



School Community Newsletter — April 2, 2021

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DEAR PARENTS & FRIENDS OF SPARK, GOVERNOR SUNUNU'S ANNOUNCEMENT...

The governor announced yesterday that all schools will be fully open five days per week as of April 19th. This announcement means that Spark Academy will cease our remote-only mode for Wednesdays and will feature in-person learning for all school days as of the 19th. Details are still forthcoming from the governor's office. The governor's announcement also indicated that families may continue to choose remote learning after the 19th.



MANCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSES AS OF THE 19TH...

We will be seeking information from the Manchester School District regarding busing for our Manchester students after the 19th. To date, Spark students using MSD buses have been picked up and dropped off at "hubs" instead of regular pickup/drop off points. We will let these families know of developments as soon as more information is available.

We, at Spark, are fortunate in that physical distancing is not a great challenge for us, and that bus transportation for our students has not posed distancing challenges. We will continue classroom spacing of six feet for the remainder of the school year. All current Covid protocols will remain in place for the remainder of this school year.

NH SKILLS USA MOBILE ROBOTICS COMPETITION (VIRTUAL)...

Spark has four teams competing this afternoon in the Annual NH SkillsUSA Robotics Competition. SkillsUSA is an applied method of instruction for preparing America's high performance workers in public career and technical programs. The program provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills.

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers, high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives', working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. SkillsUSA was formerly known as VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).

SUPER STELLAR FRIDAY...

Our robotics teams will be featured this evening on the Super Stellar

Programs & Events at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center

SUPER STELLAR FRIDAYS ONLINE

Super Stellar Fridays have gone virtual!

On the **1st Friday** of the month, enjoy an evening exploring science with Discovery Center educators and special guest speakers, through live online programs. Topics vary, covering new discoveries, historical events, scientific concepts and more.

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7:00 PM

Spark Academy of Advanced Technologies' VEX Robotics Team



Join us as team members share their robot, design, construction & refine process; and experience in competition!

Virtual Super Stellar Friday is a **FREE** event, but registration is required—[click here to register!](#) We also hope you consider making a **donation** so we can continue offering programming like this in the future; thank you!

Please note that as we have moved to virtual offerings for our Super Stellar Friday series, the Discovery Center will not reopen for Super Stellar Fridays, and skywatches with the NH Astronomical Society are temporarily on hold.

Friday webinar put on by the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. The webinar may be found at https://thetipsheet.typepad.com/karno_trip_picks/2021/03/mcauliffe-shepard-discovery-center-to-host-virtual-super-stellar-friday-.html

UNION LEADER ARTICLE...

We thank Union Leader writer, Michael Cousineau for taking time to meet with our students and teachers for an article in his series What's Working. Mr. Cousineau took a great deal of time learning about our program. Look for his article in this Sunday's Union Leader!

CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE...

"The MCC Cultural Exchange Club is a diverse group of people with the goal of building understanding, and appreciating each other's diverse culture, values, and traditions, as well as interacting with other students to feel more connected to our MCC community. We welcome all students who want to be part of this club. Not only do we share and learn about different cultures, but also organize projects that benefit our larger community. Our service project for this semester is a book drive for children aged 3-5 years who attend the Head Start Program located on our campus."

Please send in your new and gently used books to Mrs. Larochelle by 4/23.



VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE REMINDER...

We will be holding another virtual open house on Tuesday, April 6, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Please continue helping us to spread the word. Enrollment seems to be sound for the upcoming year with at least 30 students entering as freshman. Your efforts are making a huge difference!

APRIL VACATION...

A reminder that April Vacation will be taking place from April 26th to the 30th! When we return, we will be in the home stretch!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denis Mailloux".

Denis Mailloux
Director

