School Community Newsletter — September 23, 2022

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WICKED STEM

The inaugural Wicked STEM event at the Hampshire Dome in Milford is this Saturday from 10-4. STEM companies from Northern New England will be there to showcase their products, provide hands on STEM activities, and network with the future workforce. For more information go to https://wickedstem.com/



Our first bake sale of the year is next Wednesday, 9/28! Please send in your individually wrapped baked goods (homemade or store bought) on Tuesday, if possible, or no later than 8:00 Wednesday morning. Please identify your goods with labels; anything containing common allergens such as tree nuts, peanuts, or soy MUST be labeled. Glutenfree options should also be labeled and are most welcome! Thank you in advance – this is a great way to help your school. All proceeds go towards student-led activities throughout the year.





REPORTING ABSENCES & EARLY DISMISSALS

Please remember to use attendance@sparkacademynh.org to report any absences, early dismissals, or anticipated late arrivals. Fourth Year students are included in this policy! Even if you are only taking college classes, you MUST still let us know when you are out due to illness. All students who miss classes are responsible for getting their assignments off Canvas and checking with teachers to find out what was missed during class discussions.

PAPER NEEDED

With new staff members and more students, our paper usage has gone up quite a bit this year! If you're

looking to donate items to the school, reams of multi-purpose copy paper are always welcome.



Photos this week are from our field trip to the NH Construction Career Day. This is the first time we've had an opportunity to attend since 2019, and we were very happy to bring DaVinci, Hooke, Tesla, Franklin, and Darwin cohorts this year! It was chilly but a good time was had by all.







9/28 - Student Council Bake Sale

10/10 – No Spark classes (Columbus Day)

10/12 - PSATs & SATs

10/19 – No Spark classes (Staff Workshop)



TUTTLE THOUGHTS

What an exciting week, culminating with the Construction Career Day Field Trip! This week we continued to work on resume writing and cover letters, PSAT prep work, and missing assignments. It is important that all students understand the importance of completing work on time and meeting deadlines. I understand that this might not be among their strongest skills, but we will continue to work on this.

We also had a different experience during our exploration day: all cohorts were mixed up and the students were assigned to create a new

game. Let me tell you some of them have amazing imaginations and these games were exciting to hear about as the students explained their ideas.

As for my goal of academic progress, we handed out post-its this Wednesday with all of their missing assignments. Teachers have been sending out emails for students that are starting to fall behind and I have had a conversation with each of the cohorts on what I expect from them when it comes to academics.

As we continue to move further into the school year, it will be great to see all the fun activities they will be participating in as we go. Please keep an eye out for the sign up for our after school Robotics Team, a bake sale (please have students bring in food, I have been really hungry), and our school store distributing new Spark items.

Have a great weekend and please stop and say hi to me at morning drop off in the parking lot next week!

John Tuttle Director





