

SPARK SPRING 2018



May 11th, 18th, 25th, June 1st, from: 8:35-10:35 (June 8th is a cancellation date in case of poor weather)

- all fees range from \$0-25 *except for Babysitting. Fees are due on May 11th 2018.
- You may pay by cash or cheque (payable to George Street Middle School)
- There are over 30 options; we will do our best to ensure students get one of their top 6 choices.

Volunteering and Life Skills

Babysitting

Students who are 12 or will be turning 12 before June 1st 2018 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

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 #302

No fee

Global Minds

If you are passionate about making a difference, if you are interested in helping us find better ways to welcome newcomers to 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 work on a project as a group that represents our multicultural school population. Join us as we create change together! **Grade 8 students only**

Enrollment: 25

Meet in grade 6 Annex #22

No fee

EAL Project

In partnership with the Multicultural Association of Fredericton (MCAF), GSMS is proud to offer the first ever Intergenerational EAL Project SPARK. Students involved in this SPARK activity will walk to the Multicultural Association each week and work with adults from the Fredericton community who are attending EAL classes there. Possible activities include computer time, role play, pair reading/writing, music and painting with the goal of engaging adult learners and middle school students.

Enrollment: 25

Meet in grade 6 Annex #22

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. You cannot do this spark twice in one school year.

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! This hour long session allows you to learn some basic rock climbing skills and have fun trying them out during free climb. But hurry! This will be the last SPARK offered in this bouldering gym before it is shut down in the Fall. Students will walk to the facility and back to the school.

Enrollment: 16

Meet in Room #215

Fee: \$25

Lift Fitness

You get to experience a local fitness gym in Fredericton and receive instruction from certified 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 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). All students must wear modest swimwear.

Enrollment: 45

Meet in room #214

Fee: \$10

Tennis

Tennis Anyone? This SPARK promises to be lots of fun and will be held at the 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. As well, helmets are **MANDATORY**. Students will bike the trails in and around Fredericton. Students who sign up for this spark must be able to bike comfortably for 60-90 minutes at a solid pace. Students will need to have their bikes transported to the school and they can be stored here in our shop area.

Enrollment: 35

Meet in room #205

No fee

Beach Volleyball

Do you enjoy outdoor sports? Like volleyball? Enjoy the sun and sand? Then you need to sign up for this spark! Beach volleyball is becoming an increasingly popular sport in Canada and the world! Cherie Campbell (from Sports match) is an experienced indoor/beach player, coach and official. She has a wealth of knowledge and will run you through fun drills to help you learn how to play, we'll end the session with some competition game play. Once you try this sport you'll be hooked!

Enrollment: 40

Meet in the balcony

Fee \$20

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 #301

No fee

So You Think You Can Dance?

It doesn't matter if you breakdance, cha cha or love to do contemporary. In this SPARK, you will prepare a different 1 minute (minimum) dance each week to perform in front of your SPARK mates and judge. This can be done as a solo, duo or trio. At the end of the SPARK, we will declare George Street's favourite dancer(s). You will need to come prepared with your music and comfy clothes each week.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in the cafeteria

No fee

Fly Moves on your Skateboard or Scooter

The first two sessions will be at Kimble skatepark and the last two sessions will be at the Northside indoor park (NYC). This spark is for anyone who has their own skateboard or scooter and helmet and wants to skate at the two best parks in the city.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in room #210

\$20

Rugby

Students will learn how to play rugby and take part in many scrimmages and games.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in grade 6 Annex #34

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#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 # 314

Fee: \$4

Creative Options

Graffiti and printmaking

A bit of a spin on our Graffiti workshop we will dive right into multiplying your designs! Explore new printmaking techniques using a gelli plate to bust out your wild prints and designs!

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: 20

Meet in room #309

Fee: \$20

Jewelry Making

This term in The Beadnik's Beading Spark, we will be working with wire, as well as creating beads from scratch! We will learn how to make paper beads as well as create jewelry that we can use them in. The possibilities are endless! Supplies will be included however you can also bring in cool scrapbooking paper or magazines for endless ideas.

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 Pottery

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

Mystery Art Materials

Pro markers, Mylar and alcohol inks! Explore new media from Endeavors art supply you haven't had the chance to try! Learn to design a book, comic or journal!

Enrollment: 15

Meet in gr 6 annex # 32

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 tech rm #113

Fee: \$25

Artists at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery

Do you love to paint, draw, color, mold and build? Do you enjoy letting your creative side shine? Do you appreciate the world of art? If so, then this is the SPARK for you!

Students, you will have the opportunity to visit the Beaverbrook Art Gallery during each SPARK visit and learn about specific techniques that professional artists use as they create their masterpieces. Afterwards, you will have the chance to create your own pieces of art in the gallery's learning center; a different type of artwork each week! The instructors at the gallery are very knowledgeable and excited to work with you! No experience is necessary - just a creative mind and a willingness to learn new skills.

Enrollment: 30

Meet in room # 11 gr 6 annex

Fee: \$20

Marvelous Miniatures

Explore watercolors, acrylics and pro pastels as well as different canvases! Think micro! Think zoomed in! It's amazing what you can discover when you DONT bite off more than you can chew!

Enrollment: 15

Meet in gr 6 annex # 32

Fee: \$25

Dream Catcher

If you happen to love beading and making dream catchers, this is the SPARK for you. You will be taught how to make beautiful dream catchers with the use of beads, instead of sinew and leather. It's a beautiful way to try your hand at crafting while also exploring one of the many craft pieces that have originated by Aboriginal people.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in Room #101

No fee

And More

Explore the Public Library

The Public Library is more than just books. In our visits you will find out how the library works. Awesome scavenger hunt, duct tape bookmarks and interactive stations are just a few of the fun ways we will explore the library.

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

Chess

If you are interested in learning more about this ancient strategic game, this SPARK is for you! You will learn what the pieces are and what they can do, the proper rules of the game and different strategies for you to apply to your games against other participants

Enrollment: 20

Meet in the Annex Room #23

Fee: \$0

\$\$ 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 #311

No Fee

Bridge

Learn how to play the card game bridge from experts! You will learn the basics and play the game. Find out what all the fuss is about- it's a really interesting game.

Enrollment: 20

Meet in Room #213

No Fee