School Community Newsletter — June 10, 2022

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NH TECH

NH GIVES: THERE'S STILL TIME TO GIVE!

Through the money raised with this year's calendar raffle and cornhole tournament, it has been possible for us to purchase things like snap circuit kits, lawn games, art supplies, and many other things that directly benefit our students.

We have many operational costs that are not covered by state or federal money, and as you know, we pay for the college classes that Spark students take for dual credit. Looking toward the future, we are working on a fundraising strategy that will include various ways for corporate involvement, such as this summer's upcoming golf tournament.

But we will always be counting on the support of our families as well.



Thanks to 38 generous donors, we raised over \$10,000 during this year's NH Gives!! We appreciate each one of you – thank you so much for making this event so successful, and

for all the ways in which you support what we are doing.

Here is more good news: the donation link is open until 11:59 PM on Friday, 6/10! So if you still want to contribute, please do!

Here is the link, or simply go to nhgives.org and type "Spark" into the search bar. https://www.nhgives.org/organizations/spark-academy-of-advanced-technologies

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST CERTIFIED SOLIDWORKS STUDENTS!

The following students passed the Solidworks Associate Certification in Mechanical Design (CSWA): Enrique Hernandez, Wilfredo Santiago-Lopez, Kai Caron, Ki'yel Barker, Connor Mitchell, Michael Paradis, Josephine Carter, Josiah Hartford, Skyler Peace, Isaac Swanson, Connor Shappell.

Congratulations!! We will be testing again in the Fall. We had several students take the Professional Certification (next level up) for the first time. Two of them came really close to passing! We are

very proud of all the students who made the decision to try for certification.

END OF YEAR WRAP-UP

- The last day of school is Tuesday 6/14 and dismissal is at 3:00. We will be having awards and ice cream, among other things.
- All Spark grades will close on 6/14. Report cards will be sent out on Friday, 6/17.
- Note: Third Year students' grades for summer classes will **not** be on the Q4 report card.
- Manchester residents: please look for the email that went out from Mrs. Larochelle regarding the bus roster for next year.











PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE NEWS

If you are interested in contributing to the end-of-year staff luncheon, please send it to Katie McQuaid's attention and make checks out to Spark Academy. You can also send it directly to Katie's Venmo account: https://venmo.com/code?user_id=2145058627256320667&created=1654612818.3819761&printed=1">https://venmo.com/code?user_id=2145058627256320667&created=1654612818.3819761&printed=1https://venmo.com/code?user_id=2145058627256320667&created=1654612818.3819761&printed=1https://venmo.com/code?https:

Thank you!

MS. PRINGLE HONORED AS TECH TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

The 2022 NH Tech Alliance TechWomen/TechGirls awards luncheon was held this week at the Bedford Village Inn. Several Spark students and staff members were in attendance to lend their support. Congratulations, Ms. Pringle! This award was well deserved, and we are very proud of you.

SUMMER CAMP INITIATIVE

The New Hampshire Department of Education is partnering with camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer students the unique opportunity to move beyond COVID-19 and be a kid again. The state-operated summer enrichment program will pay up to \$650 of the youth recreation camp fees for qualifying students.

Check out https://rekindlingcuriosityeducation.nh.gov/ for more information on eligible camps and an application.





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Have a great weekend!

John Tuttle

Director

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

As we continue to get closer to the end of the year, I want to make sure that I thank all the families and community members that have given us support this year. As a school we have raised over \$18,000 this year. This includes our Calendar Raffle, NH Gives and our Corporate Ask.

We have started to spend this money to help pay for the Welding For the Artist class, yard games to get the students outside, and teaching tools for the students to use during the Wednesday Exploration days.

I hope that you are hearing and seeing all the great things that this money has been going toward to help us improve both the education and the experience for all of our students. As for next year, we will be incorporating a planning calendar to show all of the events and activities that we will be doing for