LINK TO HOME
for the Week of October 10, 2022

This Week
Monday, October 10  No School: Indigenous Peoples’ Day
Thursday, October 13  Link Parent Association Kick Off Meeting and Supper, 5:30 – 7pm (See below.)

Important Upcoming Dates
Sunday, October 16  Newark Breast cancer Walk (See below.)
Monday, October 17  LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm (Click for details.)
Friday, October 21  Think Pink Day (See below)
Friday, October 21  Early Dismissal for students, 12:45 pm; Instructional Planning & Professional Development for Staff, 1:15pm

REMINDERS:
• Please complete the survey on the Title I School-Parent-Student Compact this week if you haven’t already done so! We really appreciate your input. Click here for the link to the survey.
• Send your child to school with a book of their choice each day. Students are expected to sit quietly and read as they enter the building and wait for school to begin.
• Students are NOT permitted to bring FAST FOOD OR DRINKS into the building. That includes fast food items from, but not limited to, Dunkin’ Donuts and McDonald’s for breakfast, lunch, or snack. Also, please be mindful of the size of the juice bottles that you give your child to bring in; only the single serving (12 oz. or less) is permitted, and it must be 100% juice.
• A mailing will be going home within the next week to families with students in grades 5 through 8 with important information about NJSLA test scores, PowerSchool logins, and school discipline.

COME TO THE “WINGS AND WELCOME” SUPPER
The kickoff meeting for the Link Parent Association (LPA) will be held on Thursday, October 13th at 6 pm. A light supper will be served (yes, wings!), parents will meet and greet each other, and we’ll talk about parent engagement in the association and the school. So we can plan for enough food for everyone, please click here and complete a response form. See you there!

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES
We encourage parents of 8th graders (boys and girls) to attend an open house at St. Benedict’s Prep in Newark. They will be holding one as soon as October 15th, from 9:30am -12:30 pm. Click here to register for the open house, and to see other dates.

Also, for parents of our 8th grade girls, we urge you to attend the open house at St. Vincent Academy in Newark. They will have a virtual open house on October 19th from 7-8:30pm. Click here to register for the open house, and to see other dates.

WALK WITH LINK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS!
Link is walking in the Newark Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and we encourage students, parents, and staff to participate with us. The walk will be held on Sunday, October 16...and we will gather at Link at 9:15 am and walk to Mulberry Park and back as a group. If you can participate, please click here to let us know.
THINK PINK AT LINK- Friday, October 21, 2022
For a donation of $2, students may dress in PINK to observe National Breast Cancer Awareness month on Friday, October 21st. They may wear SOLID PINK tee shirts or other shirt, top, or blouse with sleeves, but NOT crop tops or other tops with torso showing or hooded sweatshirts. They may wear slacks or pants of their choice but NO RIPPEP JEANS, NO LEGGINGS OR JEGGINGS, AND NO SHORTS. They may not wear sandals, crocs, or backless shoes. If students choose not to participate, they are to wear their Link uniform. The donations, which will go to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, will be collected on the 21st. If you have any questions as to attire, contact Mrs. Kennedy at hkennedy@linkschool.org.

LINK’S ANNUAL SCHOOL-WIDE VOCABULARY PARADE COMING UP!
Students will be invited to dress in an outfit representing a vocabulary word on Monday, October 31st. Look out for more information soon! (But your child might want to begin thinking about it!)

PROGRESS REPORTS
The 1st quarter Progress Reports for students in grades 5 through 8 will be mailed to homes during the week of October 17th. If you have changed your address recently, please contact Ms. Paczkowski (Ms. P) at 973-642-0529 or dpaczkowski@linkschool.org.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT LINK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL!
Link still has limited space available in our Kindergarten and 1st Grade Programs! Please encourage your friends, family, neighbors, colleagues, and community to apply to Link for Kindergarten and/or 1st Grade! Applications are available on our website, in the main office, or by contacting Director of Admission & High School Placement, Mr. Greg Silver at admissions@linkschool.org or 973.642.0529x46.

REFER A KINDERGARTEN OR 1st GRADE FAMILY AND GET A GIFT!
Link would like to share our gratitude to any current families who refer a new kindergarten or 1st grade family to link! Just ask your potential new link family to tell us who referred them to link, and you will receive a thank you gift!!!! The gift is your choice of either a credit for a free link gym uniform, or a $50 ShopRite gift card!!! Here is the Link to enroll online to share: https://linkschool.org/enrollment/application-process/

OPPORTUNITY FOR 7th GRADE SCHOLARS
A representative from SEEDS will be presenting to all Link 7th graders during Morning Circle on Monday October 17th at 8:15am. Parents are welcome to attend the SEEDS informational session, as families will learn about the SEEDS Scholars Program from the SEEDS Director of Admissions, as well as from current Link 8th grade scholars who are in the SEEDS Scholars Program.

SEEDS has been partnering with Link for 30 years, helping high-achieving, highly-motivated students from low-income communities, gain access to the best independent day schools and boarding schools in NJ and across the nation. SEEDS is a free program, but requires strong teamwork and effort from the student, parent, and Link's support system, in order to successfully complete the program. The end result and goal is for all SEEDS Scholars to receive acceptance and significant/full financial aid and scholarships to the best independent day and/or boarding schools available to our students.

If your child is performing well in school, living the Core Values, and has an interest in applying to the most competitive high schools in the region and country, please join us on October 17th at 8:15am in the Link Community Charter School gymnasium. If you are unable to attend, that's OK! We will have materials and resources available to you. And, you can always reach out to Mr. Silver at gsilver@linkschool.org for more information.
SEEDS mission includes offering access to independent schools to families of low-income communities, so be sure to check your eligibility by checking this link: https://seedsaccess.org/eligibility/

SEEDS has an impeccable track record of supporting Link's most motivated scholars to apply to, gain acceptance to, receive significant financial aid/scholarships to, and attend the best independent high schools in the nation. SEEDS is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and we are excited to welcome their team to Link on October 17th.

DAILY AFFIRMATIONS
Monday: No school
Tuesday: There are many exciting experiences awaiting me./ Me esperan muchas experiencias emocionantes.
Wednesday: I can find humor in the day-to-day./ Puedo encontrar humor en el día a día.
Thursday: I am a good listener./ Soy un buen oyente.
Friday: I believe in myself./ Yo creo en mi mismo.

Health And Wellness Corner
NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH
October is National Bullying Prevention Month, a time to focus and raise awareness on bullying. It’s always important to talk about the dangers of bullying and the trauma it can bring to its victims.

Research shows that bullying often leaves lasting negative effects on those who deal with it. These effects include chronic depression, increased risk of suicidal thoughts, anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, poor general health, self-harm, substance abuse, and difficulty establishing trusting, reciprocal friendships and relationships. By speaking out, spreading kindness, and finding your other roles in bullying prevention, you are making school settings and other environments safer and happier places. We must send a message that bullying will not be tolerated in our school. We encourage you to speak to your child about the importance of letting a trusted adult know when they see something or hear something that does not align with Link Community Charter Schools core values.

The Link Social Workers will be meeting with the scholars to discuss the importance of the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) law.

Congratulations!

to the recipients of awards for the week ending September 30, 2022!

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IN THE CLASSROOMS

LEARNING ABOUT HISPANIC CULTURE IN KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1, PART 2
In another celebration of Hispanic Heritage, Mrs. Arizmendi, a Link fifth grade teacher, visited Kindergarten and first grade classes to share her Puerto Rican heritage. She presented a fantastic slide show to students and taught them a song in Spanish that her mother sang to when she was a child.

IN AND AROUND NEWARK

OCTOBER FAMILY DAYS AT THE NEWARK MUSEUM OF ART
The Museum will hold special family days on Saturdays in October – the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 10 am – 5 pm. Click here for their website for details and reservations.