



LINK TO HOME

for the Week of December 20, 2021 through January 7, 2021

This Week

December 20-23 All remote instruction
December 24 – December 31 Winter Break

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, January 3 No School for Students; Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday, January 4 Students Return to School

**PLEASE STAY ALERT TO YOUR PHONE VOICE MESSAGES AND EMAIL INBOX
OVER THE WINTER BREAK IN THE EVENT THAT
LINK NEEDS TO SHARE IMPORTANT INFORMATION WITH FAMILIES.**

ALL REMOTE INSTRUCTION

By now you are aware that Link has moved to all remote instruction between now and the Winter Break. ([Click here for the announcement.](#)) Please encourage your child to be a responsible student – to be online on time for all classes. [Click here for Link's Expectations for Remote Learning.](#) If you have any questions, contact Ms. Hester at khester@linkschool.org.



COVID UPDATES FROM LINK

If you haven't already, please read the email sent to you on December 15th about Covid updates, including the continuation of protocols, when quarantining is needed, student instruction during quarantine, and more. You can also [click here to read the email content](#) and then scroll down. (You will see the document link below the PowerSchool and other icons on the page.)



WINTER BREAK ELA AND MATH ACADEMIC CHALLENGE FOR STUDENTS

Students are invited to participate in this year's Winter ELA and Math Challenge! They learned about the Challenge in their classes this week.

The Challenge is optional, not required, but it is designed to be fun and engaging. We strongly suggest participation so as to help students maintain their reading and math acumen. And there are rewards for students who complete the Challenge! [Click here for the Challenges for both 5-8 and Kindergarten.](#)



STUDENT CELL PHONES

It is important that students do not use their cell phones when they are online for instruction. If it becomes a distraction, we suggest you remove the phone until class is over. Violations of cell phone use during class will be addressed by the Dean.



IMPORTANT UNIFORM DRESS CODE REMINDERS

Please make certain, when your child returns to in-school learning, that s/he:

- Wears solid black shoes or sneakers (with black laces) with solid black socks. No boots, sandals, slides, or sling back shoes.
- Wears gray pants/slacks with belt loops and a solid black belt. (No tight fitting pants, gray jeans, or cargo pants.)
- Wears only garments with the Link logo (tee shirts, polo shirts, sweaters)
- Does not wear jewelry other than plain stud earrings and a plain watch.
- Does not mix and match their gym and regular uniforms.
- Do not wear long sleeved shirts (or long johns) under tee shirts or short sleeved polos.



[Click here to refresh yourself on the dress code requirements.](#) (You will need to scroll down the page to the Dress Code.)

DAILY AFFIRMATIONS

Monday, December 20 - I control my emotions, they don't control me.

Tuesday, December 21 - I choose to fully participate in this experience.

Wednesday, December 22 - I see the beauty in this life.

Thursday, December 23 - I am surrounded by love and light.



IN THE CLASSROOMS

SIXTH GRADERS COLLABORATE IN MATH CLASS

Our sixth graders in Ms. Gunther's classes are working on multiple solving strategies and then comparing answers in math class. Students first worked in partners to master the answer to a math problem, and then they taught the class how to solve. Here is a photo of students in Team Malala working together!



VOLUNTEERS “READ ALOUD” TO KINDERGARTEN

Nancy Moss and Moona Elsevier, members of Link’s Literacy Volunteer Team, read to our kindergarten students this week. Each visited a classroom to share “The Snowy Day” by Ezra Jack Keats and to engage students in a lively discussion of the book. This is part of an ongoing Read Aloud program set up by Link Education Partners to provide enriching programming for our students.



Grade 8 Award Recipients – December 10, 2021

Award	Student	Team
Scholar of the Week	Alisha Lee	Haki
Scholar of the Week	Noah Hobbs	Imani
Scholar of the Week	Alexis Dowell	Staha
Scholar of the Week	Dalia Sandy	Kuumba
Core Values	Jahzera Bernal	Haki
Core Values	Alani Waters	Imani
Core Values	Ayman Zare	Staha
Core Values	Sofiya Waldron	Kuumba

Grade 7 Award Recipients – December 10, 2021

Award	Student	Team
Scholar of the Week	Nora Gautier	Gorman
Scholar of the Week	Nicole Derilus	Obama
Scholar of the Week	Alia Toussaint	Lewis
Scholar of the Week	Tahji Baskerville	Gonzalez
Core Values	Michael Bishop	Gorman
Core Values	Andrea Taitt	Obama
Core Values	Gilbert Nkpulu	Lewis
Core Values	Juberlens Dumerant	Gonzalez

Grade 5 Award Recipients – December 3, 2021 CORRECTIONS		
Award	Student	Team
Scholar of the Week	Danieisha Destin	Dominic
Core Value of the Week	Olubusayo Akinpeloye	Dominic
Scholar of the Week	Joanel Jean-Baptiste	Caldwell
Core Values of the Week	Grace Zinsou	Caldwell



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](#).