

LOOKING FOR INTERESTED PARENTS

On Thursday 3/9 at 7PM, Mr. Tuttle would like to talk with parents who are interested in supporting our efforts to promote Spark Academy. Please reach out to him or Mrs. Larochelle via email. We will provide a Zoom link to those who wish to participate. We would love to see everyone who attended the initial Parent Support Committee meeting there, and then some.

ROBOTICS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WRAP-UP

The VEX Robotics NH/VT State Championship made for a really exciting two days last weekend! A special thank you to Amy Landers and Heather McCurdy, who were instrumental in organizing and running the concession stand all weekend. We would also like to thank every member of the Spark community who spent time volunteering at the event, sent in food, and/or showed up to cheer for the Spark Robotics Team on Saturday. We had a terrific showing, with all five teams advancing as far as the Quarterfinal round and TWO teams earning spots at the World Championship! The Bickering Badgers (77275B) got all the way to the Finals, where they lost to their fellow Spark team members but advanced to Worlds with a top five Skills score. They also won the Amaze award.

Team Axon (77275A) won Tournament Champion, earned the top Skills score, and won the Excellence Award. They will also be going to Worlds!

Huge congratulations to both of these hardworking fourth-year teams.

We are very proud of all our robotics team members, who have learned a lot and grown in many ways this year. They will all have one last chance to play together at the Warmup to Worlds event at Pembroke Academy on April 1st. The VEX World Championship will be held April 25-27 in Dallas, TX.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our series on teen leadership skills with Peers Not Fears will begin on Wednesday, March 8. They will be working with our students twice a month until the end of the school year.
- The Leddy Group will begin working with Spark students March 15, offering their first in a series of workshops on interviewing skills, resumes and career portfolios, using LinkedIn, and more.



ATTENTION FOURTH-YEAR STUDENTS!

- ☑ There will be no Senior Meeting next week
- ☑ Please remember to send your Highlights and Senior Quote to Mr. Tuttle
- ☑ The students who expect to earn their Associate's Degree need to either email their completed MCC application to Mr. Tuttle today OR turn it in to Mrs. Larochelle in room 300 on Monday 2/27 between 12:00 and 1:00.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Congrats to Darwin Cohort, who earned a pizza party with their enthusiastic participation in the Comfort Kits for Kids drive! To all who sent items in for that great cause, thank you for your generosity.

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

As we continue to move through this year at what it feels like record speed, I would like to remind everyone that two goals for future employment are time management and using your voice. These are skills that need to be practiced and refined throughout your life. At Spark we want to practice these every day.

Using your time effectively is really hard for some students. The idea of playing a video game, watching YouTube, or even playing outside all take a higher priority than schoolwork. This causes students to fall behind and then stress starts to build up. Once we are stressed, we continue to misuse our time in an effort to tune out and feel better. It's a vicious circle. Getting organized and completing the necessary tasks are really the only ways to get rid of the sources of the stress. You can still have a healthy balance and get outdoors when your tasks are complete.

The voice is one of the most important parts of this process. Asking for help or communicating where you are at with things will only help in completing tasks and keeping you on the same page with your teachers and later, your employers. Don't wait for someone to see that you are behind; instead talk about it and develop a plan. Having a plan and sticking to it is one of the key components of successful people.

So here we are: February Break. What a great time to reorganize, develop a plan and use your voice to find ways to manage your time and reduce stress.

Have a great vacation.

John Tuttle

Director

