration Wednesday is a foundation of Spark Academy, giving us an opportunity to enrich our students beyond the classroom in a variety of ways. Field trips to museums, science centers, and outdoor parks; tours of local high-tech manufacturers and other companies who might want to help us create pathways; on- and off-site leadership programs such as AdventureLore and Leddy Group; mixing cohorts to play games and solve puzzles – all of these are designed to teach soft skills and expand our students' experiences. Remember: Wednesdays are school days, and attendance is not optional!

### GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 26

Once again, the flyer is attached to the email containing this newsletter – please share with anyone who might be interested and tell them why they should support Spark Academy.





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ☑ Wednesday, 4/10 – Info Night for Prospective Families (5:30 PM)
- ☑ 4/22 – 4/26 – April vacation (no Spark classes)
- ☑ Thursday, 5/9 – Trivia Night (organized by the Parent Support Committee)
- ☑ Wednesday, 5/15 – Staff Workshop Day
- ☑ Friday, 5/24 – Field Day



## TUTTLE THOUGHTS

We have been talking about soft skills and how technology has taken away the ability to use soft skills in everyday life. These skills are starting to become extinct, and they are important to function on the job and in life, and in developing ethics. They include time management, creative thinking, networking, teamwork and conflict resolution.



These skills are missing in most students, who are becoming dependent on someone else solving the problem or telling them what to do. They are avoiding conflict, or dealing with it by using technology, so they do not have to actually talk to the other person.

Taking the time to discuss these skills and better yet, practice using them will prepare our students for their future in whatever career they choose. Right now, they do not see the importance of these skills but later on in their life they will need to solve a conflict, manage their time, talk to others, and be part of a team. No matter what path you pick these are skills that every person needs, and we practice them here at Spark.



Have a great weekend!

John Tuttle

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