

## LINK TO HOME

for the Week of July 13-17, 2020

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### This Week

- Tuesday, July 14      5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting, **4 pm**, Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/99656140439?pwd=Y2lVTksxOWMyR21mYlRycWZPTHdLZz09>  
Meeting ID: 996 5614 0439    Password: 8KPJyQ
- Tuesday, July 14      5<sup>th</sup> GRade Parent Meeting, **7 pm**, Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/99724177142?pwd=dEx1endXbzduSXJCNG9jeEc0RmhKQT09>  
Meeting ID: 997 2417 7142    Password: 6NVSNO
- Wednesday, July 15    6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting, **4 pm**, Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/97856518557?pwd=eHZkekt3SWFaSmM1WFp2VEw4anRIUT09>  
Meeting ID: 978 5651 8557    Password: 3sDJuw
- Wednesday, July 15    6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting, **7 pm**, Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/92213478661?pwd=UzVRd0hvbEE2N3ZmMXQ1RWtSQtcwdz09>  
Meeting ID: 922 1347 8661    Password: 2Lqz0w

These meetings are also listed on the Parent page of Link's website, [www.linkschool.org](http://www.linkschool.org).

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### MESSAGE FROM THE SUMMER ACADEMY DIRECTOR, MRS. KENNEDY

We had a wonderful week getting to meet and know our 5th grade students and seeing our rising scholars during our very first Virtual Summer Academy. Although we are unable to be together physically at school, it has been wonderful to see students bonding and building relationships with their teachers. As our 5th graders began to settle into their new schedule and classes, we focused our efforts on learning about the six Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Honesty, Following Directions, and Doing One's Best. We began by defining each Core Value to create a strong foundation on which our scholars will build upon for the next 4 years with us. Moving forward, I will be working closely with scholars to understand the roles they play within their school community, as well as their home community.



During our Virtual Circles, our 5th graders also learned about the history and legacy of Link. In 1969, in the midst of great turmoil and despair, the Sisters of St. Dominic felt a responsibility to their community to create a safe place where children could go to learn and rise above the issues of race and inequality that were plaguing our country. That sense of responsibility gave birth to an entire generation of young adults who were instilled with the Core Values and taught the importance of community. These are the lessons that continue today, which help our students understand their place in our community.

Coretta Scott King once said, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." At Link, we pride ourselves on being a tight knit community of parents, teachers, administrators, staff members, and students who come together to support the success of our scholars. We all have a responsibility to each other to uplift, support, and care for one another during our time here at Link. Our discussion around being active and thoughtful members of our community will continue into next week as students further understand how their actions, both negative and positive, have an impact on all members of our school community. We want our students to understand that during our time together, especially during virtual learning, we will experience some challenges and some successes, but the key word is that we will experience these things TOGETHER.

## TIPS FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

1. Create a learning environment for your child. This space should have no distractions but it should be a fun space where your child will want to continue learning even if virtually. (Desk or table, firm/comfortable chair, fun colors to brighten your child's mood)
2. Post your child's school schedule in a place where they can see it. Maintain a weekday schedule that is similar to if your child was going into school for consistency to better help the virtual learning process. Try and include some free time to work alongside your child as well as some downtime scheduled in for fun activities.
3. Despite the need for screen time with virtual learning limiting your child's screen time (Phones, Gaming devices) is beneficial. Try switching time for phones with an interesting book or workbook from time to time.
4. Help your child stay on track with any upcoming assignments they may have and make sure your child is on time for scheduled classes.
5. Being as encouraging and motivating as possible through this possibly difficult transition in your child's life to virtual learning.
6. As a parent it can be extremely helpful to be familiar with your child's given online learning platform as well as keeping in touch with teachers.



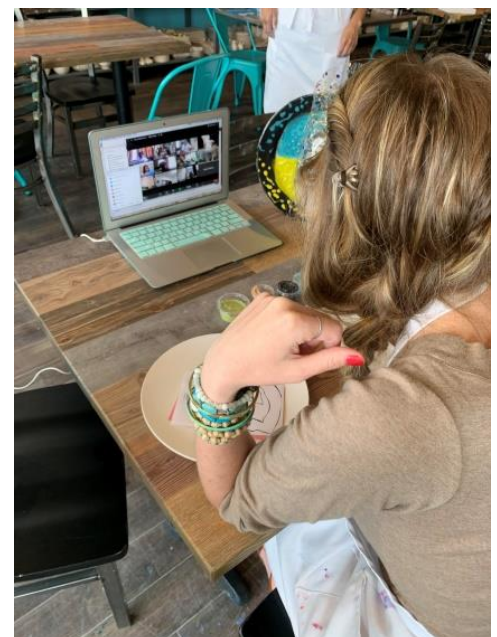
## SUMMER ASSIGNMENT PACKETS

ALL students have received the required summer assignments to be completed during the month of July or August which are designed to keep English and math skills strong and to provide an opportunity to engage with summer reading. Assignments have also been posted on the Parent page of Link's website. **Assignments are due the first day of school in September and will count as a grade of the 1st academic quarter.**



## POTTERY CLASS TAKES OFF!

Our summer program offers enriching and fun elective classes for our students. Here are some photos from the Pottery Class taught by Ms. Tammie from FireMeUp Studio in Cranford, NJ. In their first class, students painted plates with acrylics. They learned how to trace a design on the plate and then paint it. The plates will be collected from students at a later date, fired in the studio's kiln, and then returned to students.



## COVID TESTING INFORMATION

### COVID TESTING IN EAST ORANGE

East Orange residents – symptomatic or asymptomatic – can be tested for COVID-19 at 161 Elmwood Avenue (the Old V.L.D. School Complex) on July 24 between 9am-1pm for walk up testing, Appointments may be made by visiting <https://17709.portal.athenahealth.com/>

In partnership with Platinum Health Services, Wellness Suite 360, Not Just A Black Body (NJABB), and Accu Reference Medical Lab, East Orange will be offering COVID-19 testing to all East Orange residents who want to be tested, regardless of insurance, ability to pay or whether they have symptoms or not. There is no up-front cost for testing.

### COVID TESTING IN IRVINGTON

Mayor Tony Vass announced free COVID and COVID Antibody testing at Transcend Worship Center, 971, Clinton Avenue, Irvington on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 from noon to 7 pm. Photo ID is required and preregistration encourage. Here is the link to pre-register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemlaxi9OiNUuJJJaM59Q2RAIBtm1kk9PRrBvE2UwnLuqNdq5g/viewform>

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# COVID-19 TESTING

## COMMUNITY TESTING SITES: OPEN TO ALL NEWARK RESIDENTS

When: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 Time: 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm Location: Mildred Helms Park- 534-544 Clinton Avenue	When: Monday, July 13, 2020 Time: 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm Location: Ballantine Parkway- Between Ridge Street & Parker Street
When: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 Time: 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm Location: Raphael Hernandez Elementary School Parking Lot- 345 Broadway	When: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 Time: 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm Location: Vailsburg Park- 694-736 South Orange Avenue
When: Thursday, July 9, 2020 Time: 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm Location: Oscar Miles Village- 190 Court Street	When: Friday, July 17, 2020 Time: 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm Location: Aspen River Park Apartments- 17 Oxford Street
When: Friday, July 10, 2020 Time: 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm Location: Congress Street between Market Street & Ferry Street	

- ✓ No appointment necessary.
- ✓ Valid identification card is required.
- ✓ All insurances accepted including Medicaid and Medicare. (Insurance is strongly recommended but not required.)
- ✓ Testing performed by Sunrise Laboratories.
- ✓ Face coverings are mandatory at all testing sites.

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### COME FILL OUT THE CENSUS! NEWARK'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT!

*A Census informational booth will be available at each testing site to assist residents in completing the 2020 Census.*

For more information visit: [NEWARKNJ.GOV/CENSUS2020](http://NEWARKNJ.GOV/CENSUS2020)



LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO FUND OUR SCHOOLS, ROADS, AND HOSPITALS FOR ALL RESIDENTS.