

SPARK Academy

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEANUP DAY

On Wednesday, 4/19 the Spark Academy community is invited to participate in Cleanup & Repair Day for the Community Garden here on the MCC campus. Our students will be outside from 8:30am-11:00am, with the possibility of going back out during the lunch and club hours (11:00am-1:00pm). They should come to school in work clothes and sturdy shoes and bring work gloves if they have them and a water bottle.

Any parents who want to come and help out are welcome! Please contact Mrs. Harnois to let her know you'll be participating. If you have the following items to loan to the group, even better: cordless drill with two fully charged batteries, wire brushes to help get the loose paint off the picnic tables, and drop cloths.



Spark Academy of Advanced Technologies
Senior Dinner Program of Events

June 1st 2023

Arrival Time	5:00 pm
Welcome	5:15 pm
Dinner	5:30 pm
Speeches	6:00 pm
Student Presentations	6:30 pm





Ted's Flower Shop
989 Sunnyside Rd
Manchester, NH 03102
(603) 555-5555

***Advertise your local business or honor your senior student with a purchase of a full page (4.5" x 7.5") for \$50 or a half page (4.5" x 3.75") for \$25. Ads should also be camera-ready art or logo in .jpeg, .gif, or .pdf format. Contact Jennifer Larochelle at jennifer.larochelle@sparkacademynh.org.

We appreciate your support!





ATTENTION BUS RIDERS!

Students, just a reminder that you need to notify Ms. Roberts at the front desk on days when you are not planning to take the school bus home. If nobody is riding the bus, we should be notifying Dispatch so they don't come out here needlessly. The school district is short on drivers – we need to do our part to help expedite things so students at other schools aren't waiting needlessly. Thank you.

SPARK STUDENTS INVITED TO MCC CAREER FAIR

Spark students are welcome to attend the **MCC Career and Transfer Fair** on Wednesday, April 19th from 4-7pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. There will be career and college transfer opportunities for all. Third- and fourth- year students are especially encouraged to attend, and they should see Mr. Long if they would like tips/tricks for being successful at a career fair.





DONATIONS FOR BUILD-A-BED DAY

The Student Council is collecting donations of twin-sized children's blankets, sheets (solid colors are preferred) and new packaged pillows for the Sleep In Heavenly Peace Build A Bed event, hosted at MCC on April 22nd at 10am. There will be a box to drop donations off by the front desk, or you could stop by the Spark table on the day of the event. Thank you! Speaking of.....

MCC / SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BUILD-A-BED

Once again MCC is hosting a bed build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, the local chapter of a national non-profit that builds bunk beds for kids sleeping on the floor. You do NOT need any building experience to sign up. Saturday, May 22 from 10-12, outdoors on the MCC campus. Please sign up by 4/19 using the QR code on the flyer attached to this email. Free lunch provided to all volunteers!

FUNDRAISING REMINDERS

We have two very important annual fundraisers coming up in June, just as the school year is coming to a close: NH Gives, which is a 24-hour online fundraiser that we ask all of you to share within your networks; and the Spark Academy Golf Classic. We would love to have as many Spark families as possible come out to play! Please see the flyer attached to the email that delivered this newsletter to you. There are corporate sponsorship levels, too.

NH Gives is June 6 & 7 and the Golf Classic is June 12.



OUTSIDE FOR FIVE

Did you hear that Governor Sununu proclaimed April 17-23, 2023 as OUTSIDE FOR FIVE WEEK? As a part of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Affiliate Network, the New Hampshire Environmental Educators (NHEE) has launched a pledge campaign called *Outside for 5* encouraging teachers and educators in New Hampshire to engage in outdoor learning for at least five minutes a day, five days a week, or any meaningful amount of time.

NHEE has invited educators of all grade levels to sign the *Outside for 5* pledge and commit to spending at least 5 minutes a day outside with their students, and Spark Academy has answered the call. Whether that means teaching a classroom lesson outside, studying the local ecosystem, or taking a short walk across the school campus, everyone can benefit from going *Outside for 5*.



SENIOR DINNER PROGRAM ADS

Fourth-year families, please sell your three ad spaces if you can! Details in the graphic below. All copy and images can be emailed to Mrs. Larochelle and checks should be made out to Spark Academy. Thank you!

ROBOTICS TEAM MEMBERS

If you are going to Worlds, please send in your travel contribution ASAP and PLEASE continue to share the GoFundMe link on your social media and to your friends & family! Thank you. <https://gofund.me/36c87b97>

SUPPLY NEEDS THIS WEEK: DISINFECTING WIPES, PLEASE!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ☑ April 22 – MCC Build-a-Bed Day
- ☑ April 24-28 – Vacation (no Spark classes)
- ☑ May 29 – No Spark Classes
- ☑ June 2 – Spark Academy Graduation
- ☑ June 9 – Last day of Spark classes

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

The weather is starting to shift to summer and so is my mind. I have been thinking about the beach, relaxing in my yard and spending time with my family. I am sure this is the same with most people. Then reality hits and I remember that we still have some work to get done.

With only 8 weeks left of school, it is time to focus and get something done. As a school we have our first graduation on June 2, 2023 and all families and students are invited. This will be a great event showing some of our successes and where we are heading as a school. Then we have two fundraising events, NH Gives and our second annual Golf Tournament. We could use all the help available for these events. Just reach out to me and we will work out a way for you to help.

As for the students, we have been trying some different things like changing the lunch options so students can get outside in the fresh air. This is to help them refresh so that they can focus and get things done in a timely manner. Making sure that they are doing something every day and night so that they are staying on track is really key right now. It is a very hard time to stay focused and they may need extra help. Thank you for doing your part to help them!

I hope that you all are enjoying the weather. Have a great weekend.

John Tuttle
Director

