



## Academy of Advanced Technologies Public Charter School Grades 9-12

igniting your purpose!

December 12, 2019

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We thank you for supporting Spark in so many ways! That support can be extended toward assisting us to make the case for the NH State Legislature's acceptance of a \$46M federal grant which is at the center of an important debate in our state. We don't know how much contact we will have with the legislators, but having the students dressed for the occasion will help us make an impression on adults who do not, as yet, know us.

As you know, Spark is a charter school and, as such, depends greatly upon the support which allows for our school's very existence, providing families a level of educational choice that has only been previously available through private schools. Without the support of federal dollars and the generous donations of others, Spark would not exist. Mr. Larochelle has written a powerful statement on this important topic. You can find a copy of that statement on the Spark Facebook Page to share with your families and friends.

### Calendar Dates to Remember

- Friday, 12/13 - State House Program with all NH Charter Schools to Urge Acceptance of the \$46M Federal Grant
- Wednesday, 12/18 - PSAT Information Night for Parents, 6:30 - 7:30
- Monday, 12/23 - Wednesday, 1/1 - Christmas Vacation
- Thursday, 1/2 - Regular Class Day
- Tuesday, 2/11 - No School - Presidential Primary Day



This week's *Wellness Wednesday* program proved that our students can exhibit quite a bit of grace and style! We thank Manchester Community College once again for making so many opportunities available to our students! Enjoy more photos of this activity and many others on our Facebook Page.



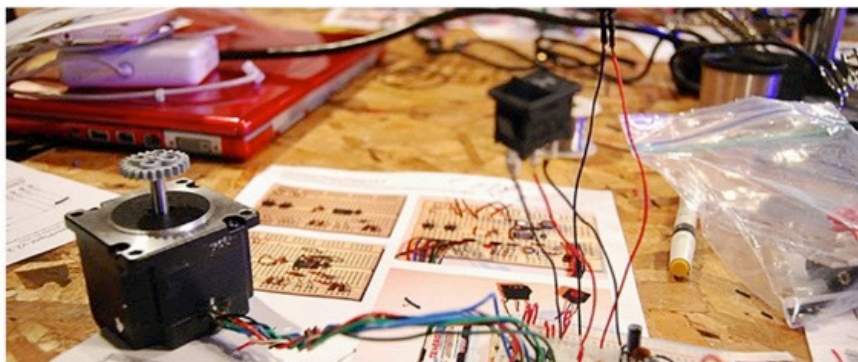
*Design it, Make it, Code it* is a program offered by UNH Manchester and may be of interest to your student. You can find more information at <https://extension.unh.edu/events/design-it-make-it-code-it-introduction-electronics> if this program seems of interest to you.







Finally,

PSAT results are in. You can view them along with your student at any time. Just ask your son or daughter to take you to his or her student account to view the results. Standardized testing results can be rather overwhelming. For that reason, you are invited to a parent PSAT information meeting on Wednesday, 12/18, from 6:30 - 7:30pm, here at Spark (Room 300). **This meeting is not mandatory** and is offered simply to help understand scores and their usefulness.

Sincerely,

Denis Mailloux  
Director





## Design It, Make It, Code It! Introduction to Electronics

Mon, 01/06/2020 to Mon, 03/02/2020  
4:00pm - 6:00pm  
UNH STEM Discovery Lab/Cooperative Extension, UNH Manchester, 88 Commercial St, room 329, Manchester, NH 03101

An exciting addition to our Design, Make, Code youth programs. Participants will:

- Learn the basics of electronics through interactive building, programming, controlling
- Explore programming in "C" utilizing the ARDUINO Integrated Development Environment (IDE)

This program is taught by two retired Engineers who have been trained through the UNH STEM Docent program. Participants will get to take their projects home at the end of the program.


Dates:  
January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, March 2

Time: 4pm-6pm

Location: UNH STEM Discovery Lab


Cost: \$15

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