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School Community Newsletter — January 21, 2022

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DEAR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

We begin with an important change to our calendar. On Wednesday, February 9, we will be dismissing school at 12:00 noon so that we can conduct staff training on emergency preparedness. Bus students will be picked up upon dismissal, and we ask that all other students make arrangements for transportation at that time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Noon Dismissal for Students - Faculty/Staff Training

Date And Time

09 February, 2022 12:00PM - 3:00PM

Description

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SCHOOL STORE...

We are very pleased to announce the grand opening of the Spark Store on Wednesday, 1/26! A group of students has led this effort to make school merchandise available to our community, and we are very proud of them. Please lend your support by purchasing Spark tee shirts, candy, and other items and watch this space for news of the future growth and expansion of the Spark Store!

STUDENT COUNCIL...

Students: be sure to look for announcements from Student Council on the white board near Mrs. Larochelle's desk.

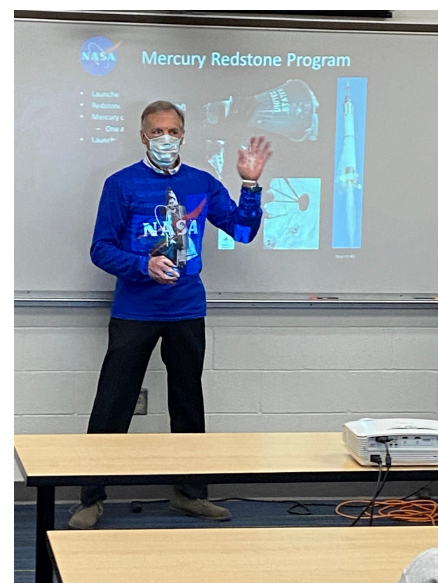
INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES...

Please let friends and family members know that we will be hosting an in-person information night next Tuesday, January 25th, at 6:30pm. Anyone with a middle school student will want to attend and learn more about our unique program and opportunities!

Please recommend that interested families contact us at admissions@sparkacademynh.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES...

This Wednesday began with a very different activity for us when we began the day by serving waffles, strawberries, and whipped cream to our students. Mr. Tuttle wanted to mark the halfway point in our year with an expression of our appreciation





to the students, parents, and staff who make Spark such a special place! Everyone seemed to enjoy this sweet start to the day!

Once again we thank Mr. David Sodders for another interesting presentation on the NASA Program. The presentation was especially interesting since Mr. Sodders has a great deal of direct experience with the program and many of our astronauts. A writing workshop rounded out the day's activities as well.

PARENT GROUP NEWS...

Parents, please consider attending our next meeting on Thursday, February 3rd, at 6 PM, in Room 300. Our parents are an important aspect of our school community, and your participation can make a huge difference!

Please contact Katie McQuaid at katiemcquaidnh@gmail.com for more information.

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Thoughts...

Our Spark Academy mission speaks of an emphasis on a sound work ethic. As we get closer to the end of the term, we have had to help students focus on their work ethic. To be clear, we have some students that have done an amazing job, meeting all expectations even during the tough times and challenges that are thrown their way. At the same time, we have some students that need the extra push.

Our cohort model has been created to help support all in the process. Students can help others in areas of their strength and get help in their areas of need. We have also been having individual meetings with students that need extra help, and being careful to praise the ones that have been successful. We will be introducing some new strategies moving forward, and refreshing some of the old strategies that work for us.

We will begin using SkillsUSA curriculum to work on ways to help students learn to work together and improve their work ethic. We will be developing a student portfolio that will help in tracking and planning where students are in the process. Each Cohort will be developing SMART goals to work on as a group to help each other succeed.

Thank you all for your time and support. We look forward to seeing the progress that all students make towards our goal of improving all of our students' work ethics. At Spark Academy, persistence is the key to success. As long as students keep trying, they will keep learning, and be successful.

END OF MARKING PERIOD...

We want to remind all of our students that the marking period and semester will end on January 25th. Everyone needs to be sure to complete their assignments by then!

I look forward to working with all of you and getting to know everyone in the Spark Community.

John Tuttle

Director