



School Community Newsletter — March 12, 2021

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DEAR PARENTS & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

PSAT's...

It was great to see all but two of our students with us for PSAT's this Wednesday! We expect results from the College Board in about six weeks and will plan an information night once we have the scores to share with our families.

Having nearly all our students with us this week causes me to think again of the tremendous benefit of in-person instruction. In the short time that we have been open for all in-person instruction per week, I have seen much growth in student engagement and progress. Despite the limitations of ongoing Covid precautions, there has been a detectable enhancement to our sense of community with Year 1

and Year 2 students in school at the same time. We continue to be cautious and will remain so throughout the year, but there is no replacement for being together.

We are connecting with the college to discuss safe possibilities for our students to share activities together in some of the larger college spaces for face-to-face, though distanced, opportunities for all our students to get to know each other better.

CLOTH MASKS...

One of our families is producing handmade cloth masks with adjustable nose wires to help prevent slipping. Please notify Mrs. Larochelle if you are interested

in obtaining one for your student. As always, it is our strong community spirit that is making all the difference at Spark! Thanks to all of you for helping us to make this work!

DISINFECTANT WIPES...

Before all this began, we had no idea how important these items would be! We thank you for so generously donating wipes and other supplies to help make Spark the safest school environment possible. Our joint efforts appear to be working as we have not experienced any known Covid cases in our school community!

JUST A WALK IN THE PARK...

This is just a reminder that we will continue to take students outdoors (weather permitting) for a daily walk around the campus as part of their lunchtime routine. We are doing so in a "distanced" and safe manner. Students are reminded to dress appropriately.





SWEATSHIRTS...

The deadline for sweatshirt purchases has been extended to Friday, March 19th. Order forms should be completed for correct fit, and checks should be made out to "Spark Academy." Spark sweatshirts have proven to be very popular! The students can tell you that I wear mine nearly every day! Comfort and style all in one!

As one of our parents has said," We love the material of the sweatshirts. If there were a jogger available, we would purchase them too! We LOVE the Spark gear/attire."

One Spark family has ordered seven sweatshirts! That calls for a group photo for our website!

FACEBOOK...

It is no surprise that social media and websites are extremely important for anyone attempting to getting their message out to the public. Parents, you can help us greatly by adding your reviews to our Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user, please take a moment to help us out by posting your thoughts about Spark to help others understand how much we have to offer.



NEXT VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH, FROM 6:30 TO 7:30PM...

Our Virtual Open Houses seem to be a hit with prospective families! As a result of all our efforts, Spark Academy is moving toward a very healthy enrollment for next year! Please continue to help us spread the word about the upcoming date. You may contact Spark parent and board member, Sue McGowan, at susan.mcgowan@sparkacademyinh.org for a yard sign to help us advertise the upcoming date.

GRANT COMMITTEE...

Our school benefits from numerous grants that help make a Spark Academy education possible for our students. Spark is in line for a very substantial grant that will help us develop more programs and greater opportunities for our students.

We need a grant committee that includes members of all Spark stakeholders. We will be seeking 2 parents, 2 students, 2 faculty, 2 board members, and 2 MCC faculty/staff for this committee. This committee will develop our grant proposal and help implement its use. Please contact me at denismailloux@sparkacademyinh.org should you wish to join us in this very important process.

Enjoy our photos from this week's classes!

Sincerely,

Denis Mailloux
Director.

