### School Community Newsletter — November 5, 2021

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### DEAR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

We have a few November reminders for our families in this week's newsletter. It's going to be a busy month!

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH...

The following activities will be taking place from Noon to 2:00pm:

- Our Hooke and Tesla cohorts will be treated to a presentation and discussion with a former NASA employee.
- Our DaVinci and CE cohorts will be meeting with two representatives from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.



The AMT cohort will be meeting with (Advanced Regenerative Manufacturing Institute) ARMI representatives.

Each of these presentations and Q&A sessions will introduce our students to career possibilities all right here in New Hampshire! Programs such as these are the result of our introduction of an Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) Program which our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Minery, is heading. Please contact her at melissa.minery@sparkacademynh.org if you have career networking opportunities that might benefit our students.

Our kids have so many career choices to think about that it can all be pretty confusing for them. ELO experiences can really help them figure our which career pathway they will want to investigate further.

### STUDENT COUNCIL BAKE SALE...

Our Student Council will be hosting a bake sale for Spark students and staff on Wednesday, November 10th. We







encourage everyone to bring a few extra dollars in order to take advantage of this tasty way to support Student Council. Please contact Mrs. Larochelle if you wish to make a contribution of baked goods.

### VETERAN'S DAY...

Spark Academy will be observing Veteran's Day on November 11th. Therefore, our students will have no classes on that day.

### YOGA CLASS...

Those of you who were with us in Spark's first year will recall that we were able to participate in a yoga class sponsored by Manchester Community College. MCC is making this opportunity available to us again on on Tuesday, November 16th. We thank the college for sponsoring this activity and so many other programs available to our students.



# PHONE RESTRICTIONS DURING CLASSES...



On Monday, November 8th, we will begin strict enforcement of our classroom electronics policy. Phones are not to be used in classes. If you need to contact your student during the school day, please call our main number at (603) 945-9151.

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES...

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be taking place on Thursday, November 18th, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Please be on the lookout for a

link with details for scheduling time with the teachers.

## INFORMATION NIGHTS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS...

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 <u>admissions@sparkacademynh.org</u> for more information.

## 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 <u>https://www.wmur.com/weather/</u> <u>closings</u>. 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!

### 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.



### THIS WEEK'S PHOTOS...

Our photos this week are from last weekend's Robotics Competition. We thank the staff and parents who gave their valuable time to make this event possible. All the schools had a great experience!

Sincerely,

Denis Mailloux Director