



LINK TO HOME

Week of November 13, 2023

This Week

Tuesday, November 14	Grade 5 & 6 Report Card Night, 5-7 pm, Penn, gym
Tuesday, November 14	Lifetouch Student Picture RE-takes, both buildings
Tuesday, November 14	Grade 5 NJLEEP Presentation, 2 pm for students and 4 pm for parents, Penn
Tuesday, November 14	Link Parent Association Meeting, 6:30 pm, Penn, Room 101
Wednesday, November 15	K-2 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1-3 pm and 5-7 pm (by appointment)
Wednesday, November 15	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS; Instructional Planning and Professional Development for Staff, 1:15 pm
Wednesday, November 15	7th Grade Girls' Mentoring Group, selected students, 12:45 pm-2:15 pm, Halsey
Wednesday, November 15	7 th and 8 th grade Report Card Night, 5-7 pm, Halsey
Thursday, November 16	Grade 7 NJSEEDS Presentation to 7 th Grade, 11 am, 230 Halsey Street, parents Invited
Thursday, November 16	Kindergarten Fall Festival, 3-5pm, gym
Friday, November 17	Grades 1-2 Fall Festival, 3-5 pm, gym

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, November 20	LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm, Penn, Room 101 (in person only)
Wednesday, November 22	Link Community Service Day
Wednesday, November 22	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR ALL (12 noon at Halsey and 12:15 pm at Penn)
Thursday, November 24	No School: Thanksgiving
Friday, November 24	No School: Thanksgiving Break

GRADE 5-8: REPORT CARD NIGHT AND K-GRADE 2 PARENT CONFERENCES

Grade 5-8: Come out to Report Card Night and meet with your child's advisor and teachers. You will learn about your child's progress and how to help them succeed! Remember, report cards are distributed to parents at Report Card Night. We do not send them home with students. Report Card Night for Grades 5 and 6 will be held between 5 and 7 pm at 23 Pennsylvania Avenue on Tuesday, November 14 and for Grades 7 & 8 between 5 and 7 pm at 230 Halsey Street on Wednesday, November 15. Drop in any time during those hours.



Kindergarten – Grade 2: Parents will conference with teachers on November 15. Please schedule your appointment through Class Dojo or contact your child's teacher.

LAST CHANCE FOR STUDENT PICTURES!

November 14th is our picture retake date for all students and staff. If your student did not take a photo on the original date or you would like a retake, please send your student in with an order form or online receipt for photos so we can have a headcount for photos the morning of. Students should be in their dress uniforms if they are having their picture taken.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

We're still seeking volunteers for Wednesday, November 22 from 8:30am noon. Here is the link to sign up for Community Service Day:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSRMeO0mfmo0WQRdqwxatietakU5hFFu8I7uM4mmSAJqsyVw/viewform?usp=sf_link



CALL TO ACTION: ADVOCATE FOR CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES FUNDING

We are asking parents to sign postcards to urge Governor Murphy to take action to ensure that every public school student in New Jersey, including those who attend charter and renaissance schools, receives equitable state facilities funding so they can learn in a building that is safe, healthy and secure. This is important for it would mean that Link could apply for much-needed funding. A Link staff member may approach your car during pick up or drop off and ask for your signature. We'll also have cards available at Report Card Night. Please be an advocate for charter schools...and Link by signing a postcard!



AN OPPORTUNITY FOR 5TH GRADE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

A representative from NJLEEP, a non-profit academic enrichment and support organization, will meet with Link's 5th graders on Tuesday, November 14 at 2 pm and then with 5th grade parents at 4 pm to explain their amazing free NJLEEP College Bound Program. We strongly encourage parents to come out for the presentation as this is a great opportunity for our scholars. Link has partnered for over 15 years with NJLEEP, seeing many of our students and alumni finding great support and successful results through the program. For more information, see last week's parent newsletter.



NJSEEDS TO PRESENT TO 7TH GRADE

The Director of Admissions from New Jersey SEEDS will speak to all 7th grade students about the NJSEED Scholars Program at 11 am on November 16. This tuition-free program prepares motivated, high-achieving 8th-grade students for 9th-grade placement at an academically rigorous, private day or boarding high school. (Recruitment for next year starts now. For more information, see last week's newsletter.



LINK CANNED /NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE IS UNDERWAY!

As part of Link's community service efforts, we ask families to kindly bring non-perishable food items to the school beginning November 1 through November 22. The items will be donated to those in need in the community. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for the food items that are the most needed.



IN THE CLASSROOMS

K-2 HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS

The Lower House performed songs they learned during Hispanic Heritage Month last week, led by Mr. Pablo and Ms. Cheyenne, our music teachers from the Newark School of the Arts.



6TH GRADE OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP

Our 6th graders had a great time hiking and exploring the Eagle Rock Reservation in Essex County. With counselors from Project U.S.E., students learned about the flora and fauna of the area. They especially enjoyed being at the top of the mountain, looking out over the NY skyline!



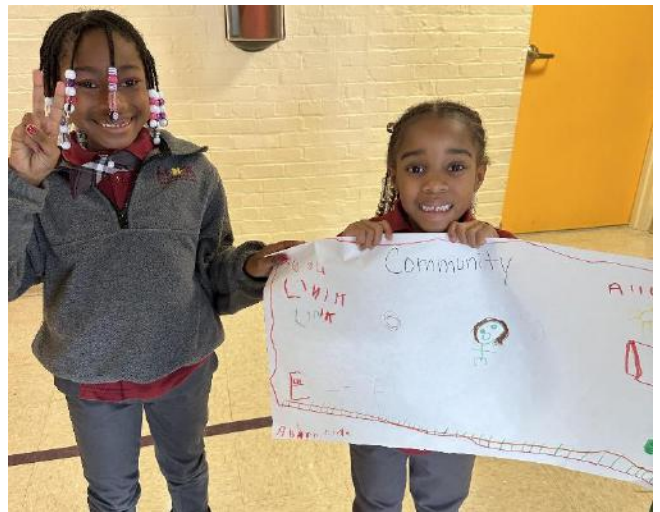
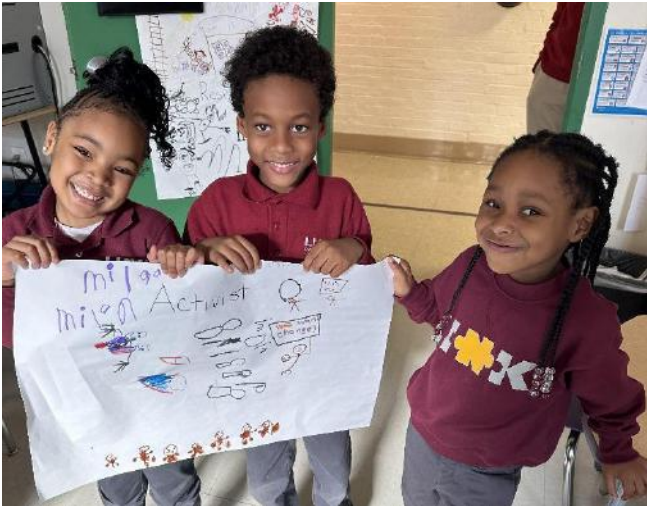
GRADE 5-6 FALL FESTIVAL

Students had a fun afternoon hanging out together at the annual Fall Festival! Besides dancing, students enjoyed arts and crafts projects and played board games. Delicious treats topped off the event! A great social time for all!



KINDERGARTNERS LEARN “JUICY” WORDS

Our small scholars had fun making posters of new “juicy” – aka rich, robust - vocabulary words during social studies. Here are student posters with the words “diversity,” “activist,” “responsible,” and “community” creatively displayed.



STRETCHING FOR HEALTH AND FLEXIBILITY

Students in K-2 are enjoying yoga with Ms. Dawn from the Newark Yoga Movement once each week. They get better and better at it each week!





“PUBLISHING PARTY” HIGHLIGHTS SIXTH GRADE WRITING

Sixth grade scholars enjoyed a “publishing party” last week, during which they shared personal narratives they wrote during the first quarter. In a “coffeehouse” environment, students stepped up to the open mic to speak about their narratives and/or to read parts of them.

In the 1st marking period students learned the process of writing: Prewrite, Draft, Revise, Edit and Publish! Writing on a topic of their own choice, students were to include vocabulary words from the word wall and figurative language in the narrative.



FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 1-22, 2023

Please help us collect non-perishable foods to be distributed to those in need in our community.

Here are the most needed items:

- CANNED SOUP, STEWS, AND CHILI
- CANNED MEAT, FISH, AND CHICKEN
- CANNED VEGETABLES AND BEANS
- CANNED "READY TO EAT" FOOD (RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS)
- BOXED PASTA, RICE, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, MAC & CHEESE
- CANNED FRUIT AND BOXED FRUIT JUICE
- SHELF-STABLE, CANNED, OR POWDERED MILK
- BOXED CEREALS AND CRACKERS



No glass bottles or jars, no cellophane wrappers, no items needing refrigeration, no expired dates.