

CALENDAR RAFFLE UPDATE!

Calendar raffle ticket sales are at 61, which means that in just one week we have raised over \$600 for our school. Our top sellers so far are Aidan Fournier (33) and Addisyn Simino (12) – great job, you two!

INCENTIVES! Every student that sells their allotted 10 calendars gets a special edition SPARK shirt. If we collectively sell 1000 calendars, the entire school gets pizza! There is also a Top Seller Prize! The person who sells the most calendars will win an iHome iBT371 Weather Tough Portable Bluetooth Speaker with LED accent lighting!! (Thank you to Ms. Pringle for donating this prize.)

Remember to turn in your entry forms and money to Mrs. Larochelle and if you need more, just ask. The deadline is Friday 4/22!

REMINDER!

There are NO Spark classes this Monday 4/11 for a teacher workshop day.

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE CALENDAR

The last day of school will now be on **Tuesday, June 14** and NOT Friday, June 17.

Also, the academic calendar for 2022-23 is out and will be available on our website shortly. We have attached a copy to this email as well.



FOR OUR HEALTH

While we are enjoying a school atmosphere that feels a bit more relaxed, and we are loving the fact that many of us can now see each other's faces, we must remain cognizant of safeguarding each other's health. We have had a very high number of colds and other viruses circulating through our school community over the past couple of weeks. Please remember that any students exhibiting clear symptoms of illness should really stay home if possible.

For our part, we continue to sanitize surfaces regularly, and

we expect everyone to continue to follow proper handwashing protocols and be mindful of other people's personal space. Whatever your opinions about them, masks will likely continue to be an option for the foreseeable future; there is no reason why somebody who wants to come to school with a cold can't put on a mask for a couple of hours. (There are several of us who routinely mask up and unmask throughout the day, in fact.) At the very least, we strongly encourage everyone to PLEASE cover sneezes and coughs and wash hands OFTEN. Thank you for helping us to maintain best practices for the health of our school community.



HUMANITARIAN AID FOR UKRAINE

There are several groups on campus who are collecting various items to send to families in Ukraine. If you wish to help, please consider sending in diapers & baby formula with your student and we will deliver them as a group to the MCC collection bin. As always, thank you for your generosity.

603 BRIGHT FUTURES SURVEY

The New Hampshire Department of Education wants to hear from our school community! It has been two years since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and much has changed since that time. While communities start to recover from all of the disruptions, it is critical to understand how staff, families and communities have been impacted, and how we will move forward to plan for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. Please take a few minutes now to complete the survey, which you can access here: bit.ly/nhdoefamily . You have until Friday, April 29, 2022 to participate. Thank you!



ANNUAL MCC BUILD-A-BED & COMMUNITY EVENT

Please make sure you have marked your calendar for Saturday April 23! This is the date for the outdoor community event at Manchester Community College, including the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build! There will be other service opportunities as well, such a Walk With Ukraine and other student-sponsored activities. Spark Academy will once again be participating, and we hope to see ALL of our families there. What a great way to kick off our Spring break and give us all the chance to spend a day together! Wear your Spark shirts, if you have them.

STUDENT COUNCIL BAKE SALE

Our next bake sale date is Wednesday, April 20! Get those ovens preheated.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone who sent in food this week. It is sincerely appreciated.

TUTTLE THOUGHTS

We have finished another quarter and are getting closer to the



end of the school year. The weather is (finally) starting to get warmer. It is a time that makes me think about change. It is a word that can make people nervous, excited, and confused all at the same time. But I love it. Without change we are not able to make progress and find new and more exciting things. WE are not able to GROW. So as we start moving into Spring and the end of the school year, it is important to think about what changes you would like to see in yourself and our school.

At Spark we talk a lot about having a voice and a choice and ways to use them to make change. Just because something has been done in the past does not necessarily mean that it is being done the right way, or the best way. At the same time, it does not mean that you have done it wrong. Sometimes we need to respond to changes in our environment, or in our perspective, or in our society. Change is a word of hope and the future, it should make us excited about the next challenge.

As we move into the future, let's take the time to prepare for next year's new cohorts of Spark students. Let's create change to find ways to make things better all around. It is not easy, but we never said it was going to be easy. Nothing worth doing is easy!

We hope you have a great weekend!

John Tuttle

Director

