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School Community Newsletter December 22, 2020

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Dear Parents & Friends,

As we leave for our much-needed Christmas break, I want to thank everyone for being so thorough in following our COVID protocols and for working so well with us to make our hybrid and remote models work as well as they have been.

At some point in the middle of January, I will be meeting with Dr. Brian Bicknell, President of Manchester Community College, to assess the possibility of Spark's return to campus in the near future. Families will be updated immediately via email after this meeting. Let's all keep our fingers crossed! As this meeting will be taking place mid-January, we will be resuming classes on **Monday, January 4th, remotely**. Let's all hope that we can move to hybrid learning soon after that and move to complete in-person school before much longer.

Spark Academy has been fortunate to receive grant funding to assist us with the arduous task of providing our students with the software and hardware necessary now and through the second semester. The kits that our students took home with them for their remote tech classes were quite expensive; the same will be true for second semester tech. The software alone is extremely costly. The combined cost of software and parts has really added up. Fortunately, the NH Dept. of Education has recognized these legitimate costs and has approved grant monies to assist us. Nothing replaces in-person education, but we can feel assured that we have great resources in place to help our fantastic teachers as they work to make this educational experience a sound one.

The teachers have asked me to make sure our students know that no new assignments have been given for the Christmas break. This might be a chance to catch up on assignments, but aside from that, everyone should rest and have fun! Teachers and students alike are weary of the many Zoom hours needed right now. We all need a break!

Schedule for Wednesday, December 23, 2020

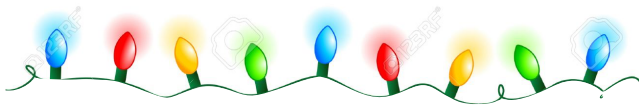
Period 1 -----8:00 - 8:50 am
Period 2 -----9:00 to 9:50 am
Period 3 -----10:00 to 10:50 am
Period 4 -----11:00 am to Noon
Lunch Break -----Noon to 12:30 pm
Movie: *Home Alone* -----12:30 to 2:30 pm
"Twas the Night Before Christmas" -----2:30 pm

Christmas Break: Thursday, December 24th to Friday, January 1st
Remote Classes Resume: Monday, January 4th

If your family is doing something fun over the break, we would welcome photos to post on Facebook and our website. Whether you are in your yards having fun, cooking a special holiday dish, or simply enjoying the company of family, we would welcome a chance to share your experiences with the entire Spark Community.

Please remember to recommend Spark to prospective families. Please direct them to the calendar on the Spark website for more information and to contact us at admissions@sparkacademynh.org.

On behalf of everyone on the Spark staff, I wish all of you the joy of the holidays and the gift of family and friendship!



Have a safe and restful break!



Denis Mailloux
Director

