LINK TO HOME
for the Week of December 5, 2022

This Week

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<td>1st Grade Trip to Newark Public Library</td>
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<td>Family Write Night, 5-7 pm (Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 5)</td>
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<td>Thursday, December 8</td>
<td>Link Parent Association Meeting, 6 pm, virtual</td>
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<td>Friday, December 9</td>
<td>Regular Dismissal School Day</td>
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Important Upcoming Dates

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<td>Monday, December 12</td>
<td>LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm.</td>
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<td>Friday, December 16</td>
<td>Human Rights Day</td>
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<td>Friday December 16</td>
<td>Early Dismissal for students, 12:45 pm; Instructional Planning &amp; Professional Development for Staff; 1:15 pm</td>
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MESSAGE FROM LINK’S HEAD OF SCHOOL

As a public charter school leader, I am asking you to take action on behalf of the entire public charter school community.

New Jersey public charter schools are built on the belief that a child’s zip code should not determine their access to an excellent education. With Governor Murphy’s unprecedented investment in K-12 public education, we know that all public school students - both district and charter - can thrive together.

This fall, public charter schools throughout New Jersey applied to the New Jersey Department of Education to request additional seats to serve more students. Decisions on these expansion requests will be announced by February 2023. LCCS actually submitted a request to continue the growth we launched with Kindergarten and 1st Grade over the past two years, so your support will make a difference for Link as well.

As members of the charter school community, let’s voice our support for the more than 20,000 students on public charter school wait lists across the state today. Please click here to send a pre-populated email to the Commissioner of Education and other members at NJDOE asking them to support all public schools, including public charter schools.

To learn more and stay updated, please visit www.letmychildlearn.org. Thank you!

REMINDERS:

- Please make certain your child leaves home with a book to read between arrival at school and the start of class. Students are expected to read quietly during that time.
- Kindergarten and 1st Grade Parents: Don’t forget to sign and return the permission slips for the trip to Newark Library. We must have written permission for a child to participate.
UNIFORM REMINDER
Scholars should have natural nails or clear nail polish. No acrylic/fake nails, no nail polish or gel. We have established the uniform expectations to minimize distractions and disruptions and to provide equity. The focus on learning and community is in keeping with Link’s Core Values and mission. These small but significant expectations are what help to create and support our special learning environment. Please support us by removing the fake nails and polish immediately if your child has them. Together, we can maintain the strongest school community for our scholars!

THE ISLAND SCHOOL EXPEDITION - 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS
The application deadline is getting closer! Students are to hand their applications in to the Main Office by December 15th. Please don’t forget the photocopy of your child’s passport or receipt for applying for the passport that must accompany the application. Questions? Email link@linkschool.org

FAMILY WRITE NIGHT THIS WEEK – KINDERGARTEN, GRADE 1, AND GRADE 5
Join in the fun on Wednesday, December 7th for Family Write Night! We’ll meet in the gym at 5 pm for a variety of games and activities focused on literacy – reading and writing - for the whole family to enjoy!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR THIS WEEK
The Middle School Book Fair will take place from Monday, December 5, 2022 to Friday, December 9, 2022. Before the Fair, we suggest families set up an eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child’s eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy. Cash, credit cards, and checks made payable to the school are also accepted. But please consider an eWallet for ease of purchase! Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet: tinyurl.com/LinkBookFair

FROM THE LINK PARENT ASSOCIATION
The next LPA meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm, via Zoom. The link will be announced shortly before the meeting date in an email and posted on the Parent page of the school’s website.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT NEWS
The application window to apply to the Newark Charter High Schools listed below OPENS ON DECEMBER 1st!!! To access the new “Newark Common App,” go to www.newarkcommonapp.org. Residents of Newark will likely be prioritized for these schools’ enrollment/admissions processes, but ALL Link 8th grade families are welcome to apply. The schools are:

- Great Oaks Legacy Charter High School
- KIPP-Newark (Newark Collegiate Academy & Newark Lab School)
- Marion P. Thomas Charter High School of Culinary & Performing Arts
- North Star Academy (Lincoln Park & Washington Park campuses)
- People’s Prep Charter High School

Also, please note that KIPP-Newark Collegiate Academy is hosting an Open House on December 8th at 5:30pm.

Mr. Silver strongly suggests that 8th graders apply for a free Newark Charter High School option. You can do your applications easily on www.newarkcommonapp.org starting on December 1st.

As always, please reach out to Mr. Silver at gsilver@linkschool.org or 973.642.0529 x46 for guidance and assistance.
**DAILY AFFIRMATIONS**

**Monday:** I am important. / Soy importante.

**Tuesday:** I am appreciated. / Soy apreciado.

**Wednesday:** I am creative. / Soy creativo.

**Thursday:** I am patient. / Soy paciente.

**Friday:** My opinions matter. / Mis opiniones importan.

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**IN THE CLASSROOMS**

**ART EXPRESSES EMOTION!**

First grade scholars have been analyzing the works of Wassily Kandinsky and discussing how lines, shapes, and colors can show emotion in Ms. Miller’s art class. While listening to classical jazz, students interpreted the emotions of the sounds and represented them visually in their paintings.

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**1ST GRADERS EXPERIENCE A WRITING WORKSHOP!**

On Thursday, Team Caldwell took a walking field trip to the Mighty Writers, a non-profit that teaches young people “how to think clearly and write with clarity.” Our friends at Mighty Writers took some time teaching mindfulness and giving. Scholars read a book, drew on a chalk wall, and spent time expressing themselves. Everyone on Team Caldwell received a new book! Next week, Team Dominic and Team Jennings will have the opportunity to go to Mighty Writers as well.
to the recipients of awards for the week ending November 18, 2022...

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IN AND AROUND NEWARK

DRIVE THROUGH LIGHT SHOW
An “immersive drive-thru Christmas light show” is returning to Newark for 2022. Dasher’s Lightshow will open on Friday, November 25 at the Newark Moonlight Cinema, 220 Orange Street. It runs until Saturday, December 31, and will be open seven days a week starting at 5 p.m., with the last entry at 10:30 p.m. Learn more or purchase tickets here.

Visitors are treated to a massive display of flashing lights, glittering decorations, and holiday music, which they can enjoy from the comfort of their vehicles. It takes about 25 to 30 minutes for most cars to drive through the display, according to a frequently asked questions page on the show’s website. This year, patrons can also look forward to the addition of a Christmas patio, outdoor eating provided by Little Tijuana and photos with Santa Claus.
SECOND SATURDAY FAMILY ADVENTURES
10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Ages 3–10 | FREE

Saturday, December 10th
A Wild Walk Through Winter

When the weather gets colder, humans often choose to spend more time indoors.

Most animals can’t make that choice. What can we learn from them?

We will be getting busy and staying warm outdoors while learning about winter!

**Registration is required**
**Dress appropriately for the weather**

Learn more and register at www.cityofnewarknj.com/events
55 Prince Street, Newark, NJ
[602] 827-4121

Follow us on social media to stay updated about our events and news.

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9TH ANNUAL
HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

NEW DATE
DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER
DECEMBER 4, 2022
2:00PM - 6:00PM
MULBERRY COMMMONS
MULBERRY ST, NEWARK NJ

FREE ACTIVITIES, HOT COCOA
LIVE PERFORMANCES, KIDDIE TRAIN,
PICTURES WITH SANTA,
REINDEER RIDES AND MUCH MORE!

IN COLLABORATION WITH
"The pandemic and rising costs have created food insecurity among residents with limited income or no income at all. We are pleased to present this Emergency Winter Holiday Food Distribution Event to help those through these uncertain times."

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
The Board of County Commissioners
And The Division of Housing & Community Development
Will Present a

Holiday
Emergency Food Distribution Event

1,000 Turkeys and Holiday Dinner Boxes will be distributed

Tuesday, December 20, 2022
9:00 AM (Until Supplies Last)
Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex
Codey Arena, 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ

It will be held RAIN or SHINE.

- Use the western entrance across from the BP gas station.
- Cars should line up along Cherry Lane before turning right onto Northfield Avenue.
- No Left Turns allowed into the parking lot from Northfield Avenue.
- Drivers must open their trunk.
- Walk ups welcome. Buses cannot be served.
- 1,000 turkeys and boxes will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
The Board of County Commissioners
Wayne L. Richardson, President; Carlos M. Pomares, Vice President; Tyshawnie L. Cooper,
Brendan W. Gill, Romaine Graham, Rufus I. Johnson, Len M. Luciano, Robert Mercado, Patricia Sebold