

DEAR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

Fall is here, the leaves are turning, and it's time for PSAT testing, this Wednesday, October 13th. Please refer to our last two newsletters for testing day details. Just a few basic reminders are included today.

- ☑ Students should get a good night's rest.
- ☑ They should be sure to have breakfast.
- ☑ Bring at least two sharpened No. 2 pencils.
- ☑ Students will be released for dismissal after their tests if families are able to pick them up at that time. Parents must arrange for alternative transportation for bus students being dismissed after their test.
- ☑ Students relying on MSD for bus transportation and who do not have alternate transportation may remain with us in room 300 until 3:00pm where they will be able to get caught up on work or relax while watching a classic black and white science fiction film, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*. Please let Mrs. Larochelle know via email if your student will be relying on MSD busing on that date.
- ☑ Cell phones will be collected at the start of the testing period and will be returned to the students once the testing session is completed.



NO CLASSES MONDAY...

As Monday is **Columbus Day**, we will not be having classes.





NOVEMBER 2ND...

November 2nd is **voting day** in Manchester. Therefore, school buses will not be running. This will be a day for students to catch up on their work while the faculty participates in a full-day workshop.

REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES...

As MCC makes water refilling stations available, we ask that students bring a water bottle with them and not rely on us for their hydration needs.

BOARD MEETING...

Board meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. October's meeting will take place on October 13th from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Each meeting features a public session; parents and students are always invited to attend as the board looks forward to their perspective. Board meetings have returned to in-person mode this year and are generally held in room 300.

SPARK'S CSP GRANT...

What would we do without acronyms! *CSP* refers to *Charter School Program*. As many of you know Spark was awarded \$1.5M in grant funding to be expended over a 3 year period. Our application was submitted with help of parents, students, and staff with very specific areas to be funded.

We are finalizing the structure through which to make purchases, track them, and ensure the grant's effectiveness for Spark. We will be reaching out to students and parents to participate in various committees to help guide us toward the most effective use of these important funds. It is important to note that this grant was made possible through federal funding and the thoughtful award process established by the NH Dept. of Education. Please say **yes** when asked to participate on a committee.



PHOTOS...

Our photos this week are of our 3rd year students as they begin working more and more in MCC's various facilities such as the *Learning Commons* (Library). We also have photos of 3rd students in their PLC class and in their Humanities Classroom.

Sincerely,

Denis Mailloux

Director