LINK TO HOME
for the Week of October 17, 2022

This Week
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

Important Upcoming Dates
Week of October 22  Red Ribbon Week
Friday, October 28  7th & 8th Grade Dance, 6-8pm, gym
Monday, October 31  School Wide Vocabulary Parade
Thursday, November 3  5th & 6th Grade Fall Festival, 4 pm – 6 pm
Friday, November 4  1st Quarter Ends
Friday, November 4  Early Dismissal for students, 12:45 pm; Instructional Planning & Professional Development for Staff, 1:15pm

MESSAGE FROM HANNAH KENNEDY, VICE PRINCIPAL
ROLLING OUT HOMEWORK!
Teachers in grade 5-8 will begin assigning homework soon. Homework reinforces and extends the learning that takes place in classrooms and allows students to practice valuable skills at their own pace without the pressure of completing with 100% accuracy. Homework should be seen as a mistake/chance taking opportunity. Students are expected to complete all assignments and make educated guesses. Homework not only assists student growth and progress, but also can be a source of data for a teacher to check for understanding. Providing students with the opportunity to continually work on a skill allows students to create a more concrete depth of knowledge.

Students will receive homework assignments as follows:

- Monday and Wednesday – Math and Science
- Tuesday and Thursday – ELA and Social Students/History
- On weekends, students hold read for pleasure and work on their math skills in IXL.

Our expectations of students are:

- They are to complete the homework on the night assigned and hand it in the next morning.
- There will be a procedure announced to each grade level for handing in the homework at the start of each day as they enter the building. Assignments will not be accepted at the start of or during class.
- Students will not be allowed to call home for missing assignments or materials.
- Each assignment must have a proper heading that teachers will share with students.

Please reach out to me about general questions about homework and to your child’s teachers on specific issues.
REMINDERS:

- **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.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AT LINK – Grades 6, 7, and 8
We are excited to begin our foreign language immersion experience starting next week. Students have spent the past few weeks with a review of technology and on-line safety skills as well as an introduction to foreign languages. The program we are using is an online program. Each class will have an online instructor for the language they are registered for. All of our 6th grade students will take Spanish, and our 6th and 7th grade students chose this week between taking French or Chinese. Students will not have an opportunity to switch classes once they are registered today for their class. Mrs. Labadi, our Foreign Language facilitator, will help students navigate signing on to the class and administer any information to parents. Students will have their own log in information and can access the classwork from both in school and at home. We are excited to offer this opportunity to our scholars!

ALLERGY ALERT!
To protect anyone in our school from suffering an allergic reaction, Link is a "nut free" zone. Please do not pack lunches that include nuts or nut products of any sort. This includes Nutella, which is made from hazelnuts, which are tree nuts.

AFTERSCHOOL PICK UP PROCEDURES
For the safety of our school community, please DO NOT DOUBLE PARK when coming to pick up your child after school and please DO NOT BLOCK THE INTERSECTIONS. We’d appreciate your patience with both pick up in the afternoon and drop off in the morning. We really want to ensure the safety of all.

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 RIPPED 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 h kennedy@ linkschool.org.

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 dpaczkowsk i@ 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!)
SPECIAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMING UP!
You’ll be hearing more soon, but we’re giving you the heads-up that the following fun student activities will be coming up soon for out 5th through 8th graders. To participate, students must maintain an 80% positive DeansList point balance. And students will receive “invitations” to attend a few days before the event.

- 7th and 8th Grades: Fall Dance, October 28, 6-8 pm, gym. Dress down, but following Link’s guidelines for dress-down days.
- 5th and 6th Grades: Fall Festival, November 11, 4-6 pm. Permission slips will be sent home soon.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT NEWS

CATHOLIC AND INDEPENDENT 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 on 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.

Also for girls, there is an open house at Saint Dominic Academy in Jersey City on October 23, between 1 and 3 pm. Here is the link to register: https://stdominicacad.schooladminonline.com/portal/public_calendars/open_house

NEWARK PUBLIC MAGNET AND SPECIALTY HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE DATES
To apply to Newark Magnet and Specialty High Schools, students must reside in Newark. Here are the links with the Open House dates and times and to register in some of these schools:

- Science Park High School: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc97WAcwE3w4m33Cr84ie9jVepOlpEHj2E4zdalKvBb4R8Q/viewform
- Arts High School: https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/ART/
- Newark School of Global Studies: https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/global/

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. Remember (from last week’s newsletter) that students who are candidates perform well in school, live the Core Values, and have an interest in applying to the most competitive high schools in the region and country. Also, 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/.

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 after the new students starts at the school!!!! 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/](https://linkschool.org/enrollment/application-process/)

DAILY AFFIRMATIONS
Monday: I am healthy and happy./ Estoy sano y feliz.

Tuesday: I am intelligent and have the capability to do great in school./ Soy inteligente y tengo la capacidad de hacerlo muy bien en la escuela.

Wednesday: I am full of great ideas and thoughts./ Estoy lleno de grandes ideas y pensamientos.

Thursday: I have the power to create anything I desire./ Tengo el poder de crear cualquier cosa que desee.

Friday: I am playful, fun, and creative./ Soy juguetón, divertido y creativo.

to the recipients of awards for the week ending October 7, 2022!

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SEE WHAT’S HAPPENING IN FIRST GRADE!
In Team Bridges, Ms. Davis -Brown is teaching our young scholars important reading strategies, working in partnerships, and using the strategy of taking a sneak peek before starting to read the text. Our focus is to be a responsible and respectful book partner.

In Science, students are studying air. They explored how water can be used to show that air takes up space. Thanks to Tristan, Giovann, and our 7th grade scholars for assisting us in Lab today. Thank you also to Naia Stuart, Nkemijimka Ugwu, Zamir Black, and Tamia Yaah. Our first graders love hands-on lab days in Science!

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.

HOME OWNERSHIP CONFERENCE
The Newark People’s Assembly is hosting a Free Home Buyer Conference on Saturday, November 5th from 12 noon to 2 pm. Homeownership is one of the biggest keys in obtaining and maintaining wealth. Many people don’t realize the importance of it, and it creates a major wealth gap between different groups of people in America. The conference will be held at the Allen AME Church 56 19th Avenue Newark, NJ 07103. See the flyer below.