

NH GIVES - PARENT CHAMPIONS NEEDED

June 6-7 is NH Gives, a statewide fundraising campaign upon which Spark relies for a significant portion of funding. To bolster our efforts, we are in search of one or two (or more!) parents from each cohort to be a "NH Gives Champion" that will lead their own mini goals inside the larger Spark effort. Reach out to Mr. Long or Mr. Tuttle if you are interested!



TOWER HILL FIELD TRIP ON 5/10

First year students will be going on a nature walk at Tower Hill in Auburn, NH during next week's Exploration Wednesday. Parents and guardians, please sign and return the permission slips which were sent home today. Email Mrs. Harnois with any questions.

Also on 5/10 only, the first person to mention "Spark Store 20" to the Spark Store worker with the iPad gets 20% off select items.



DRONE CLUB COMPETITION

Members of the Spark Academy drone club participated in their first competition on Saturday, April 29 at St. Anselm College. The event consisted of three challenges designed to test students' technical understanding and applicable skills in robotics, aeronautics, and coding. We are proud of their hard work and perseverance and look forward to what they will do in the future!

FIELD DAY 2023

Field Day is next Friday, May 12th from 11:00-3:00. There will be a variety of activities and games, and lunch will be on the grill. **Any student who wishes to tie dye a shirt should bring in a plain white tee shirt!**

Please dress for outdoor activities according to the weather and put on sunscreen and/or bug spray as necessary at home.

Also, the Student Council is requesting donations for this event. Here are the items we need:

- Individual chip bags (variety boxes, 3-4)
- Disposable cups (no Styrofoam please)



- Paper plates
- Utensils
- Powdered drink mixes (iced tea, lemonade) – we have drink dispensers!
- Please bring Field Day donations to the front desk before 3:00 on Wednesday 5/10. Thank you!



FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

- Our third-year students will be participating in the New Hampshire Statewide Science Assessment on Wednesday, May 10th. Students should be ready to go by 8am. Please contact [Mrs. Minery](#) with any questions.
- We have the opportunity to earn an ICE CREAM PARTY by utilizing [tutor.com](#) between May 1-26th. This applies to 1-to-1 tutoring or dropping off a paper for review (which is one of Mr. Brown's requirements for your research paper). Let's be the NH school with the highest percentage of usage and get this party!

AND SPEAKING OF EXTRA HELP

Our dedicated teachers are always offering extra help – here are just a few opportunities.

Math: every Monday from 3:00-4:30! You can also get help during any lunch Ms. DeJesus has free. Room 304.

Electrical Fundamentals: every Thursday from 3:00-4:30 in room 300.

VEX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations again to the Robotics Team members who qualified for the VEX World Championship. Both teams finished about in the middle of their respective 80+ team divisions, which is amazing! It was a great experience for all involved and we hope the younger members feel inspired for next year's game.



MCC GRADUATION

Commencement for Manchester Community College is being held on Tuesday, May 23 at 2:00 PM at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium (rain date is Wednesday 5/24.) We are expecting several Spark students to walk in this ceremony!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

6/1 – Senior Dinner (invitation only)

6/2 – Spark Academy Inaugural Graduation (doors open at 3 PM)

6/6-6/7 – NH Gives Online Fundraiser

6/9 – Last day of Spark classes

6/12 – Spark Golf Tournament

[Some of the photos in this week's newsletter are from our first year students' current CAD projects.]

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

It was so nice to see everyone coming back from April vacation well rested and smiling. I know the weather was not the best for those that stayed in the area, but it was nice to regroup.

It was great to hear the stories from the students of all the things that they did during vacation, because their stories show a lot about being a Spark Student. We had over 20 people participate in the MCC Build-a-Bed Event on the first day of vacation. This is done with an organization that makes sure that every kid has a bed. It is the giving back to the community that really defines people.

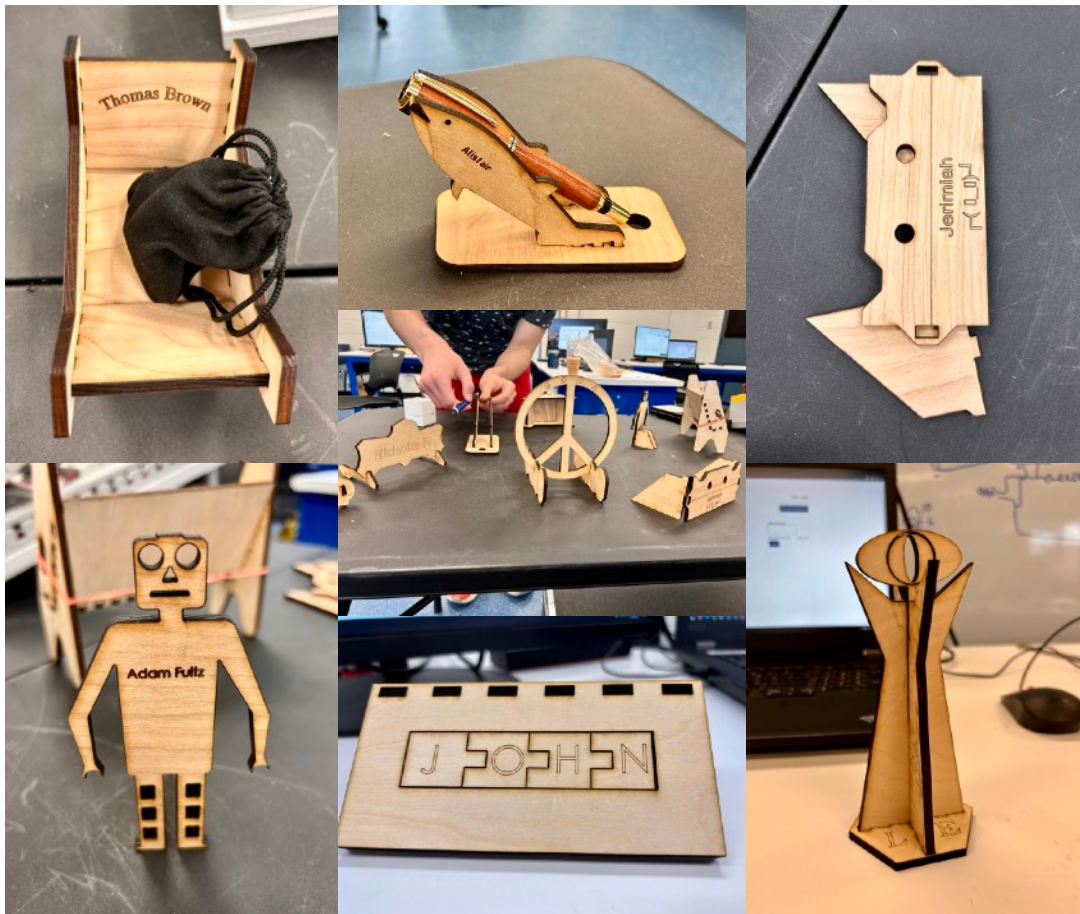
In fact, giving back is such an important part of building character that we at Spark Academy are looking to add community service to our curriculum and have it be part of our graduation requirement. Helping students see that their actions can make a difference is so important, and it also makes you feel good about yourself.

Before we left for vacation we started working with MCC's Community Garden and this was a great experience for all students and staff. We are looking for more of these opportunities for our students to help them be part of their community and to see that they can make a difference. Please send me opportunities for the future if you know of any.

Thank you all and have a great weekend.

John Tuttle

Director



This Week's CAD Projects