

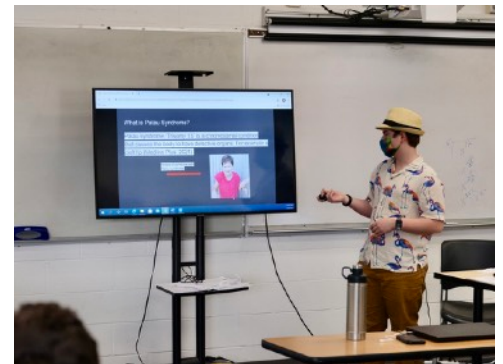
DEAR PARENTS & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE...

Please check your email for the SHP waiver and release forms that were emailed to you yesterday. Waivers will be sent to you by Aileen Clay, Activities Director for MCC. Registration is necessary so that the bed-building process can be as organized as possible. The activity will be taking place from Noon to 3:00pm tomorrow, Saturday, April 24th.

If you haven't yet registered for this important community activity, please consider doing so. Manchester Community College is the host and sponsor of this event in conjunction with *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*, an organization that works throughout the year to build beds for young people who otherwise would have no bed to sleep on.

We will be building beds in the MCC parking lot, everything will be extremely well organized, and the rewards will, I promise, be lasting!



APRIL VACATION...

We wish everyone a great April Vacation and hope that rest and relaxation are a significant part of your time away from Spark. We have all had a trying year but have made this work about as well as we all could. I want to thank all of you for your extra efforts and for sustaining those efforts.

RETURN FROM APRIL VACATION...

Just a reminder that we return from our April Vacation on Monday, May 3rd and that we will continue to be in-person Monday to Friday.

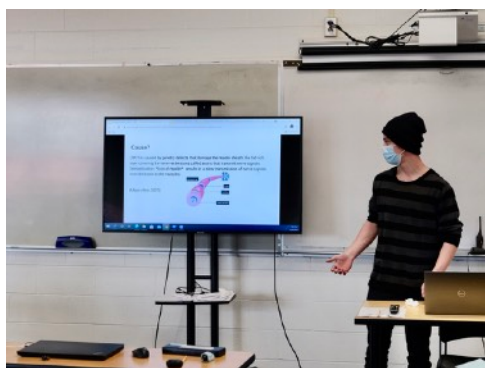
CATCHING UP...

Students with incomplete grades for the third marking period will need to complete all their work and turn it in by Monday, May 3rd, when we return from the April Vacation. Try to schedule your make-up work early in the week so as to leave as much of the April Vacation as possible for relaxation.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULES...

We are continuing to adapt Wednesdays to include activities beyond those of regular classroom days. With Covid-related constraints, this is a bit challenging, but not insurmountable. When we return from the April Vacation, our Wednesday will feature a visit with the MCC Electrical Line Worker Program on campus. Afternoon activities will depend in part on weather conditions, but we will be working with Student Council to bring some community-building into our afternoons. Now that





we are in-person together, we can focus on community in ways beyond Zoom interactions.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE...

Please continue to help us spread the word about Spark and to let family and friends know of our upcoming virtual open house on Thursday, May 13th, from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Our incoming class is very close to 30 at this point, but we want to continue informing the public of the unique opportunities at Spark and MCC.

WHAT WILL NEXT YEAR LOOK LIKE?

Without benefit of a crystal ball, it is impossible for any of us to know that. However, as we continue to teach and learn in-

person, we will remain vigilant with our safety practices in school as you will at home. Too many factors have to be weighed for any definite answers to develop at the moment. Vaccination rates will certainly be a factor, and I want to thank all of you who have moved ahead with vaccinations so as to help us return to school this spring with the greatest range of safe interaction possible. I am hoping to be able to bring back the kind of Wednesday Exploration Days for next year that were a hallmark of Spark last year. It will be great to load everyone on buses and explore the many learning opportunities that our state affords us!

FAMILY TALENT SURVEY...

It will be very helpful as we plan future activities to know of your talents, hobbies, and interests. As we move forward toward a greater level of Spark and MCC Community activities, it will be great to know when and where you might be able to add your abilities and experience. The *Family Talent Survey* accompanies this newsletter. Please take a minute to fill it out. Thank you!

PHOTOS...

Our photos this week are from our first year student biology presentations, this week's rocket launchings, and from our time all together in the MCC multi-purpose room. Our time in the MPR was a small step, but one that allowed our students to see their Spark experience beyond the own cohort only.

FROM THE ENTIRE SPARK STAFF AND FACULTY...

We thank you for working so well with us this year, and we wish you all a great April Break!



Sincerely,

Denis Mailloux
Director