

SPARK WINTER 2019



January 25th, February 1st-15th (Feb. 22 is the cancellation date) **from: 8:35-10:35**

- Fees cover all 4 weeks of SPARK. Fees are due on January 25th.
- There are 11 SPARKS with NO fees!
- You may pay school cash online, by cash or cheque (payable to George Street Middle School)
- There are 34 options; we will do our best to ensure students get one of their top 5 choices.

Volunteering and Life Skills

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)! **Gr 8 students only.** You can only do this SPARK ONCE in your gr 8 school year. Do not choose this SPARK if you have done it before.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #302

No fee

Global Minds

If you are passionate about making a difference, if you are interested in helping newcomers feel welcome at our school, if you would like to meet students from around the world, 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. We will eat, play, talk, and create projects as a group to represent our multicultural school population. Join us as we create change together! **Grade 6 students only.**

Enrollment: 40

Meet in room A22

Fee: \$5

Healthy Cooking

Do you enjoy eating delicious, healthy food? Do you have an interest in learning how to be more creative in the kitchen? If so, the Healthy Cooking SPARK is right for you! Join us at Greener Village for an enhanced and enjoyable cooking and eating experience.

Enrollment: 15

Meet in rm #210

Fee: \$25

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 room #33 (gr 6 annex)

Fee: \$20

Rockwall Climbing

Want to learn how to rock climb? Then this SPARK is for you! Every members of the UNB Rock and Ice club offering 30 minutes of instruction on climbing techniques and safety, followed by 30 minutes to practice your skills in their indoor rock climbing wall. Students will walk to the facility and back to the school.

Enrollment: 16

Meet in Room #201

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

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 room #214

Fee: \$10

Tennis

This SPARK will be held at the Abony Tennis Center. You will learn the basic fundamentals of how to play tennis, the rules of the game and experience mini matches! We will supply the racquet- all you need to bring are your NON MARKING sneakers and a smile!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #315

Fee: \$20

Bowling

Students will travel to Kingswood to 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 & first time bowlers!

Enrollment: 40

Meet in room #103

Fee \$20

Skating

Enjoy an hour of skating at the Grant Harvey Center. Skates and helmets are required. You should also wear warm clothes while skating and possibly bring a change of clothes for school. Instruction isn't provided so therefore, you need to know how to skate before joining this SPARK.

Enrollment: 45

Meet in room #306 (River Room)

Fee \$10

Fencing

Learn the exciting sport of Olympic fencing! This is an introduction to the sport with games, footwork & plenty of fencing, ending with a team competition. Students should dress comfortably and wear indoor, non-marking sneakers.

Enrollment: 8

Meet in gr 6 annex # 24

Fee: \$25

Curling

Learn the exciting sport of curling at the local curling arena. This is an introduction to the sport, no experience needed. Students should dress comfortably and warmly.

Enrollment: 24

Meet in TBD

No Fee

Technology

Scratch Coding

Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively — essential skills for life in the 21st century. Students will also have an opportunity to use Mico bits, to code using block coding. Grade 6 Students involved in Cardboard Robotics may select this SPARK to work on their motorize car. This will allow students more time to complete their Robotics Project. Any questions please see Mrs. Thomas.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #113 Tech Lab

No Fee

Robotics

Do you love working with electronics? Do you enjoy building robots and programming them? Using the LEGO MindStorm system, 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!

Enrollment: 16

Meet in room #201

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 : 20

Meet in Room # 310

Fee: \$4

Spark ROCKS!!!

Ever wonder what causes a volcano to explode? Or how engineers develop technologies to prevent earthquakes? Check out Sparks Rocks. At the Quartermain Earth Science Centre (UNB Geology Department) we will research natural disasters using hands-on labs and activities. We will look at the causes of these disasters, how we detect them and what technologies humans use to prevent damage. We will also have the chance to tour ancient life in the Quartermain Earth Science museum.

Enrollment : 20

Meet in Room # gr 8 Science Lab

Fee: \$5

Film Making/SPARKumentaries

Are you interested in turning one of your stories into a mini-movie? Want to unleash your inner Steven Spielberg? Learn how with award-winning local director and entrepreneur Travis Grant.

Enrollment : 20

Meet in River Room gr 8 floor

Fee: \$20

Creative Options

Making Art at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery

Do you want to make some art? Come to the Beaverbrook art gallery for an experience of a lifetime! Come see the world's most amazing art created by great masters! Come learn how to use and apply art concepts and techniques to your very own creations as we explore the wonderful world of Art Making! We are preparing 4 fun filled sessions for you to exploring and discover the magical world of art making!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in gr 6 annex # 23

Fee: \$25

Indigenous Rattle Making

Are you interested in learning more about the indigenous culture and also have an interest in crafts? This is the SPARK for you! We will be crafting traditional rattles, visiting the Craft College and may even get a chance to learn about spirit animals.

Enrollment: 15

Meet in Room # 101

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: TBA

Fee: \$10

Go Girls

This program includes different activities for participants each week with different mentors from the community. It will be full of energy and enthusiasm! It is all about developing a balanced and happy you! We will learn how to cook ethically (vegan/veg options); we will visit a salon (at Kings Place) to learn about the beauty industry and how to develop your own best self; we will do some activities to promote self-reflection, so that you can set goals for yourself and be aware of what makes you happy! Note: there will likely be at least one additional week following completion of Spark. It will be done during a lunch hour or after school.

Enrollment: 8

Meet in Room: TBA

No Fee

Newcomer Narrative

In this new and exciting SPARK, students from GSMS will pair up with adults learning English at the Multicultural Association to document their journey to Canada. We will spend the first week of SPARK at GSMS preparing models for the adult learners and the next 2 weeks at the Multicultural Association working with the adults to help develop their stories. In the final SPARK week, we will have a showcase at the Multicultural Association where students and adults will present their stories.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in gr 6 annex # 21

No Fee

Marvelous Miniature Sculptures

In this workshop you will explore three very different sculpture media: plastacine, air dry clay and sculpty. Subject matter will be micro, tiny and detailed! All created to fit in your own tiny world presented in a diorama.

Enrollment: 15

Meet in gr 6 annex # 32

Fee: \$25

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

Fee: \$25

Rock, Paper, Scissors: Crafts! NEW!!!!!!

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 word 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 your industrious, creative, or simply want to try something new, String Art is for you!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room 303

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

Textile Fun: Fabric Design

Fabric and surface design- it doesn't get much better than this! Ever wondered how you put images on fabric? screenprinting! Ever wanted to create a patch? Embroidery? Let's DO THIS!

Enrollment: 15

Meet in room #310

Fee: 25\$

Beautify This! DIY Furniture Painting

In this DIY SPARK you will learn how to take an ordinary piece of furniture, 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 furniture 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 in small teams to transform some furniture here at the school so everyone can enjoy the transformation for years to come. Once you've completed this spark you will have the skills to do similar projects at home.

Enrollment: 15

Meet in room #103

No Fee

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 the gr6 Annex rm #11

Fee: \$25

Book it!

This SPARK is for those that love to read. You will get time to read, talk about favorite books and the Fredericton Public Library Youth Librarian will come to visit you to chat about the options at the public library. If you like books this is the SPARK for you.

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: \$10

Photography

This SPARK will teach you how to compose great photographs using your phones or digital cameras. Get inspired by the ideas you'll see and hear. Have fun creating many photos from nature and found objects. We will also do one day as a scavenger hunt all around the downtown area. Make beautiful pictures for fun- they make great gifts too!

Enrollment: 15

Meet in Room #212

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

Room TBD

No Fee