



## School Community Newsletter — November 4, 2022

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### OUR 2022 CALENDAR FUNDRAISER IS LIVE!

Calendars are going home with students today. Each ticket is at the bottom of the calendar page and should be cut off and returned to school with payment. Your buyers should keep the calendar portion so they know which prizes are being drawn each day.

**Tickets are \$20** and we ask that each student sells ten tickets. Each school day in December, we will draw a winner for the prize shown on that day. Students can turn in their tickets and payments at the front desk as they sell them OR all at once, but

**all tickets must be turned in by Wednesday, Nov. 30.**

We have two different incentive levels for student calendar sales:

Level 1 - student sells 10-19 calendars

**Receives:** Spark water bottle and sticker

Level 2 - student sells 20 or more calendars

**Receives:** Spark winter hat and water bottle

The Top Three sellers will receive all incentives listed above PLUS a Bluetooth speaker! We thank you, our community, for your support.



### MCC ROBOTICS VRC KICKOFF SATURDAY 11/5

Tomorrow Spark Academy has three teams competing in the VEX Robotics Competition being held at MCC. Come on down and cheer for them and 46 other high school teams at this free event – the opening ceremony is at 9:00 AM! Spark Robotics Team members who are not competing this time will be on hand volunteering.

### PIZZA DAY!

Today was Pizza Day at Spark. Everyone got free cheese pizza as a reward for each homeroom's epic participation in the Halloween door decorating contest. As the winners, Darwin Cohort also got ice cream.





## REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 is for SCHOOL PICTURE MAKE-UP photos. There is NO SCHOOL on Tuesday (please remember to vote!) and NO SCHOOL on Friday.

## 12,000 YEARS AGO IN THE GRANITE STATE

This week Hooke and DaVinci cohorts attended a talk hosted in the MCC library about the 2009 archeological discovery in Keene that led to a whole new understanding of the indigenous people of New Hampshire. Thank you to Manchester Community College for this opportunity!



## THIS WEEK'S PHOTOS

The photos in this edition of the newsletter were taken by our wonderful student members of the yearbook staff, and feature the "Bad Theater" activity from Exploration Wednesday.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

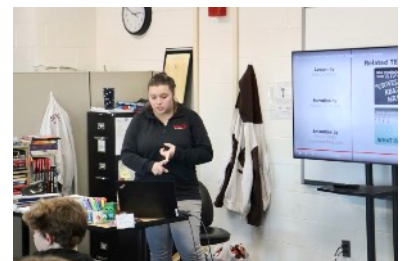
- Nov. 8 – no Spark classes, staff workshop
- Nov. 10 – Info Night for prospective families
- Nov. 11 – no Spark classes, Veterans Day
- Nov. 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break (sell those calendars!!!)

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

This week we had a wonderful Wednesday Exploration Day that was put on by our Humanities group. The students had the opportunity to create an alternative ending to a movie and then they acted it out in front of the whole school. It was great seeing the whole school laugh and have fun as a community. Everyone had a chance to get out of their comfort zone and move towards a learning zone.



At Spark we continue to try new ways to help students get out of their Comfort Zone and move towards a Learning Zone. While people are in the Learning Zone they are able to try and experiment in different ways, which creates new knowledge. For this to work, they must feel safe and supported. That is where our cohort model is key to learning.



As we move towards the end of our first quarter, a lot of students have experienced the learning zone. This may not feel the same as other schools, but we want to remind everyone that at Spark we are working towards creating students that know how to learn, grow and be active in their development towards their future.

Have a great weekend!

John Tuttle, Director