

SPARK Academy

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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THE SCHOOL STORE IS OPEN!!

The school store is reopening for Spark merchandise orders! Please see the order form that is attached to this email. Order forms and payments are due by next Friday, 2/10. Please turn them in to Mrs. Roberts at the front desk.

ROBOTICS TEAM NEWS

This weekend's VRC event at Coe-Brown will be the last robotics competition that Spark teams are competing in before States. Come out and cheer them on! The competition is Saturday 2/4 from 9:00 to 4:00 in Northwood, NH.

SPEAKING OF THE VEX STATE CHAMPIONSHIP...

This year's NH/VT Vex Robotics State Championship two-day event is once again being held at MCC and volunteers are needed. You can sign up for 8-12 or 12-4 time slots - or all day - on Saturday or Sunday to help with queueing, field reset, or judging. All volunteers eat for free and receive a shirt. Please email Mrs. Larochelle (let her know the day & time and give her your shirt size) if you are interested in helping out.

We are also looking for food donations for the concession stand! You can sign up using the links below. All paper goods and non-perishable items can be brought to the school any time between now and Friday 2/17! **Please leave them with Mrs. Roberts at the front desk and let her know they are for the robotics state championship.**

Saturday 2/18 (includes all drinks, paper goods, candy)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4ba9ac28a75-vexstate#/>

Sunday 2/19

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FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Spark students are collaborating with MCC Student Life by collecting the following items to create Comfort Kits for children who fled Ukraine and are living in shelters. Donations are due by February 14th and the cohort with the most participation will earn a pizza party.

- Individual toothbrushes and toothpaste (kid's flavor)
- Kid's socks and gloves
- Warm hats and hand-warmers
- Chapsticks
- Small toys (no batteries)
- Markers/color pencils/sharpeners
- Small notepad/journal/sketchpad
- Stickers
- Lollipops and gum

OTHER NEWS

- Our Fourth-Year students will begin fundraising for Senior Week activities. Coming soon: Pizza Fridays! Pizza slices will be available at lunchtime, \$3/one slice or \$5/two slices.
- The graduation committee is hard at work planning Spark Academy's inaugural ceremony, senior dinner, and other special events for our first graduating class. We hope to see many of our non-graduating Spark students and families attending graduation on June 2, 2023!
- ('Save the Date' graphic created by Fourth Year student Angalena Negron.)
- Fourth-Year students, please watch your email for an updated meeting schedule from Mr. Tuttle (via Mrs. Larochelle.) Some dates may have changed from what was sent out previously. Please be sure to stop by Spark some time on Wednesday, 2/8 for a cap & gown fitting!

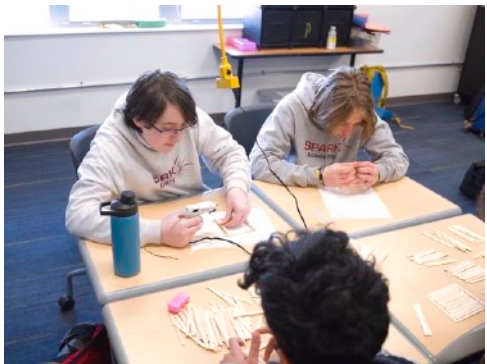
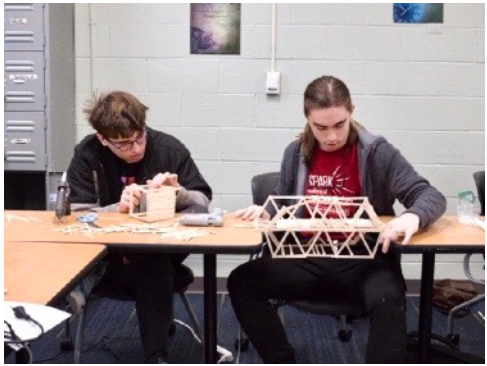
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 18 & 19 – VEX Robotics NH/VT State Championship

Monday, Feb. 20 – No Spark classes (Presidents Day)

February 27 – March 3 – No Spark classes (Feb. vacation)





TUTTLE THOUGHTS

It is hard to believe that we are already in February, but it sure does feel like it this weekend! It is also hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the third quarter already. With that in mind, it is important for everyone to stay focused and look forward.

This week I spent time with a lot of the students to review and write new goals for the rest of the school year. We write these goals so that we can focus on self-improvement, give us focus, improve our process and to remind us about our priorities. I feel that this is a great skill and a way to make sure that everyone is working together. Please ask your student about their goal and maybe set a goal with them to work on together.

I have had a goal for this year to increase communication and academic progress. So, I am working on sending out a progress report on 2/17/23 to let you know how each student is doing in their classes. I do want to remind you that you should have access to Canvas to see their progress at any time. If this is not the case, please let me know.

Have a safe and warm weekend.

John Tuttle
Director