

LINK TO HOME

for the Week of July 20-25, 2020

This week

Friday, July 25 Virtual Field Trip for Students, 1:20 pm, link will be sent by Ms. Stagliano

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, July 27 LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6pm, via Zoom. Discussion of re-opening plan and other business. Check Link's website for the link to the meeting.

Friday, July 31 Last day of Link's Summer Academy

MESSAGE FROM THE SUMMER ACADEMY DIRECTOR, MRS. KENNEDY

Our program got into full swing as we tackled our first full week of Virtual Summer Academy. Students spent this week building the foundations of their academic career at Link while also creating relationships with their peers and staff members. Aside from their academic ambitions, we continued to establish the basis for our school community by discussing the roles we play as scholars and as teachers as well as why it's important for us to respect each other in all capacities. Our discussions centered on what it means to be accountable and to hold members of our community accountable as well. During Advisory, Teams cooperated to identify the characteristics of a school community that would promote their academic and social growth and they discussed ways in which they could create and maintain that type of community. We also discussed different actions and behaviors that could bear a negative impact on our community and the ways in which we can respectfully hold members of our community accountable.



As our students begin to develop their understanding of what it means to be a vital part of a community, it's crucial that they also start to decipher their roles within other communities in their lives. Most importantly, this includes their home community. We can support our scholars on this journey to self-awareness and understanding by constantly reminding them that the Core Values should play a central role in their lives. Every decision we make should be in accordance with the six principles of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Caring, Following Directions, and Doing One's Best. When our scholars begin to lead a life that is in keeping with the Core Values, our communities will flourish with the success of our scholars. An old African adage says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." It's time for our scholars to learn that we are capable of amazing things when we work together to support each other.

SCHOOL REOPENING SURVEY

Don't forget to complete the school reopening survey that was sent to you via email earlier this week. Your input is important to our planning for the fall. Thank you!

If you missed it, here is the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPoUSNsypIAzgz0YRlRtprx5X0tI6DJirYE604_FXegvkfcA/viewform?usp=sf_link



DID YOU MISS THE SUMMER PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS?

If so, you can see the presentation at <https://linkschool.org/parent-center/>. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Kennedy at hkennedy@linkschool.org.



ENRICHMENT ROUNDS OUT SUMMER ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

Link scholars are taking enrichment classes this summer to balance out the traditional academic core classes. Fifth graders are immersed in art--pottery, clay and painting (Mondays and Wednesdays) and are engaged in virtual outdoor adventures (Tuesdays and Thursdays) from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Fridays, 5th grader scholars take a virtual field trip. These

classes and activities are important to the overall growth of students during the summer months as they stimulate creativity and ingenuity. Additionally, a daily yoga session builds both inner strength and focus, along with providing some vital movement of the body. Rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are also immersed in enrichment from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, Mondays through Thursdays, choosing from a selection of classes: dance, performing arts, digital art, yoga, DIY crafts, digital music, and creative writing.

As required elements of the Link Virtual Summer Academy, **ALL students must be fully present and engaged in the enrichment program.** Parents, please reinforce this expectation and talk with your children about the program-I think you will have some wonderful conversations.

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.**



LINK'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM AVAILABLE

Here is the link to access the form for Link's physical education uniform: <https://linkschool.org/parent-center/>. We will package it for you to pick up during the month of July. Please bring the exact amount of your purchase as we rarely have change available.



PURCHASE THE REGULAR LINK UNIFORM THROUGH FLYNN O'HARA

Flynn O'Hara, our purveyor of school uniforms, is having a sale – 15% off and free shipping. Here is a link to our website where you can get the information on purchasing the regular school uniform: <https://linkschool.org/parent-center/>:



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>