



Academy of Advanced Technologies Public Charter School Grades 9-12

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I wish to begin by thanking those of you who helped us out at Saturday's VEX Robotics event. Without the help of so many parents and students, it would have been impossible to host this event! It was great to see students who are not as yet on the Spark Robotics Teams helping out throughout the day! Our teams were very competitive. Perhaps more importantly, this event provided many beginning teams with an opportunity to experience the thrill of competition. The Commissioner of the NH Dept. of Education,



Calendar Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, 1/29 - MCC No Sew Blanket Project
- Tuesday, 2/11 - No School - Presidential Primary Day - Teacher Workshop
- Wednesday, 2/12, & Thursday, 2/13 - "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" Project - Times to be announced
- Saturday, 2/15, & Sunday, 2/16 - VEX Robotics VT & NH Combined Championship @ MCC
- Monday, 2/17 - No School - Presidents' Day
- Wednesday, 2/19, 6:00 - Information Night for Prospective Families
- Monday, 2/24, to Friday, 2/28, February Vacation

Mr. Frank Edelblut, made time in his busy schedule to visit the event as a way of celebrating New Hampshire's initiative to provide more robotics opportunities to students throughout the state. Thank you all!





We are hoping to begin our involvement in the MCC-sponsored *No Sew Blanket Project* this Wednesday, 1/29, as our way of helping provide kids at local hospitals with warm blankets as a means of helping address a need that many of us seldom think of. In Manchester alone, it is estimated at 450 kids sleep without beds and are in need of blankets to help keep them warm though the night.

This is an ongoing project which will provide the Spark community

with several opportunities to participate. As parents, you can help out with your donations. Contact us at jennifer.larochelle@sparkacademynh.org to offer your help. In addition to financial contributions, you can donate your time, working alongside our kids as they reach out to do their part to help those in need.



The *Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project* 2/12 & 2/13, will provide us with another opportunity to help those less fortunate than we by helping provide simple beds for kids from ages 3-17 in the Manchester area. It is estimated that 2-3% of kids nationally lack for beds to sleep in. The 450 Manchester kids mentioned previously also need beds. Our students will help with all aspects of bed building — from cutting, sanding, drilling, assembling, and staining simple, but much needed beds for kids. There are fewer ways to create empathy for our fellow human beings and to helps us appreciate the good which we are capable of than by rolling up our sleeves and making a difference together!

Finally, please note the various dates in the box at the beginning of our newsletter. Our students will be off on Tuesday, 2/11 (Primary Election Day), while the Spark Staff works on planning for the future. Monday, 2/17, will be another day off as our country celebrates Presidents' Day. February Vacation is right around the corner as well!

Once again, thank you for supporting us! Please continue to do so and help us spread the word about Spark. We continue to hear that many school communities have not yet heard about us.

Sincerely,

Denis Mailloux
Director

