

SPARK Academy

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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AFTER SCHOOL HELP SESSIONS

Starting next week our dedicated teachers will offer weekly help sessions after school until 4:00 PM. These are open to anyone wanting extra help or study time, and are mandatory for anyone who is behind with turning in assignments.

Tuesdays: Science & Technology

Wednesdays: Math

Thursdays: Humanities

CALENDAR SALES

Some of you are doing an amazing job selling calendar raffle tickets!! Please remember that we expect ALL students to sell at least ten tickets. They are only \$10 each, and the smallest cash prize is double that amount.

Current leader board: Tristan N. is in first place with 54 tickets sold, Malaki P. is in second place with 35, and Aiden F. is in third with 22.

Last week's top three sellers for the week had lunch in the café with Mr. Tuttle on Wednesday. **Please continue to sell calendar tickets to your friends and family members!** Anyone reading this who wishes to buy tickets should reach out to Mrs. Larochelle or Mr. Tuttle. All entries and payments are due by Friday, 9/29. Checks should be made out to Spark Academy.



DISMISSAL REMINDER

Parents, please remember to follow the procedure for getting in the car line for pickup: drive into the upper parking lot, drive straight back and around the edge of the lot to the left, and turn left again to line up next to the shed for pickup at the edge of the grass/path. Then exit the way you came in. Please watch for traffic, both foot- and vehicle-. Thank you.

PICTURE DAY!

School photos will be taken on Tuesday, October 3. These pictures will be used for IDs and will be in the yearbook as well. Families will have an opportunity to purchase photo packages.

SCHOOL STORE HOURS

The Spark Store will be open next Wednesday, 9/20 during lunch hour. It will be open every other Wednesday after that, so please take note! Our Third-Year students run the store as part of their financial literacy class, and proceeds go into their graduation fund for next year.



RAPTOR SYSTEM

We have a new check-in program in place for visitors to the school. Please have an ID ready and be sure to stop at the front desk if you are coming in for anything that requires you to leave the lobby area. Thank you!

BUSES

Thank you to our Manchester parents of bus riders for their patience, and especially for stepping up to help each other with rides over the past couple of weeks. The MSD was able to secure transportation for almost all of our students this week and is working hard to find a service for the last few. Please reach out to Mrs. Roberts with any concerns or questions regarding the bus transportation.



PLANNERS

Parents: all students have been issued a spiral-bound Spark planner and are expected to use them regularly to help with time management and writing skills. Please remind your student to practice using this tool every day!

PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the first PSC meeting this week! Your involvement is key to our continued success. Anyone who couldn't make this week's meeting is welcome to attend the next one – watch this space for dates.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- **Boxes of Kleenex**
- **Rolls of paper towels**

Thank you to those who have sent in supplies and food this week.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Gary Thomas, former Chairperson of Spark Academy's Board of Trustees, for winning the 2023 Business Excellence Award from the NH Business Review! Mr. Thomas is the President & CEO of NorthPoint Construction Management.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Tuesday 9/19 – No Spark classes (staff workshop day)**
- **Tuesday 10/3 – School Picture Day**
- **Thursday 10/5 – Open House for Current Families**
- **Friday 10/6 – No Spark classes (staff workshop day)**
- **Monday 10/9 – No school (Indigenous Peoples Day)**

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

This was our first full week of school and we have already done so much. Every student has created a Smart Goal for the semester; we continue to work on our SPARK Values; and we have begun working with Peers not Fears.

A special shout out to the Humanities Department for organizing and starting the process of using student organizers. This is going to be a great tool for all students to work on their accountability.

Thank you to all that have participated in selling our calendars so far. Every dollar helps us fund all that we do at the school. Keep selling! I would also like to thank all the parents and guardians that came out as part of our Parent Support Committee. Having parents involved in what we do and helping with the process is a huge part of our success.

There are a few programs that have started or will be kicking off in the next week. Pay attention for information in regard to our Robotics Team, Ambassador Program and volunteering opportunities. Thank you all for everything that you do and have a great weekend!

John Tuttle

Director

