

# SPARK Academy

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### SPARK VANS!

This week we finalized our grant-funded purchase of two 15-passenger vans. We are busy getting all the related policies and procedures put into place, including driver safety training. We are very excited because we believe this purchase will greatly enhance our exploration days and other off campus learning opportunities. We hope to have everything in place to begin using the vans for these purposes in December!



### MATH PROGRAM

We are currently in the process of enhancing our math curriculum to more closely align the content in ALEKS with textbooks and lessons which encompass a deeper range of topics in each respective course. We are doing this to ensure that our students have a true mastery of the topics and are well prepared for college math classes should they choose to take them. If your student reports suddenly having a lot of additional ALEKS topics to complete, this is the reason why.



### SCHOOL VISIT

Thank you to teacher Marianne DiTaranto, who brought ten of her students from Green Valley School in Pembroke to see Spark Academy. It was a pleasure to show them our school and describe our program to them!

### FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Our third-year students will be taking the Digital SAT with essay on Wednesday, March 29th. In 2016 the New Hampshire Department of Education replaced the 11th grade Smarter Balanced statewide assessment with the SAT to reduce the time public schools take to prepare students for standardized testing, while ensuring that all students are ready for college and careers. Start preparing now with [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.org).

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 23 – 25: Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 21: Student Council Bake Sale

Dec. 23 - Jan.2: Christmas Break



## TUT TUT, LOOKS LIKE RAIN: A SHOWER OF UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR

I would like to send out a HUGE thank you to Ms. DeJesus for taking the time to create an incredible Financial Wednesday for all of our students. They worked on budgeting, cost of living, writing checks, understanding the importance of saving, and much much more. This was a true example of how our exploration days are to be run. Also, thank you to Samantha Kearns from Citizens Bank for coming in to share your knowledge.

Thank you to the students & staff who have been selling calendars and congrats to our top sellers this week (even though I did not win.) All of these efforts are to help support our school in creating more opportunities for each student to learn and grow.

I hope that you all have a great weekend and we look forward to having a short week going into Thanksgiving break!

Sincerely,  
John Tuttle  
Director

