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Link to Home, Week of November 15, 2021

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This Week

- Monday, November 15 Lifetouch Student Photo Day for Kindergarten and Grade 5
- Tuesday, November 16 NJSEEDS rescheduled presentation (See below.)
- Thursday, November 18 Grade 5-8 Report Card Conferences (See below.)
- Friday, November 19 Grade 5-8 Report Card Conferences (See below.)
- Friday, November 19 Early Dismissal for students, 12:45 pm

Important Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, November 24 Early Dismissal for ALL, 12 noon. No Aftercare.
- Thursday, November 25 No School: Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 26 No School: Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 3 Early Dismissal for Students, 12:45 pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, KATHLEEN M. HESTER, ED.S

November is a busy month at Link Community Charter School. Our scholars are completing their door designs from Red Ribbon Week. We concluded quarter one and started the second quarter of the year. And students are currently working on our Random Acts of Kindness project. We are excited to see our scholars put our Core Values into action by taking part in this activity.



Next week, Quarter 1 report cards will be mailed to parents. On Thursday, November 18 and Friday, November 19, you will have the chance to meet virtually with your child’s advisor to discuss his/her progress to date. Your child’s advisor will be reaching out to you this week to schedule your conference for some time during Thursday from 5-8pm and Friday from 1:15-4:30pm. To try to keep everyone safe, we have decided that this is the best

way to have conversations with parents. Please feel free to contact your child's advisor via email if you would prefer.

We are continuing to build relationships, practice our routines, and to move through the curriculum. As they are still adjusting to being back to school in the building, students are working on practicing the core values and working together in a safe way. This is a practice and takes time and patience.

Some of you have asked about homework. At this time, students are not being assigned homework, and this practice will continue through the winter break. We made this decision with careful consideration of our scholars and their transition back to in-school learning. Link works hard during the day to provide students a rigorous learning experience and we will continue to challenge them. Link scholars in turn also work hard during the day, one that is longer than many other schools. Meanwhile, I encourage you to talk to your children in the evening about the work they are completing during the day. What did they enjoy? What was a challenge? Ask them about a book they are reading or talk about a current event. Link scholars should be in the practice of reading 20-30 minutes a day. For math, students are encouraged to sign on to their IXL account and work 20-30 minutes on their math skills each night. These practices will continue to stimulate your children and helps grow their capacity for learning. After the winter holiday break, we will revisit the topic of homework and evaluate best practices for our students. We will communicate with you our next steps and appreciate your support with this decision.

I wish all of you a wonderful, safe, and happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the time with your family!

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE FAMILIES – NJSEEDS PRESENTATION RESCHEDULED



We have rescheduled the [NJ SEEDS](#) presentation to Tuesday, November 16th. The Director of Admissions from New Jersey SEEDS will meet with all 7th grade students at Morning Circle. A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR PARENTS and GUARDIANS LATER THAT EVENING.

Details regarding the virtual-presentation for parents will be shared out with families closer to the presentation date. Students will also receive the details, the morning of the presentation, in hopes that motivated scholars can remind their families of the evening virtual presentation.

STUDENT PHOTOS – NOVEMBER 15



Lifetouch will return to Link on Monday, November 15th to take photos of all of our kindergarten and 5th grade students and do retakes for students in grades 6 to 8 (or first photos if they were absent on the last photo day). [Check out the flyer about the photos on the Parent page of Link's website.](#) You do not have to send money on the day of the event; you can order online. If you do send money, it MUST be CASH for the exact amount of the photos you want – neither the photographer nor Link will have change. Make certain your child is dressed in his/her regular school uniform for the photo. If you are

having a retake done, your child needs to bring in the package already delivered to him/her and hand it in to the photographer. Any questions, contact Ms. Hester at khester@linkschool.org

A TASTE OF NEWARK: KUDOS TO STAFF AND STUDENTS

Our students and staff worked very hard to highlight so many aspects of life at Link in this year's benefit event, A Taste of Newark, hosted by Link Education Partners. If you were unable to watch the night of the event, [click here to watch the video now!](#)

PLAN FOR EMERGENCY MOVE TO VIRTUAL OR REMOTE LEARNING

The LCCS Board of Trustees recently approved a plan, required by the NJ Department of Education that Link would employ if there would be a need to close the school for three or more consecutive days due to an emergency, such as a schoolwide COVID outbreak. The plan is located on the Parent page of Link's website and you can click here to read it. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Hester at khester@linkschool.org.



KINDERGARTEN SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS YEAR – CHANGE IN ENTRANCE AGE

Link has several spaces still available in Kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year. The LCSS Board of Trustees recently changed the entrance age requirement: children turning age 5 before December 31st of this year are eligible to enroll. If you know of families looking for kindergarten, please recommend Link to them. Please let them know that they can apply online at <https://linkschool.org/enrollment/application-process/>.

Questions about kindergarten enrollment can be directed to Mr. Silver at gsilver@linkschool.org.



STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR 2022-23 HAS BEGUN

On October 15th, Link officially opened enrollment for Kindergarten and Grade 1, as well as Grades 5 through 8, for the 2022-2023 school year. Please share this out with your families, friends, neighbors, work colleagues with school aged children. We thank you for spreading the word about Link! Applications are being accepted online at <https://linkschool.org/enrollment/application-process/>



DAILY AFFIRMATIONS

November 15 - I feel wonderful and alive! / ¡Me siento maravilloso y vivo!

November 16 - I make my own goals and crush them! / ¡Me propongo mis propios objetivos y los aplasto!

November 17 - Peace begins in me. / La paz comienza en mí.

November 18 - When I speak, I do so with confidence in who I am. / Cuando hablo, lo hago con confianza en

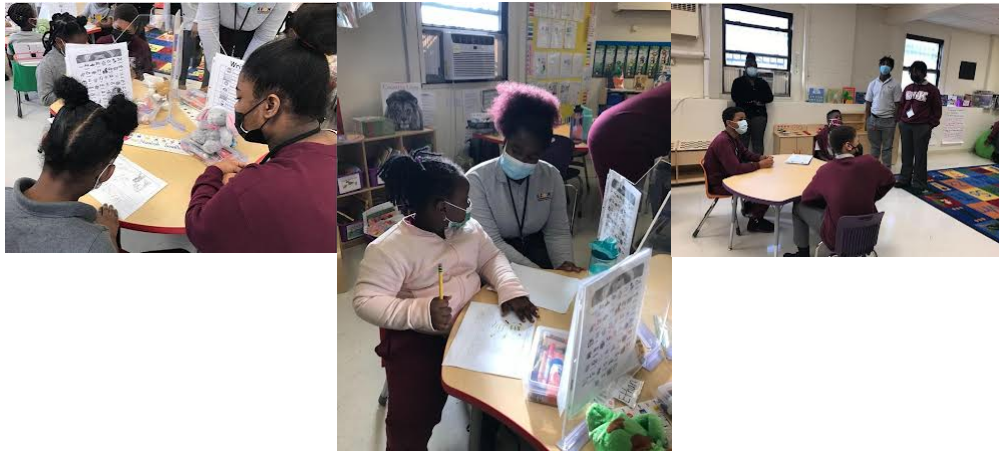


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November 19 - I am humble and proud. / Soy humilde y orgulloso.

From Link's Kindergarten

Thank you to Link's 7th grade scholars for joining our Kindergarten Writing Workshop Class. This week our writing buddies helped our youngest scholars stretch out their words and add to their writing and drawings. They asked them questions about their writing and were so very helpful! Kindergartners are learning so much from their older writing buddies and are looking forward to more opportunities to work together.



In recess, students started working in rotations. Each day, the Kindergarten students will play a different game and learn to work together on a team. Teamwork makes the dream work!

In Social Studies, scholars are finishing up the unit, "Being a Good Kindergarten Citizen." During recess one day last week, one of the cyclists needed a little help, and Ya-neif stepped up and put into practice what he has been learning about. This is what a good citizen looks like! Thank you Ya-neif!

TEAMWORK
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Grade 6 Award Recipients for the Week Ending November 5, 2021		
Award	Student	Team
Scholar of the Week	Andrea Demus	Chavez
Scholar of the Week	Chloe Blanc	Malala
Scholar of the Week	Dejuan Grey	Link
Scholar of the Week	Hayden Jackson	King
Core Values of the Week	Paul Amusan	Chavez
Core Values of the Week	Ka'dar Wilcher	Malala
Core Values of the Week	Christopher Arenas	Link
Core Values of the Week	Diane-Corey Enwelim	King



IN AND AROUND NEWARK

COVID TESTING AND VACCINATION SITES IN ESSEX COUNTY

Bookmark this site on your computer to stay apprised on Coved-19 Testing and vaccination sites throughout Essex County: <https://essexcountynj.org/covid-19-vaccine-locations/>

COVID VACCINATION AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN

Here are some locations in Newark where the COVID vaccination is being administered to children age 5 and up:



- City of Newark Department of Health, [394 University Ave.](#), Newark
- University Hospital, [150 Bergen St.](#), Newark
- Guardy's Pharmacy, [403-409 Bloomfield Ave.](#), Newark
- Komishane's Pharmacy, [199 Stuyvesant Ave.](#), Newark
- Newark Community Health Center- [Ferry Street, 92 Ferry St.](#), Newark
- Saint James Health Adult Clinic, [228 Lafayette St.](#), Newark
- Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, [201 Lyons Ave.](#), Newark
- City Life clinic, [44 Jones St.](#), Newark
- Sheefa Pharmacy and Wellness Center, [405 Central Ave.](#), East Orange

More vaccination sites can be found using the state's vaccine appointment finder [website](#).

THANKSGIVING FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT BRANCH BROOK PARK

Essex County will distribute a frozen turkey and a box of holiday related food to families who are having difficult times due to the pandemic. The event will take place at the Cherry Blossom Welcome Center at Branch Brook Park beginning at 9 am on Tuesday, November 23. Cars must enter from Heller Street or one of the other southernmost entrances. Those walking up must have face masks on. No buses will be permitted in the area.



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