

# SPARK

## Academy

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NEWSLETTER

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### BIO TREK COMES TO SPARK!

Spark Academy students are now participating in Armi's BioTrek, a project-based learning program to inform and inspire students about the emerging biofabrication industry. From the website: "Developed by BioFabUSA, the program rests on three pillars: engagement with advanced technologies, familiarization with the principals of entrepreneurship, and exposure to the education and career pathways that lead into the advanced manufacturing sector. These focus areas are wrapped around a student-led, design-thinking approach that lets participants concentrate on a problem area that holds real meaning for them and apply what they learn about technology and entrepreneurship to a real-world challenge." Learn more here: <https://www.armiusa.org/biofabusa/education-and-workforce-development/biotrek/>. Our first team of four is already off and running with this exciting program, and they'll be competing against area teams from other schools for a chance to have dinner at Dean Kamen's house. We can't wait to see what they do.



### ROBOTICS TEAM KICKOFF 9/26

The Spark Academy Robotics Team is having their 2024-25 Season Kickoff Cookout on Thursday, 9/26 at 6:30 PM in the MCC cafeteria/café. All interested students & parents should plan to attend, and parents of current team members are encouraged to be there as well! The team Mentors will go over expectations and answer any questions you may have. There will be burgers and hotdogs. Please RSVP here so we can get a count: <https://forms.gle/rcEaQWfgPcuHAD4j9>



### ONLINE APPAREL STORE – LIMITED TIME!

The Atlantic Sportswear online store for Spark custom apparel is open once again – but **only until Monday 9/23!** Orders can ship directly to your house or you can opt to have them sent to us and we will send them home with your student. Access the store here:



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## WICKED STEM 9/21

We encourage our First-Year students to attend the Wicked STEM (Northern New England STEM Expo) event with their families this Saturday! It is at the Hampshire dome in Milford from 11:00-5:00. Be sure to stop by the Spark booth to say hello!



## OPEN HOUSE 10/2

Our Semester One Open House is on Wednesday, October 2. Doors open at 4:30 so that you can mingle a bit and pick up a copy of your student's schedule. At 5:00, you will proceed to your First & Second Year students' Block 1 class and then follow their schedule, changing classrooms every 20 minutes. This will give you a chance to meet your student's Spark teachers and find out what's happening in their classes this semester. Third and Fourth year parents can learn about our Extended Learning Opportunities with Mr. Moy and say hello to teachers, staff, and each other. If you have questions about accessing Canvas to view assignments and grades, or activating Alma for progress reports and attendance, we can assist you with that while you're here. Please plan to join us!



## DISMISSAL

Please see the email sent out on Thursday of this week regarding the pickup procedure at dismissal and be sure to share this information with anyone who might be picking up your student after school. Thank you.



## PHOTOS

The photos in this week's newsletter are from our Building Spark Community Ice Cream Social last week! They were taken by our students in the new photography program.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 9/26 & 9/27 - NH Construction Career Days
- Wednesday 10/2 - Picture Day!!!
- Friday 10/4 - NH MEP
- Friday 10/11 - Progress Reports Distributed
- Monday 10/14 - Holiday (No Spark classes)
- Saturday 10/19 - VEX Robotics Competition at MCC
- Tuesday 10/22 - Board Meeting



## TUTTLE THOUGHTS

Here we are almost a month into the school year and we have not missed a beat. We had a successful ice cream social, student council members have been selected, and we will be attending Wicked Stem this weekend. Please feel free to come to this free event with your family and see some cool STEM activities and future career opportunities.

As I continue to talk with students about SPARK values there always seems to be a need to remind students about what it means to be a Spark Student. As you can imagine, having a school of mostly boys they tend to have some difficulty in understanding their personal space and ways to be appropriate in all settings. It is important that we practice when and where it is acceptable to do things. Fortunately, our Exploration Days enable us to discuss and practice these skills on a regular basis.

Being a role model for others is an important skill to learn. We will be having our First- and Second-Year students going to NH Construction Career Days next week and this will be the first time this year that our students will be outside of the school to practice this important skill of being a Spark Student.

Have a great weekend and hope to see you all at Wicked Stem.

