LINK TO HOME
for the Week of October 31, 2022

This Week
Monday, October 31  School Wide Vocabulary Parade
Thursday, November 3  5th & 6th Grade Fall Festival, 4 pm – 6 pm
Friday, November 4  Early Dismissal for students, 12:45 pm; Instructional Planning & Professional Development for Staff, 1:15 pm

Important Upcoming Dates
November 7-23  Random Acts of Kindness
Wednesday, November 9  7th-8th Grade Family Meeting on The Island School, see below
Friday, November 11  8th Grade COOP Exam
Monday, November 14  LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, November 16  Report Card Night, grades 5-8, 5-7pm, gym
Thursday, November 17  No school for students; Professional Development for staff
Thursday, November 17  A Taste of Newark, benefit for Link Community Charter School, 6:30 pm, gym. (For information, click here.)
Friday, November 18  No School

REMEMBER: TECHNOLOGY FEE
Chromebooks will be issued to students for use at home for homework and other schoolwork once the student has paid the annual $20 insurance fee and returned the Acceptable Use of Technology form. As mentioned in the email sent to all parents, the fee can be paid by sending in $20 to the Main Office, coming in to the office to pay with a credit card, or paying online at https://linkedupartners.org/technology-insurance-fee-form/

LINK’S ANNUAL SCHOOL-WIDE VOCABULARY PARADE
On Monday, October 31st, Link Community Charter School will be celebrating its second annual Vocabulary Parade! This parade is based on the school-wide read aloud of Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster, where the 5th grade main character Sage confuses the word “miscellaneous” for “Miss Alaineus.” In this text, Sage is embarrassed by her mistake and later decides to dress up and come to school as “Miss Alaineus, Queen of all Miscellaneous Things.”

Students are to:
- Select a robust or challenging vocabulary word that will become a costume
- Choose words from their novels, independent reading materials, content areas (ELA, math, science, social studies, etc.), or with the assistance of adults
- Use the assistance of Google-images, “Pinterest,” or helpful adults to plan accordingly
- Think of creative and school-appropriate ways to bring their vocabulary words to life (Refer Link School Uniform and Dress Code located on the Parent Page of Link’s website - linkschool.org/parent-center - for appropriate attire for “Out of Uniform” Days on page 2 of the dress code.)
- Review the “100 Vocabulary Words to Spark Costume Ideas!” if needed. Teachers will distribute the list to students.
• Come to school dressed for the parade on Monday, October 31st.

The day of the parade, a judging booth will be set up at Link Community Charter School for us to judge the results and to capture photos of the vocabulary words coming to life. Prizes will be considered according to the following categories:

- Most Creative
- Most Challenging Word
- Best Part of Speech (adjective, noun, verb, or adverb)
- Funniest Costume
- Best Shortest Vocabulary Word
- Longest Vocabulary Word
- Most Ridiculous Word
- Happiest Vocabulary Word

If your child chooses not to participate, he/she can wear their school uniform as usual. These students can still be challenged to think of synonyms for the word “scholar!” If you have any questions, please contact your child’s ELA teacher or email Dr. Ken Kunz (Literacy Coach) at kkunz@linkschool.org.

**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS AT LINK**

From November 7 to November 23, scholars will participate in a schoolwide program centered on the Core Value of Caring and the school belief of Giving Back to Others. Advisors will assign simple acts of kindness to their advisees that they will work on completing. The acts will be anonymous. Our hope is that this project will nurture kindness, thankfulness, and community.

**FALL FESTIVAL FOR 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS, November 3**

Please sign and return the permission slip for your child to attend the Fall Fun Festival. Students MUST have a permission slip to remain after school for this event.

**FROM YOUR LINK PARENT ASSOCIATION**

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2022

- Officer Election
- School Update
- Planning

Join the LPA

Membership dues are $5 and you will receive a Link car magnet. The dues are the “seed” money to get activities and events happening this year. A membership form was emailed to you recently. Please check your email inbox. Send the completed form to school with $5 in a white envelope labeled “LPA” and we’ll get the decal to you!

**THE ISLAND SCHOOL EXPEDITION - 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS**

A small group of 7th and 8th graders will have the unique opportunity to study at The Island School for a week in the spring of 2023. In this amazing program, students will learn about marine biology, ecology, and Bahamian culture, while taking part in many outdoor education activities, including swimming, hiking and snorkeling, thanks to the donors of Link Education Partners. A letter about the program was emailed to you this past week, and it was also sent home with students. To provide more information, Link will hold a Zoom meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 9th for those 7th and 8th grade families. We encourage you to join in the meeting to learn more about this awesome opportunity!

**SCHOOL-PARENT-STUDENT COMPACT SURVEY RESULTS**

Thanks to the parents who completed the School-Parent-Student Compact survey earlier this month. We are grateful that you spent the time reviewing the compact and providing input. It appears that there
was general agreement with the compact and it is now posted on the Link website. We also appreciate the many comments parents made and will address those most commonly expressed in this newsletter shortly. Again, thank you for supporting your child's education! If at any time you have any questions or concerns about your child's education, please contact your child's teacher.

Health and Wellness Corner
Red Ribbon Week is upon us and Link’s Health and Wellness Team would like to bring attention to an alarming trend.

The Drug Enforcement Administration is advising the public of an emerging trend of colorful fentanyl that looks like Smarties and Pez candies. Since August 2022, DEA and its law enforcement partners have seized brightly colored fentanyl and fentanyl pills in 26 states. Dubbed “rainbow fentanyl” in the media, this trend appears to be a new method used by drug cartels to sell highly addictive and potentially deadly fentanyl made to look like candy to children and young people.

“Rainbow fentanyl—fentanyl pills and powder that come in a variety of bright colors, shapes, and sizes—is a deliberate effort by drug traffickers to drive addiction amongst kids and young adults,” said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram. Brightly colored fentanyl is being seized in multiple forms, including pills, powder, and blocks that resemble sidewalk chalk. Every color, shape, and size of fentanyl should be considered extremely dangerous.

Fentanyl remains the deadliest drug threat facing this country. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), 107,622 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2021, with 66 percent of those deaths related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

We encourage you to have conversations with your children and as the holiday season approaches, please be more mindful of the treats and candies your children are eating and from whom or from where they obtain them.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT NEWS

COOP TEST REMINDER – 8th Grade Parents
Please send in your child’s permission slip ASAP for the COOP test on Friday, November 11th.

ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY OPEN HOUSES ARE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 19TH

- West Caldwell Tech-Open House on November 19th @ 8:30-10am (in-person at 620 Passaic Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ)
- Payne Tech - Open House on November 19th @ 10:30am-12pm (in-person at 498-544 West Market Street, Newark, NJ)
- NEWARK TECH- Open House on November 19th @ 12:15-1:15pm (VIRTUAL- the Zoom Link is https://essextech-org.zoom.us/i/88963352624. Note: If the zoom link doesn't work, please check it on the flyer in the link below.)
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 complete a month 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/

DAILY AFFIRMATIONS
Monday: I have a strong focus and a sharp memory. / Tengo un enfoque fuerte y una memoria aguda.
Tuesday: I can do anything I set my mind to. / Puedo hacer cualquier cosa que me proponga.
Wednesday: I can easily pick up new information. / Puedo recoger fácilmente nueva información.
Thursday: I have an unlimited potential within me. / Tengo un potencial sin límite dentro de mí.
Friday: I have many talents. / Tengo muchos talentos.

THINK PINK DAY
Scholars and staff dressed in pink and donated $661 to the American Cancer Society on October 21st in observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This annual event at Link is one of the ways that students are learning to “give back” to their community, the country, the world.
7th GRADERS HELP 1ST GRADERS
Our 7th graders continue to work with first graders in with their reading! Students read the book, *A Day’s Work* and then decorated pumpkins on paper to represent family members they are close to. Our small scholars chatted with the 7th graders about the book and shared their art with them. Such wonderful role models our 7th graders are, showing interest, caring, and affection for the little scholars. And the little ones love the attention from the older scholars!

7th GRADERS IN THE SCIENCE LAB
The 7th grade strengthened their Scientific Method skills by doing the “Penny Lab”. We asked if soap affects cohesion and they hypothesized how soap would affect the number of drops of water would fit on a penny and then tested their hypotheses!
to the recipients of awards for the week ending October 21, 2022!

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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.