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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

12/1 - Four rounds of miniature golf at Chuckster's: Dolores Reith

12/2 - \$50 cash: Gabrian David

Congratulations!! We'll be drawing a winner every school day from now until Christmas break. Thank you to all who participated in the calendar sales. Together we raised \$6,020.00 towards Running Start and Early College scholarships for our students.



GIRLS AT WORK

On Tuesday some members of Tesla Cohort attended a workshop/career fair hosted by Girls at Work, Inc. to participate in team building and career exploration. They learned how to use power tools, discovered other skills useful in general contracting, and did some networking.



IMPORTANT NOTICES

- All third and fourth year students taking college classes need to submit their Spring schedules to Ms. Minery ASAP.
- Reminder to all fourth year students: if you do not turn in your logged PE hours by 1/13/23, you will not receive the PE credit needed to graduate.
- We have a number of students who are

routinely arriving after attendance has been taken in the morning. Please remember that everyone should arrive at school by 7:55.

SPARK STAFF RECOGNITION

Mr. Mailloux received a service award yesterday from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges for having chaired many school accreditation teams and having served for six years on the Association's Commission on Independent Schools. Congratulations and well deserved, Mr. Mailloux!





WE LOVE SCIENCE

This week our first year physical science students put their knowledge of insulators into practice. They were challenged to design a container that would insulate an ice cube well enough that it would survive a test of being submerged in boiling water for 2 minutes, and then observed if the ice cube melted or persisted.



SPEAKING OF SCIENCE...

Our Exploration Wednesday this week was a Science Day! Students learned about waves in a slinky lab, played an electron configuration version of Battleship, built marble roller coasters, and participated in a science-themed scavenger hunt, among other activities.

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

We are about halfway through the school year, give or take, and we are once again in need of food donations for our students. Please send in meal items such as soups, ramen, Chef Boyardee items, mac & cheese, etc. We are also in need of healthy snacks: apple sauce, granola bars, clementines, apples, string cheese. Remember: each classroom has a mini fridge and a microwave for student use. Thank you in advance!

WE DO HAVE POPCORN, THOUGH

A big thank you to student Caleb S.'s donation of a popcorn machine to Spark Academy! Weekly Popcorn Day is coming soon!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. 12/21: bake sale

Friday 12/23: early dismissal (11:00)

12/26 – 1/02: Christmas break

1/16: No Spark classes (Civil Rights Day)



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

It is hard to believe that we are in December already and the Semester will be ending in 4 weeks. We continue to find ways to create more and more learning opportunities for each and every student. Thank you to the Science Department for creating a fun and exciting Science Day this week.

These Wednesdays are very important to what we are doing at Spark Academy in creating hands-on learning experiences for our students. These are regular school days that are a requirement at the school. It may seem like they are just fun days with a bunch of activities, but they are a major part of our curriculum at Spark. So please make sure that you are



coming to school these days with an open mind to learn.

Also please take some time to review your progress in all of your classes to make sure that you are on track. If you are not, it is important that you start having a conversation with your teacher(s) so that a plan can be developed on how to make progress.

Thank you all for your support.

John Tuttle

Director

