

SPARK WINTER 2020



January 24th, 31st, February 7th, 14th from: 8:35-10:35

- In the event of a storm day on one of our dates, we will have our 4th SPARK on February 21st.
- all fees range from \$0-25 except for Babysitting. Fees are due on January 24th.
- You may pay school cash online, by cash or cheque (payable to George Street Middle School)
- Fees are charged whether a student attends or not since we must pay for the instructor and/or bus.
- There are over 30 options; we will do our best to ensure students get one of their top 6 choices.

Volunteering and Life Skills

Eden Senior Villa **FIRST TIME OFFERING!**

Spending time with senior citizens is both extremely rewarding and a lot of fun. The seniors at Eden's Villa would love to meet you, play some games, have a few snacks, and share their wonderful stories with you. If you're looking to brighten up someone's day and make a lifelong connection this SPARK is for you.

Enrollment: 10

Meet in room #

No fee

Helping at a Day Care **FIRST TIME OFFERING!**

Enjoy young kids? Enjoy playing games? Want to help young immigrants learn a bit of English? Then this SPARK is for you! In this SPARK you will spend time in the gym, create games and play along with the 4 year old day care children at the Fredericton Multicultural Association.

Enrollment: 5

Meet in gr 6 annex room #12

No fee

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 cannot do this SPARK twice in one school year.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #310

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. Join us as we eat, play, talk and create change together! (*From this group, a subcommittee will be formed to work on creating plans for future Global Minds meetings, events and projects.)

Enrollment: 30

Meet in room #215

No Fee

Babysitting

Students who are 12 or will be turning 12 before February 14th 2020 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.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in grade 6 Annex #21

Fee: \$40

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 gr 6 Annex rm #13

Fee: \$25

Physical Fitness and Wellness

Winter Futsal Program (Futsal is a form of indoor soccer) **FIRST TIME OFFERING!**

Do you want to play soccer in an in-door soccer field? This SPARK is for you. Using the UNB Dome - we will have on-field training for new to soccer players as well as experienced players. Thus, no experience necessary - just a will to learn how to play soccer and maybe join a team this summer. The SPARK will be held in coordination with FDSA trained soccer players and trainers. Come out and have a great time learning to play the greatest sport in the world.

Enrollment: 50

Meet in the upper balcony

Fee: \$10

Sweat Club **FIRST TIME OFFERING!**

Description: Sweat & Chat - Students will partake in a Full Body Circuit Workout for the first hour with Sweat Club's founder and trainer, Laura Clendenning. After the workout, Laura will speak to the students about a different topic each session. Ex: post workout meals, goal setting, benefits of exercise, etc.. Students would need to bring workout clothes, indoor sneakers, water, and a post workout snack.

Enrollment: 12

Meet in room #

Fee: \$10

Introduction to Volleyball **FIRST TIME OFFERING!**

This SPARK is for grade 6 students only (12 girls and 12 boys). We will be learning, reviewing and practicing the basic skills of volleyball. Forearm passing, overhead passing, serving, attacking, blocking and all the footwork associated with those skills. Location: LBR Gym at UNB

Enrollment: 24

Meet in balcony

Fee: \$20

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 #22 (gr 6 annex)

Fee: \$20

Rockwall Climbing

Want to learn how to rock climb? Then this SPARK is for you! There will be 30 minutes of instruction on climbing techniques and safety, followed by 30 minutes to practice your skills in their indoor rock climbing wall. We will be walking to the Fredericton Bouldering Co-op each week for this spark so dress warm!

Enrollment: 30

Meet in Room #205

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 lower balcony

Fee \$25

Skating

Enjoy an hour of skating at the Willie O'Ree 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 you need to know how to skate before joining this SPARK. This is only offered once each year.

Enrollment: 45

Meet in gr 6 annex room #33

Fee \$10

Swimming

Students will take the bus to the Fredericton Indoor Pool for some swimming fun - (no instruction). 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 and all you need to bring are your NON MARKING sneakers and a smile!

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #315

Fee: \$20

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 in **long pants, wear indoor, non-marking sneakers and bring a water bottle.** En garde!

Enrollment: 16

Meet in room #24 (gr 6 annex)

Fee: \$25

Bowling

Students will travel to Kingswood and take part in 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

Technology

Influencers: the PR Club **FIRST TIME OFFERING!**

In this new SPARK students will become PR (Public Relations) experts. You will be trained on the iMac to run the school's main lobby monitor using the KeyNote slideshow program. You will also learn how to take interesting photographs for the slideshow. We can also post on the school's twitter account. Those in the SPARK that want to continue after the SPARK is over will form the PR Club (extra-curricular) for the school year. If you want to be a part of a group that promotes all the things happening at the school, then you will enjoy this SPARK.

Enrollment: 10

Meet in room #210

No Fee

Exploring Assistive Technology **FIRST TIME OFFERING!**

In this new and exciting SPARK students will work together with Neil Squire to explore assistive technology. Students will learn about and build assistive technologies to be used by members of the Fredericton community. Skills such as 3D printing and soldering will be used as students adapt gaming technologies to meet the needs of persons with physical disabilities. Both high and low tech will be investigated in this SPARK.

Enrollment: 15

Meet in room #21

No Fee

High-Tech Sign Making **FIRST TIME OFFERING!**

Design your own sign digitally and use web-based woodcarving equipment at Brilliant Labs to make your digital file a reality. Add a fresh coat of paint, and you will have the option to add lights for a brilliant finish!

You will be using Tinkercad and the Brilliant Labs Glowforge laser cutter. No experience necessary.

Enrollment: 15

Meet in room #115 Brilliant Labs

Fee: \$5

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 #215

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

Creative Skills and Games

Urban Exploration Photography **FIRST TIME OFFERING!**

Cool images that tell weird and one of a kind stories are everywhere. The backyards and alleyways, construction and destruction sites, astounding trees and plants through cracks in sidewalks and little lives are all within walking distance and waiting for us. By spending our SPARK time outside we will take photographs and build up for a final show of images and words.

Enrollment: 15

Meet in room #201

No Fee

Making Movies **FIRST TIME OFFERED THIS YEAR**

Do have a story to tell that you can picture filling your screen? Do you have an interest in learning the ins and outs of making your own movie? If you do, this is the SPARK for you. In Making Movies, you'll have the chance to work with Fredericton's own award-winning director, Travis Grant. Who knows, maybe this could be your first step towards Hollywood?

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #315

Fee: \$15

Traditional Games from around the world **FIRST TIME OFFERING!**

Participants are introduced to different board games from all five continents. Our time will be shared between each continent at a rate of one per week. Each week, we will explore 2 games from each continent. Some games are 2 players, some are 4 players. All are played on a board and may include: mancala, senet, mu torere, Surakarta, nyout, pachisi, etc.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #304

No Fee

Chess **FIRST TIME OFFERED THIS YEAR**

If you are interested in learning more about this ancient strategic game, this SPARK is for you! During our sessions, you will learn everything you need to know about the different pieces and how they move, the proper rules of the game and the different strategies you can use to play better.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in the Annex Room #23

No Fee

Snack 'n Paint

"Have you ever thought you'd like to paint but didn't know how or where to start? Come join artist Andrea Parent Milley for step by step instruction to create your very own masterpiece. No experience necessary. By learning different techniques and how to use the tools you will build confidence in your abilities and leave with completed paintings done by you to hang on your wall! "

Enrollment: 25

Meet in room #309

Fee: \$25

Arts & Crafts: Jewelry Making, Sewing, Paper Crafts

Join us as we create a completely different craft project EACH WEEK! 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 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, visit a local book store 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 #212

Fee: \$15