



## School Community Newsletter — October 21, 2022

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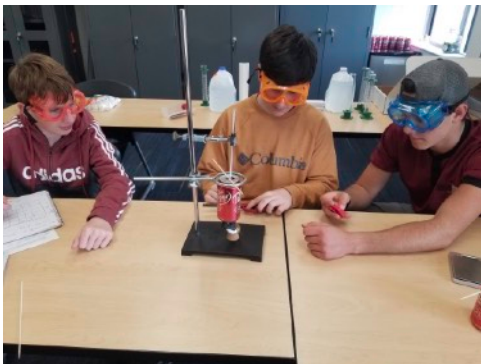
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There has been a lot going on at Spark Academy this week and things are going to continue to ramp up! Thank you to each of our families that made time to attend the Open House and see what your students are working on. Remember that if you want to meet with a teacher at any point during the year, just reach out to us.

### ELO CORNER

Mr. Long has been working very hard getting our Extended Learning Opportunities program up and running. Please be sure to check out the ELO section on our website for more information: <https://www.sparkacademynh.org/students/elo>.



### FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

On Wednesday, 10/26 the Student Council will be hosting several Fall/Halloween Activities, along with a Bake Sale. Students are permitted to dress up in their best [school appropriate] Halloween costumes. There will be activities such as pumpkin carving [signed permission slip required], a candy hunt, a special art club activity, games, movie time, and more.

### BAKE SALE

The next bake sale is on Wednesday 10/26! Please watch your email for details & guidelines on sending in your delicious baked treats. Halloween-themed goodies are great (but not required)!

### NH JOINT ENGINEERS SOCIETIES CONFERENCE

Several of our First Year and Fourth Year students attended the NHJES Conference in Bedford this week. They talked with the attendees about Spark Academy and our robotics program, and they did a great job.

### VOLUNTARY LOW INCOME SURVEY SENT HOME

Your student went home with a survey this week which we ask you to fill out and return in the enclosed envelope. These will only be seen by Mrs. Larochelle, but you may hand them in to Mr. Tuttle at drop off or your student can return it to Mrs. Larochelle or leave it with Mrs. Roberts at the front desk. **These surveys are very important because they open up more opportunities for future grants and funding for our school and YOUR students.** Thank you!





## SPARK SCIENCE NEWS

**Chemistry class:** This week, the Second Year students performed a calorimetry lab where they burned pieces of snack food, measured the temperature of water, and calculated the amount of energy transferred from the food to the water. Through this activity, they discovered how much energy is in their snack food.

**Physical Science:** Meanwhile, our First Year students built their own mousetrap cars and learned about speed, acceleration, and kinetic & potential energy. They also had to graph their data.

## TUT TUT, LOOKS LIKE RAIN: A SHOWER OF UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Another great week with so many different things going on. The best thing that is happening is our new "SHOUT OUT" program. This is a way for us to learn to look for the positive that everyone does, big and small. As we continue to find ways to improve and develop our Spark community, it is important for everyone to see the good that people are doing.



I would like to send a "Shout Out" to the six students that took time out of their day to showcase Spark Robotics at the NHJES event. (John, Wilfredo, Kieran, Adam, Thomas, and Charles.) At this event we received a \$1,000 donation for our Robotics Team. Thank you all so much.

Thank you to the 18 families that joined us at our open house. It was great to see teachers and parents talking about our

program and how we can work together to support every student. "Shout Out" to all the teachers who put all their efforts in finding ways to support and help every student. Our school is better because you all have picked Spark as your place of work.

Please take some time in your day to send a "Shout Out" to someone and show them that you are seeing the great things that they do. Not only will it make them smile, it will make you feel good as well.



Have a great weekend.

John Tuttle  
Director