

DEAR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

We have had an eventful week! I am always happy to tell the story of a busy and productive Spark Academy, and this week has delivered!

STUDENT COUNCIL BAKE SALE...

The Spark Student Council held a very successful bake sale on Wednesday. The earnings thrilled Student Council members as an indicator of their success. While that is true, the smiles on everyone's faces told a more important story. Everyone seemed to love the event, and the teachers were no exception. Our board got to enjoy the fruits of our students' labor at Wednesday evening's meeting. The huge number of baked items was only surpassed by their deliciousness! We thank our students for all their effort as well as the many parents who supported their effort! On another note, we seem to have a high number of students with cooking/baking talents. We will have to find a way to showcase their abilities and interests more often. Student Council's success was well worth the extended sugar high through the rest of the day.

PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE...

You are all invited to join our Parent Support Committee at their inaugural meeting on Thursday, December 2nd at 6pm, in Room 300. This important committee will support our school with community-building and fundraising efforts.

Questions? Please contact Katie McQuaid at katiemcquaidnh@gmail.com.



INFORMATION NIGHTS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS...

We want to remind everyone in the Spark Community that 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 admissions@sparkacademynh.org for more information.

More information nights will be held each month. Dates will be established in December.

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 Tuesday, November 16th. We thank the college for sponsoring this activity and so many other programs available to our students. Students should bring yoga mats or towels and dress comfortably that day.

REPORT CARDS...

Just one last reminder that report cards will be sent on Tuesday, November 16th to parents via email and given to the students as printed copies on the same day.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES...

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be taking place on Thursday, November 18th, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Please be on the lookout for a link sent via email with details for scheduling time with the teachers.

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.

We are now turning this event into a contest among our cohorts. The cohort with most diapers collected by Wednesday, December 1st, will be treated to a pizza and ice cream lunch on the day of their choosing. Here comes another sugar high!



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

WEDNESDAY'S PRESENTATIONS...

We were so fortunate to host speakers from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the Advanced Regenerative Institute, and a former NASA employee on Wednesday of this week. Our student learned about so many possible career choices. They viewed a ghost organ and discussed how

well the Spark program already aligns with the exciting new field of biofabrication. They were also able to practice the docking skills required at the shipyard every day. It wasn't easy!

The purpose of these programs is to help our students understand the huge number of options available to them by hearing directly from those involved in those careers today. As our students explore the huge array or possibilities available from our host MCC, they are learning that there are so many ways to pursue their interests. From manufacturing to management, design and marketing, and everything else in between, these organizations are helping our kids to think concretely about the possibilities waiting for them!

THIS WEEK'S PHOTOS...

This week's photos are from our Wednesday presentations.

We hope you have a great week!

Sincerely,



Denis Mailloux

Director

