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School Community Newsletter — February 24, 2022

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DEAR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

We hope our students and staff can enjoy a pleasant break with the upcoming vacation week. Everyone has earned a “breather”!

TUTTLE THOUGHTS...

We are continuing to make changes and move forward! Student groups have started up and we are getting ready for an actual field trip. YES I am actually saying we are going out into the community, March 15th to the Boston Museum of Science. (More details below!) This will be considered a school day and assignments will be completed while at the museum.

So as the world starts to open up and we are able to start creating more and more opportunities for our students to learn from the community, it is important that we talk about what is appropriate in the community and the expectations we have for being part of a community.



MASKS NOW OPTIONAL...

In keeping with MCC campus policy and other current guidance, masks are now considered optional in all Spark spaces. As always, we expect that all members of our community will be respectful of each other and their chosen option. We will be having ongoing conversations to that effect going forward.

FIELD TRIP...

We are pleased to announce that we will be taking a trip to the Boston Museum of Science on Tuesday, March 15. This is the first school-wide in person field trip for Spark since 2019!!

We will depart campus via two buses **at 8:15 sharp** and will return to campus at approximately **4:00**. Please arrange to pick up your student in the usual place in the upper parking lot at





that time.

Permission form and waiver will be sent out the Monday we return from break. Please be sure to return signed copies of both forms along with payment (to help defray the transportation costs) **by Friday, March 11**. If you are interested in accompanying us as a chaperone, please reach out to Mrs. Larochelle.

CHANGE TO PROCEDURE...

Now that COVID restrictions are easing, we are returning to the early dismissal procedure as outlined in the Handbook: if you wish to dismiss your student early, please come inside and check them out. This applies primarily to first and second year students. You should still send an email to the attendance address as well so that we have advanced notification.

PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE NEWS...

- We need your help collecting donations for Spark Academy's Inaugural Calendar Raffle.
- If you or a business, you know can donate an item, tickets, gift cards, or experience, please contact Kelly Mullin at pjandkelly@yahoo.com.
- The March Parent Support Committee meeting will be canceled due to school vacation. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, April 7.

THANK YOU...

Thank you once again to all of the Spark students and parents who helped out at the VEX state championship last weekend. It was a great opportunity to get the word out about Spark to a young audience that is PERFECTLY targeted for our school, and we were able to raise money to help support the relaunch of the Spark Robotics Team as well via our concession sales. Events like that cannot happen without dedicated volunteers, and we appreciate you!



ZOOM WITH THE DIRECTOR...

Reminder that this month's Zoom With the Director is this evening at 6:30. The link was emailed earlier in the week!

PHOTOS...

In addition to our regular classroom pictures, we have images of our AMT students as they begin their hands-on work in machining class.

Again, we wish everyone a good week away from the typical routine!

Sincerely,

John Tuttle
Director