

SPARK SPRING 2019



May 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st (Rain date: June 7th) from: 8:35-10:35

- Fees cover all 4 weeks of SPARK and are due on May 10th.
- There are 13 SPARKS with NO fees!
- You may pay school cash online, by cash or cheque (payable to George Street Middle School)
- There are 37 options; we will do our best to ensure students get one of their top 5 choices.

Volunteering and Life Skills

Babysitting

Students who are 12 or will be turning 12 before June 2019 can take the certified babysitting course. You will go through the training to become a qualified babysitter. Topics include child safety, how to react in unpredictable situations, how to care for and change an infant and all the responsibilities involved when being asked to babysit young children. Participants will be expected to attend all four weeks and write a test at the end of the course. Students who pass the test will receive a certificate qualifying them to babysit and be paid for their services. There is a certificate issued upon course completion. The fee is set by the St John Ambulance and offered at a discounted price for George Street students.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in grade 6 Annex #34

Fee: \$40

Good Neighbour

What are employers looking for? Would you make a good employee? Find out about job skills then go into our community and be a "good neighbor" by sharing your skills with local merchants or community groups. Being a good volunteer will make our neighborhood a better place (and may someday help you get a job)! **Grade 8 students only.** You can only do this SPARK ONCE in your grade 8 year. Do not choose this SPARK if you have done it before.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #302

No fee

Global Minds

Attention Global Minds GSMS! If you are passionate about making a difference and want to be a part helping us get ready to host the Global Minds Conference on May 27th, this is the SPARK for you!! The primary goal of Global Minds is to bring students from diverse backgrounds together through community service and student-led activities centered on human rights, diversity, sustainable development and international relations. Our final week together will be spent downtown celebrating!

Enrollment: 40

Meet in grade 6 Annex #22

Fee: \$5

Sign Language

Would you like to learn how to finger-spell your name? Attend this SPARK and you will have an introduction to Sign Language by learning about school related signs, sports, sentences, sentence structures and facial cues. You will also discover the Deaf Culture.

Enrollment: 15

Meet in room #303

No Fee

Chinese Cultural SPARK

Would you like to try to speak Chinese, Mandarin or try the ancient art of paper folding? Maybe you could even learn to play Dunhuang Pipa! Those are just a few of the fun things we will do in the Chinese Cultural SPARK. No fee but priceless fun with Mr. Chen!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #313

No Fee

\$\$ Money Matters \$\$

Have you ever wanted to play The Price is Right or discover how you can make money...and what to do with it when you have some? We all know that we need to deal with money sometimes; come and find out how to make sure you are getting your money's worth and how to make money work for you! The activities in this SPARK will be hands-on and interactive. We are hoping to do a tour of a local bank too!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room # A33

No Fee

Physical Fitness and Wellness

Archery

This is an introduction to the sport of archery. Students will learn the proper techniques and form from experienced archers. Students will get lots of practice time and even participate in team against team competitions.

Enrollment: 28

Meet in grade 6 Annex #33

Fee: \$20

Girls Empowerment

This SPARK group will offer 4 weeks of fun-filled activities that build empowerment! Each week we will indulge in a new activity that promotes building and maintaining positive relationships. Activities you can look forward to are: yoga and/or another physical activity, a manicure and snack morning, an artistic creation, and breakfast at Cora's!

If you were part of this SPARK in the fall, please do not sign-up (once/year only).

Enrollment: 40

Meet in room #210

Fee: \$25

Rock Climbing

Want to learn how to rock climb? Then this SPARK is for you! Climb at Fredericton's newest climbing gym: the Fredericton Bouldering Co-op! They will offer 30 minutes of instruction on climbing techniques and safety, followed by 30 minutes of climbing practice on their indoor bouldering walls. Students will walk to the facility and back to the school.

Enrollment: 30

Meet in Room #214

Fee: \$25

Lift Fitness

You get to experience a local fitness gym in Fredericton and receive instruction from trained personal fitness instructors. Focus will be on learning the basics to proper use of equipment used in a fitness gym, strength and endurance training, and individual and team-based fitness challenges. Get ready to increase your level of fitness in a safe and fun environment. Gym clothing, inside sneakers, and a water bottle are required.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in the balcony

Fee \$20

FloorBall

Floorball is a fast-paced, exciting and safe game. At first glance, it resembles floor hockey or ball hockey but is played with specialized light-weight fibre glass or carbon fibre sticks and rules that promote safety and skill. This is for boys and girls, all grade levels.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in the gym

No fee

Swimming

Students will take the bus to the Fredericton Indoor Pool for some swimming fun - (no instruction). Students must already be able to swim. All students must wear modest swimwear.

Enrollment: 45

Meet in grade 6 Annex #24

Fee: \$10

Tennis

Tennis Anyone? This SPARK promises to be lots of fun and will be held at the brand new Abony Family Tennis Center! This SPARK is a great idea whether you have played tennis before, or you have always wanted to try. You will learn the basic fundamentals of how to play tennis, the rules of the game and experience fun games and mini matches! We will supply the racquet and all you need to bring are your NON MARKING sneakers and a smile!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #315

Fee: \$20

Biking

Students will need bicycles in good working order with BRAKES and helmets are MANDATORY. Students will bike the trails in and around Fredericton and are required to have the stamina to bike long distances. Bikes need to be transported to and from the school each time as they can't be stored at the school (no storage available).

Enrollment: 36

Meet in room #205

No fee

Beach Volleyball

Do you love indoor volleyball? Why not take it outside with our Beach Volleyball spark? A little more challenging but A LOT more fun! This spark will consist of playing in a mini tournament every week. You'll meet new friends and have a blast! Once you try this sport you'll be hooked!

Enrollment: 40

Meet in the balcony

Fee \$10

Bowling

Students will travel to Kingswood and take part in a fun game of ten-pin bowling. Participants will have a quick warm up, and then have the opportunity to play a string of bowling. This is open to experienced and first time bowlers!

Enrollment: 30

Meet in room #103

Fee: \$20

Soccer Baseball

We will walk to queen Square (baseball field) and play soccer baseball- as the title suggests, it's a game that combines the game of baseball but with a soccer ball instead of a ball and bat.

Enrollment: 40

Meet in room #304

No fee

Modo Yoga

Do you like yoga? Join this SPARK and we will walk to the Modo Yoga studio at Kingsplace. The class will be suitable for beginning and experienced students. You will develop body awareness, learn basic postures and proper alignment. The studio will provide mats and towels for all students. Since it will be a warm class, a water bottle will be needed. This relaxing space will calm your mind. *Get on your mat and get healthy!*

Enrollment: 40

Meet in the Riverroom (grade 8 floor)

Fee: \$20

Skateboarding

Learn to skate or hone your skills with this gnarly SPARK. We will be traveling to Kimble skateboard park for 2 sessions under the sun. Be sure to bring your own skateboard and helmet. **Helmets are mandatory.** The last two sessions will be at the indoor skatepark on the northside. Here you will be able to rent skateboards and helmets.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #201

Fee: \$10

Rugby

Rugby is a fast paced, fun, and exciting sport that is played in more than 90 countries by over 7 million people, making it one of the most popular sports in the world. Through various games you will get to work on your passing, agility and movement on the field.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in grade 6 Annex #12

No Fee

Walk the Trails

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Do you enjoy taking in the scenery around you? Do you enjoy walking? If yes, then this SPARK's for you! Each week, we'll be exploring different walking trails around the downtown area. On the last week, we'll go for a treat. Come prepared for the weather (sunscreen, hat, raincoat) and with good footwear. You may want to bring a water bottle as well.

Enrollment: 40

Meet in room #215

No Fee

Technology

Robotics

Do you love working with electronics? Do you enjoy building robots and programming them? This SPARK is for you! Using the LEGO MindStorm system, during this SPARK you will build robotic systems. Also, you will compete with others to see if your robot can complete an obstacle course and/or be the victor of an epic Robot Battle. We will walk to Science EAST to build and test our robots!

Enrollment: 16

Meet in room #312

Fee: \$20

Lego

Do you enjoy creating something original and one of a kind? Do you like to be part of a team inventing something amazing or would you rather create your own masterpiece? If you said yes to these questions than the LEGO SPARK may be for you.

Enrollment : 15

Meet in Room # 310

Fee: \$4

Scratch Coding

Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively-essential skills for life in the 21st century. Using Scratch Coding student will express themselves by create interactive animation and video games.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #113 Tech Lab

No Fee

Creative Options

Set Design SPARK (Grade 6 & 7 students only)

Were you amazed with the set designs and paintings you saw on stage for Mary Poppins Jr.? Would you like to learn how to design elements of a set for a stage production? Would you like to be involved in designing the set for next year's play? Well, this is your SPARK! Join us to learn how to design scenes and plan for next year's production scenes. We will be doing some research, detailed drawings and colored plans for the set scenes for next year.

Enrollment: 15

Meet in the Library

No Fee

Fashion, Beauty, Art

Are you interested in beauty, fashion and art? This SPARK activity aims to incorporate all three! Learn about hairstyling, makeup, henna tattoo, fashion design and more! This SPARK will include guest speakers and hands-on activities. Let your creative side shine!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #213

Fee: \$10

Indigenous Clay Pinch Pot

If you are interested in being creative, working with your hands, and learning about the traditional Indigenous work of making your own clay pinch pot, this is the SPARK for you. Come and unleash your creative abilities, all while learning about Indigenous crafting which has stood the test of time.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room # 101

Fee: Free

Sip 'n Paint

Have you ever thought you'd like to paint but didn't know how to start? Come join artist Andrea Parent Milley for step by step instruction to create your very own masterpiece. No experience necessary or maybe you would like to brush up on skill. Learning technique and how to use the tools you will build confidence in your abilities and leave with a completed painting done by you to hang on your wall! All this fun while sipping your favourite juice or water.

Enrollment: 25

Meet in room #309/Science Lab

Fee: \$25

Rock, Paper, Scissors: Crafts!

Join Rock Paper Scissors as we create a completely different craft project EACH WEEK! First, you will get your hands dirty with a mixed media canvas project. Next, you'll BLING things up by creating a one of a kind jewelry set. The fun will continue as you create handcrafted greeting cards and even learn to sew your own mini iPod or phone holder. Yes, you read that right! All supplies are included. See you there!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in grade 6 Annex # 14

Fee: \$20

String Art

String Art is the perfect combination of wood working and crafting. Students will have the opportunity to use wood, nails, and string to create intricate and fashionable designs for decorating and gifts. Students will be working with 'String by Sterling,' a local string artist, who will guide them through the creation of their own string art pieces, as well as show them about the business of being a local art vendor at the Boyce Farmer's Market. If you're industrious, creative, or simply want to try something new, String Art is for you!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #301

Fee: \$25

Clay

In the clay hand building SPARK, students will learn a number of different hand building techniques. These techniques include coil pots, slab work, pinch pots, and more. One technique will be taught each week, and projects will be painted on the last day of SPARK. Students can take home all of the work they create.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #110 Art Rm

Fee: \$10

Clay Cafe

If you like crafts, you will love this SPARK. We will be walking down to the Clay Café store for each SPARK session. You will have a few choices of pottery to decorate. You may also want to bring a toonie for a treat.

Enrollment: 50

Meet in grade 6 Annex #11

Fee: \$25

Book it!

We have some new and exciting things planned for this SPARK. We will be making two visits to the Fredericton Public Library and two visits to the New Brunswick Library of Craft and Design. We will be enjoying programs such as Zine workshops, button making, book talks in both libraries and other cool library stuff! Wow I can hardly wait!

Enrollment: 15

Meet in the library

No fee

Games Unplugged

Unplugged on Queen Street has over 600 individual and group board games, and we want you to come and check them out! There are sure to be games you haven't even heard of! Come try something new and enjoy the huge array of games to choose from. We will walk every Friday to the Unplugged location.

Enrollment: 40

Meet in Room #314

Fee: \$15

Beautify This! DIY Furniture/Craft Painting

In this DIY SPARK, you will learn how to take an ordinary piece of furniture or other item, even an old scratched up piece of "junk" and turn it into a funky piece of art. You will learn the skills to paint and seal an item using super safe and easy chalk paint. Get inspired by your imagination as well as images from Pinterest and go design crazy. You will work individually or in small teams to transform your items. Once you've completed this SPARK, you will have the skills to do similar projects at home. You will need to bring a minimum of 3 small wooden pieces to paint such as a mini table, a lamp, a jewelry box, a mirror, a picture frame... If you don't have any of those items, you can purchase a few wooden items at the Dollarama.

Enrollment: 15

Meet in room #103

Fee: \$5

Broadway Dance

Do you like musical theatre? Do you like to dance? Interested in auditioning to be part of next year's production? Then this SPARK might be the one for you! In Musical Theatre Dance SPARK, you will learn choreography from several different Broadway musicals, including the one we are doing at George Street next year. Dance experience is not required but highly encouraged.

Materials: Comfortable clothing, sneakers/dance shoes, water bottle

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #109

No Fee

Rug Hooking

If you would like to learn about one of the oldest crafts of Atlantic Canada, you may want to explore the world of rug hooking. Learn about the history, the materials used, the different kinds of mats, and how to create your own unique mat from start to finish. All materials will be provided.

Enrollment: 10

Meet in grade 6 Annex #13

Fee: \$15