

# Spark

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DEAR PARENTS & FRIENDS OF SPARK,

## WEDNESDAYS...

As the MCC Campus opens up on a limited basis, we have been able to add some movement and activities to our Wednesday schedules. Use of the MPR (pictured here) has allowed us to bring all our students together in a safe manner. Being able to do so provides us with opportunities to develop more of a cohesive sense of Spark and to get to know each other better.

Our activities this week included Health Class in the MPR, a visit with the MCC Electrical Line Worker Program (also pictured here), a virtual tour in the MPR, and a documentary in the MCC auditorium. The ability to move about and use various MCC spaces has allowed us to feel even closer to having a normal school experience.



We want to thank everyone involved in the Line Worker program, especially Mr. Tim Tsantoulis, who set aside a great deal of time to explain the program and answer our students' questions. It looks like we may have some future line workers at Spark!

As we look ahead to future Wednesdays for the remainder of this year, we want to remind everyone that Wednesdays are full days.

We will continue to bring

varied activities to our students although those activities are likely to be limited to the MCC Campus for the remainder of the year.

Student Council will be recommending and leading social activities to our Wednesdays. We will also be setting aside some time for additional study and extra help sessions.

## FAMILY TALENT SURVEYS...

Please complete and return your survey to help us include you more in our school activities. A copy of the survey was sent out again yesterday, and a hard copy is going home with your student today.

## MICROWAVE OVENS...

We have had an inquiry into the use of microwave ovens now that we are back in-person everyday. We will be checking with MCC as to their current policy on microwaves and will get back to you next week with a decision for Spark.



## STUDENT ILLNESS...

If your student is ill and needs to stay home but is well enough to participate in classes, the remote option is still available. However if she or he is too ill to participate, please don't hesitate to call it a "sick day" and allow your child to rest and recover. The occasional absence due to illness is part of our returning to normal school life.

## VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE...

Please continue to help us spread the word about Spark and to let family and friends know of our upcoming virtual open house on Thursday, May 13th, from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Our incoming class is very close to 30 at this point, but we want to continue informing the public of the unique opportunities at Spark and MCC.



## SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE...

It was Saturday, April 4th, the first day of our April Vacation. It was also the day when dozens of people would gather at MCC to contribute their efforts to an incredible service project, *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*. How many Spark families would take up our invitation and give up their first day of vacation to help build beds and sew blankets for young people whom they have never met and who have no beds to sleep on?

We are very pleased to tell you that at least forty Spark students, siblings and

parents joined us! The Spark Community is not simply growing in numbers but in heart. The smiles and conversations said it all. Spark and MCC are places where careers can grow and where thoughtfulness and kindness guide us! We thank you!

Here are a few images from that day. More can be found on our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/SparkAcademyNH/>.



Sincerely,

Denis Mailloux

Director