

DEAR PARENTS & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING FIVE DAYS PER WEEK...

As we all know, the governor's recent executive order requires all NH schools to offer in-person learning five days per week by April 19th. Spark has been in-person four days per week since March 1st with Wednesdays for remote programs. As of the 19th, we will be in-person Monday through Friday. However, our Wednesday schedules will continue to feature programs that differ from our normal class days.

We will continue with health classes, virtual tours of NH industries, art classes and more.

As of the 19th, however, we will simply conduct those programs

here on the MCC campus. We are in discussions with the college to allow our use of the Multipurpose Room (MPR) for at least part of our Wednesday schedule. Until mid-May, the college's nursing program uses this space for instruction. Therefore, the seating you see in this photo cannot be moved until Mid-May when the Nursing Program's Spring Semester ends.

We hope to be allowed to use the MPR more freely at the conclusion of the college's Spring Semester. Even with seating in place, the MPR will provide us with excellent space for group presentations, discussions, and activities.

We will also take advantage of nice spring weather for appropriate outdoor activities such as today's physics class where sensors tracked various aspects of this rocket's flight.

Remote learning remains possible at the current time

for families requesting that option. However, the benefit of having your children with us in the classrooms appears to have been of great benefit to our students. I would encourage all of you to continue sending your kids to school if medical concerns or possible Covid exposure are not an issue for your families.



APRIL VACATION...

Spark will be closed from April 26th to the 30th. As your family is perhaps making plans to enjoy time together, we ask that everyone continue to be vigilant with respect to Covid safety. To my knowledge, the Spark Community continues to be very fortunate with no Covid-related illness in our families and staff. You have all been fantastic by taking the precautions that have made it possible for us to return safely to in-person instruction. By now we know what is working for us. Keep up the great effort! The finish line is near!

THE 2021-2022 SPARK CALENDAR...

Our 2021-2022 Calendar is attached to this newsletter to help you make your family's plans for next year. The attachment is a PDF which should be easy for you to print at home.

Spark Academy of Advanced Technologies 2021-2022 Academic Calendar																											
August/September							February							Important Dates													
M	T	W	TH	F			M	T	W	TH	F			8/30 & 8/31 - Teacher Workshop - No Classes													
W	1	2	3					1	2	3	4			9/1 - 1st Day of School for Students													
H	7	8	9	10				7	8	9	10	11		9/8 - Labor Day - No Classes													
13	14	15	16	17				14	15	16	17	18		9/11 - Columbian Day - No Classes													
20	21	22	23	24				W	22	23	24	25		10/28 - Teacher Workshop - No Classes													
27	28	29	30					X						11/2 - Thanksgiving - No Classes													
October							March																				
M	T	W	TH	F			M	T	W	TH	F			11/1 - Veterans Day - No Classes													
				1										11/14 - 11/15 - Thanksgiving													
4	5	6	7	8				7	8	9	10	11		11/14 - 11/15 - Christmas Vacation													
H	12	13	14	15				14	15	16	17	18		11/2 - Teacher Workshop - No Classes													
18	19	W	21	22				W	22	23	24	25		11/7 - Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Day - No Classes													
25	26	27	28	29				28	29	30	31			11/21 - Teacher Workshop - No Classes													
November							April																				
M	T	W	TH	F			M	T	W	TH	F			11/28 - 11/29 - February Vacation													
1	W	3	4	5/6										12/1 - Teacher Workshop													
8	9	10	11	12				4	5	6	7/8	9		12/1 - Teacher Workshop - No Classes													
15	16	17	18	19				W	12	13	14	15		12/1 - Teacher Workshop - No Classes													
22	23	X	H	X				18	19	20	21	22		12/8 - Memorial Day - No Classes													
29	30							X	X	X	X	X		12/11 - Make-Up Days													
December							May																				
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PSAT SCORES...

PSAT scores are in and will be distributed to students on Friday, April 16th. We will be hosting a Parent Information Evening via Zoom on Wednesday, the 21st, at 6:30pm. This information night will be a great time to ask questions after we give you an overview of the test and information on understanding your student's results.

We use these tests results primarily to help us assess our total program. However, they will give you some understanding of your student's yearly progress at Spark. A Zoom link will be sent out to all of you by email.

THIRD MARKING PERIOD CLOSES...

I'm not sure if we can say that the year has flown by, but grades have closed today for the third marking period. Report cards will be sent home next week. Students should remember that there is still half the semester left and that hard work now can make a huge difference in the final grade. Let's finish the year with the best grades possible!

GENTLY USED BOOKS...

Please continue to send in your gently used or new books for children ages 3-6. The MCC Cultural Center's Book Drive is working hard to share the joy of reading with families that may struggle to do so on their own. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Sincerely,

Denis Mailloux

Director