

Spark

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School Community Newsletter — November 19, 2021

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DEAR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

It has been a busy week at Spark! We began our activity schedule with a **Yoga class** on Tuesday sponsored by Manchester Community College. Nearly 100% of our students participated along with the MCC community. We thank the college for making so many opportunities available to us.

THIS WEEK...

Wednesday was a busy day as our third year students went on a field trip to **Granite State Manufacturing** for a tour and presentation on the many employment opportunities there. Our students brought their resumes with them, and some may have found great part-time jobs as well. The course work evident on their transcripts seemed to make our students attractive future employees!



Our second year students were provided with a presentation on Non-Destructive Testing at the **Portsmouth Naval Shipyard** and on the use of various science concepts in this very interesting field. This engaging presentation was delivered by Mark Dorley, Moira Corbett, and James Hill who directly connected their work to the many skills our students are learning at Spark. We thank Libby Hitte, the STEM Outreach Manager for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, for making these presentations available! It's a great opportunity for our students to learn directly from people in the field and to see how many career possibilities are waiting for them.

SCHOOL PICTURES...

Bill Marshall Photography will be on site to take class photographs of our students on Wednesday, December 1st. Here is some important information for our families:

- ☑ There is no pre-session paperwork!
- ☑ A personalized QR code will be sent home with your student. You scan it to view your student's personalized photo gallery, which will be available within two weeks.

- ✓ Green screen backgrounds allow for you to decide after picture day on the background of your choice (please DON'T dress your student in green!)

We are happy to provide this service for Spark students this year!

PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE...

You are all invited to join our Parent Support Committee at their inaugural meeting on Thursday, December 2nd at 6pm, in Room 300.

This important committee will support our school with community-building and fundraising efforts.

Questions? Please contact Katie McQuaid at katiemcquaidnh@gmail.com.

INFORMATION NIGHTS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS...

We want to remind everyone in the Spark Community that we will be holding two in-person information nights on **November 23rd and 30th, 6:30pm** for families that should be considering Spark Academy for next year. The evenings

will consist of a brief overview of our school in Room 300, some Q&A time, and MCC tours. Please help us get the word out as we return to in-person information programs. There are many families who should be thinking about Spark for their students. Seeing our school in person is by far the best way to reach them.

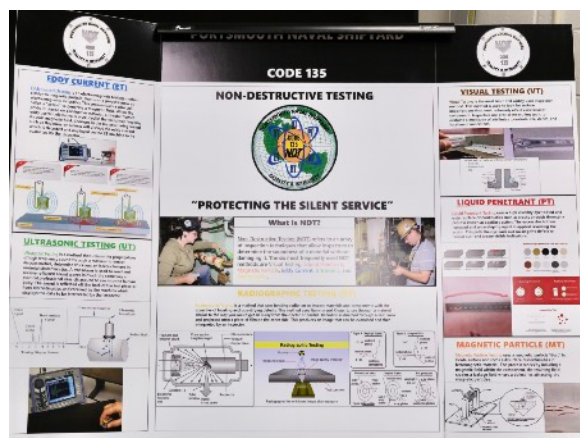
Interested families should contact us at admissions@sparkacademynh.org for more information.

More information nights will be held each month. Dates will be established in December.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES...

Thank you to all who came to our conferences last night. If you were not able to make it and wish to speak with any of your student's teachers, please reach out to them individually to schedule a meeting. NOTE: Early College students are encouraged to self advocate with their professors if they need help. MCC professors DO NOT offer parent-teacher conferences. Just one of the many things we are all learning to navigate together!

DIAPER DRIVE...



Manchester Community College is hosting a diaper drive now through December 3rd to benefit The Amoskeag Diaper Pantry. Monetary donations may be made via VENMO using the QR code here:

You may also send diapers in with your student and we will bring them to the Student Center.

We are now turning this event into a contest among our cohorts. The cohort with most diapers collected by Wednesday, December 1st, will be treated to a pizza and ice cream lunch on the day of their choosing. Here comes another sugar high!



SNOW-RELATED SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS...

November reminds school administrators of the possibility of possible snow-related announcements in the upcoming months. Spark Academy makes its announcements on WMUR both on the air and at their website at <https://www.wmur.com/weather/closings>. We also make these announcements through the Spark Emergency Response System and on the Spark Facebook Page. We will keep our fingers crossed and hope for a low number of severe snow days!



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WEEK'S PHOTOS...

This week's activities are reflected in the photos presented here and on our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/SparkAcademyNH/>.

We hope you all have a great Thanksgiving break and can find time to enjoy family, friends, and some rest!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denis Mailloux". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "D" and "M".

Denis Mailloux
Director

