



LINK TO HOME

Week of November 13, 2023

This Week

Monday, November 20	LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm, 23 Penn
Tuesday, November 21	Link Parent Association Rescheduled Meeting, 6:30 pm, virtual (Click here for the Zoom link for the meeting. Scroll down to Announcements.)
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

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, November 28	Grade 2 – Team Chavez visit to Mighty Writers
Wednesday, November 29	REGULAR DISMISSAL DAY
Thursday, November 30	Grade 2 – Team Huerta visit to Mighty Writers
Saturday, December 2	LCCS Board of Trustees Retreat Meeting, 9 am, 230 Halsey

IMPORTANT DRESS CODE REMINDERS:

- NO fingernail polish, nail gel or artificial nails.
- NO hoop earrings or any jewelry other than stud earrings and a plain watch.
- Gray sweaters MAY NOT be worn with the gym uniform. Student are to wear the Link sweatshirt with the gym uniform.
- NO long underwear, thermals, or long sleeved shirts under the polo or tee shirts. Students should have a sweater or sweatshirt if they feel cold.
- NO sweaters or sweatshirts other than ones with the Link logo.

LINK CANNED /NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE IS UNDERWAY!

As part of Link’s community service efforts, we ask families to kindly send in canned or boxed 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. The community bringing in the most products will be rewarded with a holiday party in December.



ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL FORMS DUE BEFORE THANKSGIVING BREAK

Tryouts for Link’s athletic teams will begin after Thanksgiving (specific date to be announced soon). All students planning to try out for a basketball team or cheerleading must turn in an Athletic Participation Physical Form before the Thanksgiving break. This is required by NJ state law. Students in grades 6-8 may try out for basketball and in grades 5-8 for cheerleading, as long as they have handed in the form. The form can be obtained in the school office or downloaded from the school’s website here. *(Please note that the requirement for the exam has been announced to students and was included in the parent newsletter in October.)* Tryout and other information will be published in next week’s newsletter

**SPORTS TEAM
PHYSICAL EXAM FORM
DUE NOW**

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR 5TH GRADE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

NJ LEEP is a free college access and success program serving students and families in the greater Newark area. NJLEEP's College Bound Program empowers middle and high school students with both the academic and social-emotional skills necessary to succeed in high school, college and beyond. NJLEEP is currently recruiting students in the 5th grade for Summer 2024. There are also limited spaces for students in 6th grade and above. Parents are invited to attend a Family Information Session (in English and Spanish) on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm, in-person at NJ LEEP. To sign up for the event, learn more about NJ LEEP, and see information on how to apply, please visit: www.njleep.org/apply. You may also contact the Recruitment Coordinator, Ms. Romero, at recruiting@njleep.org or (973) 856-9950. There is a flyer at the end of this newsletter about NJLEEP.



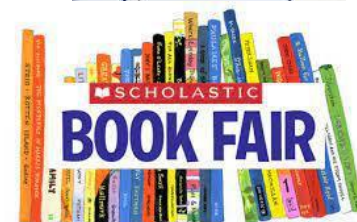
THANK YOU...

To those parents who completed the Title I School-Parent-Student Survey. We were pleased that many found the compact to be comprehensive. It is posted on the school's website (under Academics, Title 1). The winner of the gift card raffle (for completing the survey) is Ms. Shaquilla Bush, parent of a Link 1st grade student.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way! The 7th-8th grade School Fair will take place at Halsey from **Monday, December 4th 2023 to Friday, December 8th 2023.** The K-6th grade School Fair will be offered at Pennsylvania from **Monday, December 11th 2023 to Friday, December 15th 2023.**



Before the Fair, parents will want to set up **eWallet** for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy. Anyone can contribute! You may also shop online. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school! Online shopping begins on the first day of each school's book fair.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet.

- For 7th-8th grades: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/linkcommunitycharterschool1>
- For K-6th grades: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/linkcommunitycharterschool>

"GIVE BACK" TO LINK

We are grateful to Stephany Bonsu '20 and Dioni D'Almeida '20 who participated in a panel discussion on the importance and impact of Link's High School Placement Program at *A Taste of Newark* hosted by Link Education Partners (LEP) on November 9th. The event is LEP's major fundraiser to benefit Link Community School. LEP provides field trips, elective classes, outdoor education, and other student programming; professional development for staff; and Link's school buildings. Stephany is a senior at St. Vincent Academy and Dioni a senior at Science Park High School. We appreciate that they would take time out of their busy lives to meet and share with our donors and friends at *A Taste of Newark*.



Additionally four current Linkers served as greeters and guides for the guests at *A Taste of Newark*. Thanks to Emmanuel Mbakwe, Elizabeth Ojo, Victoria Ojo, and Celyn Mensah-Boateng for their diligence...and cheerfulness... in serving as "ambassadors" for Link at the event. They are pictured here with Link's Ms. DeJesus.





HONOR ROLL – 1ST QUARTER, ACADEMIC HONORS

GRADE 5

1st Academic Honors

Ian Baldwin
Amanda Eluagu

2nd Academic Honors

Shanaya Antrobus
Allison Blanc
Halilah Bowman
Tiana Cashaw
Hezekiah Gustave
Sage Hinton
Christian Joseph
Kayla Joseph
Deandre Lawrence
Kumba Manneh
Maranie Marc
Kenya McCown
Celyn Mensah-Boateng
Raylene Pereira
Janayah Pulliam
Mya Smith
Alexia Torres

GRADE 6

1st Academic Honors

Claudaelle Darismond
J'zarielle Dolce
Dominic Fouche
Soraya Joines
Juanita Joseph
Arianna McLeod
Jasibel Urena
Victoria Wilson

2nd Academic Honors

Breenabell Abelard
Virgenmina Acosta
Elisha Augustin
Ja'Ni Bailey
Emma Beaubrun
Nuella Beaubrun
Meghan Bennett
Hajjid Bowman
Aalaya Dixon-Baldwin
Jayden Frimpong
Unique George
David Hernandez
Jamel Horne
Haiven Jones
Rebecca Joseph
Christ-Mael Kamate
Treasure King
Kirk Kumahlor
Joseph Russell
Emmanuel Stephen-Wangboje
Khayir Taylor
Wonderful Unegbu

GRADE 7

1st Academic Honors

Aniya Ahmad
Micah Smith
Asada Williams

2nd Academic Honors

Ne'vaeh Carr Rivers
Annette Eluagu
David Fernandez Lizano
Naomi Howard
Mounia I Iboudo
Janae James
Aminat Kamara
Timothy Little
Delilah Lovell
Diane Lovell
Elizabeth Ojo
Myell Page
Trinity Saint Pierre
Abdiel Torres

GRADE 8

1st Academic Honors

Chloe Blanc
Christina Emmanuel
Nylah Gabriel
Tehya Gonzalez

2nd Academic Honors

Anas Amin
Paul Amusan
Karen Andre
Christopher Arenas
Zamir Black
Ahmose-Nefertari Canning
Stephon Cummings
Shania Dieujuste
Richaela Ellis
Diane-Corey Enwelim
Timothy Frazier
Ashley Gellineau
Dejaun Gray
Hayden Jackson
Najah Jackson
Monodia Jean-Baptiste
Madison Livingston-Watson
Emmanuel Mbakwe
Imani Olawoore
Inaaya Olawoore
Maya Pierre
Zaria Pointer
Zayd Poole
Andrew Reyes
Ava Salazar
Naia Stuart
Nyla Taylor
Amari Whitehead

HONOR ROLL—1ST QUARTER, CORE VALUES HONORS

GRADE 5

1st Core Values Honors

Ian Baldwin
Allison Blanc
Amanda Eluagu
Hezekiah Gustave
Sage Hinton
Donald Jones
Christian Joseph
Kayla Joseph
Kumba Manneh
Maranie Marc
Kenya McCown
Celyn Mensah-Boateng
Sanaii Randle
Mya Smith

2nd Core Values Honors

Daniel Adesina
Shanaya Antrobus
M'Mahawa Bayo
Nyla Berfet-Boyd
Halilah Bowman
Tiana Cashaw
Mahaela Ellis
Nephtalie Joseph
Erin Lambert
Deandre Lawrence
Josiah Mangum
Arianna Mollineau
Raylene Pereira
Gabriella Previl
Darwin Romain
Iyan Shaw
Alexia Torres

Grade 6

1st Core Values Honors

Breenabell Abelard
Ja'Ni Bailey
Nuella Beaubrun
Jocelyn Cooper
Claudaelle Darismond
J'zarielle Dolce
Dominic Fouche
David Hernandez
Haiven Jones
Juanita Joseph
Rebecca Joseph
Treasure King
Arianna McLeod
Joseph Russell
Jaydon Thompson
Jasibel Urena
Victoria Wilson

2nd Core Values Honors

Virgenmina Acosta
Elisha Augustin
Emma Beaubrun
Aalaya Dixon-Baldwin
Nayomi Ferrer
Unique George
Seven Grimsley
Keisha Guerrier
Kiswana Harris
Jamel Horne
Abdoul Rasmane
Abdoul Ilboudo
Jayden John
Bernardo Philamar
Daniel Rivera
Emmanuel Stephen-Wangboje
Khayir Taylor
Wonderful Unegbu

HONOR ROLL—1ST QUARTER, CORE VALUES HONORS

<p>7th GRADE</p> <p>1st Core Values Honors</p> <p>Benjamin Aikens Olubusayo Akinpeloye Deja Glaudin Naomi Howard Mounia Iboudo Aminat Kamara Delilah Lovell Diane Lovell Elizabeth Ojo Myell Page Abdiel Torres Asada Williams</p> <p>2nd Core Values Honors</p> <p>Aniya Ahmad Shenia Bennett Ne'vaeh Carr Rivers Jeremiah Damoah David Fernandez Lizano Janae James Timothy Little Michael Ouseley Samuel Quarshie Nylah Riggsbee Trinity Saint Pierre Micah Smith Brandon Stephenson Nigel Waldron Ricardo Wallace</p>
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<p>8th GRADE</p> <p>1st Core Values Honors</p> <p>Karen Andre Christopher Arenas Zamir Black Chloe Blanc Ahmose-Nefertari Canning Stephon Cummings Shania Dieujuste Christina Emmanuel Diane-Corey Enwelim Elizabeth Eshun Nylah Gabriel Brianna George Tehya Gonzalez Hayden Jackson Ashly Jimenez Ryan Joseph Emmanuel Mbakwe Livia Pereira Medeiros Zaria Pointer Zayd Poole Ava Salazar Naia Stuart Amari Whitehead</p>

<p>8TH GRADE</p> <p>2nd Core Values Honors</p> <p>Yamiya Abram Anas Amin Jerel Brown Na-liyah Brown Andrea Demas Qua'Dir Dumeus Richaela Ellis Timothy Frazier Dejaun Gray Kweku Gyimah Najah Jackson Monodia Jean-Baptiste Tatyana Johnson Madison Livingston-Watson Messiah Lopez Kafele Mollineau Jayden Nelson DK Ogundele Imani Olawoore Janae Peeden Kaylah Pierce Maya Pierre Nicholas Ramnarine Andrew Reyes Naysir Sconiers Savannah Smith-Samuels Ja'Nasia Swain Nyla Taylor Laila Toure Tamia Yaah</p>
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IN AND AROUND NEWARK

FREE TURKEYS IN NEWARK

City officials, their community partners, and two nonprofit agencies are giving away nearly 5,000 free turkeys this week, along with vegetables and side-dish fixings so struggling families will have a Thanksgiving meal!

MONDAY, NOV. 20

- Noon, at the Training Recreation Education Center (TREC), 55 Ludlow St., city officials and the Public Safety Division – along with HelloFresh, ShopRite, Colavita, Table to Table, and WSL Produce House –

will distribute 3,600 free turkeys, side-dish kits; recipe cards, and pasta side dishes. Recipients should preregister by contacting ward liaisons:

- North Ward: Stephanie Nieves 973-733-7616 or Nie vess@ci.newark.nj.us
- South Ward: David Carter, Jr. 973-733-3013 or carterda@ci.newark.nj.us
- East Ward: Annie Ferreira 973-733-8893 or Ferreiraan@ci.newark.nj.us
- West Ward: Al-Tarik Clark 973-733-7453 or Clarkal@ci.newark.nj.us
- Central Ward: Ursula Phillips 973-733-3393 or phillipsu@ci.newark.nj.us

- 1 p.m., at the 2nd Police Precinct, 1 Lincoln Ave., 200 free turkeys will be distributed, first-come, first-serve, to area residents by Public Safety Director Fritz Fragé, Police Chief Emanuel Miranda, and the Newark Police Foundation.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

- 11 a.m. at Mercy House, 620 Clinton Ave., the nonprofit will distribute free turkeys and side-dish fixings such as stuffing, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce, as supplies last. To support the giveaway, a private donor contributed \$3,500 worth of turkeys and Nanina's, a Belleville wedding venue, donated 20 large baskets of food.

- 1 p.m., at Newark Police Headquarters, 480 Clinton Ave., 750 free turkeys will be distributed first-come, first-serve, to area residents by city and state officials. The event is sponsored by the National Action Network and Newark Interfaith.

- 1 p.m. at the West Side Park Community Center, 600 South 17th St., the United Community Corporation (UCC) will hold its annual 'Friendsgiving' distribution to give away 200 turkeys, chickens, and a variety of other groceries to area residents.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CURSE FOR TEENS ON BABYSITTING

Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS) is a course for building a safe and successful babysitting business.

The Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS) program from ASHI and MEDIC First Aid gives teenagers everything they need to know for safe and successful babysitting. The YouTube "vlogger" style presentation of the video brings a youthful and high-energy spirit to the program content presentation, and the colorful magazine format of the student book makes learning fun. From getting started with their business, to working with parents and children, to key safety, caregiving and first aid tips, CABS helps set up teens and young adults for babysitting success.

Here's where to sign up:

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 4:30 PM

Bergen St Newark

Registration: <https://uhnj.enrollware.com/enroll?id=8681284>

Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Northfield Ave West Orange

Registration: <https://uhnj.enrollware.com/enroll?id=8745599>



NJ LEEP

WHY CHOOSE US?

- NJ LEEP provides free programming for first-generation and low-income students in the Greater Newark Area, regardless of immigration status.
- 100% of NJ LEEP students have been accepted to college throughout our program history.
- Over \$11.4 million in scholarships awarded to NJ LEEP students in 2020

Middle School Students

- Develop academic and leadership skills necessary for high school and beyond.
- Attend Summer and Saturday programming throughout the school year to continue skill-building, along with STEM & critical thinking enrichment programming.

High School Students

- College application and scholarship support.
- Career exposure through field trips and guest speakers.
- Receive test prep and learn tools for academic success.
- Compete in Mock Trial Competition and learn from law students, attorneys, and judges.

All interested students are welcome to apply, including those with an IEP or 504!

FREE

COLLEGE BOUND PROGRAM



ADMISSIONS PROCESS

1. Visit njleep.org/apply
2. Gather Supporting Documents
3. Complete and Submit Application
4. Send the Recommendation Form to a Teacher

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.njleep.org/apply

Contact Ms. Silvana Romero

recruiting@njleep.org 12 Lombardy St
(973) 856-9950 Suite 303
Newark, NJ



FAMILY INFORMATION SESSION

06
DECEMBER

In-Person
12 Lombardy St
Suite 303

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

23
JANUARY

Virtual
Via Zoom

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

21
FEBRUARY

In-Person
12 Lombardy St
Suite 303

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

13
MARCH

Virtual
Via Zoom

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Learn more about NJ LEEP and how to apply!

RSVP to save your spot and receive reminders by scanning the QR code below or visiting njleep.org/apply.



For any questions

Contact Ms. Silvana Romero
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(973) 856-9950

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.



25TH ANNIVERSARY

THE NEWARK DOWNTOWN DISTRICT
PROUDLY PRESENTS

*10th Annual
Holiday Tree Lighting*



JOIN US!



DECEMBER **2ND** 2 PM - 6 PM

PRUDENTIAL PLAZA, NEWARK NJ



FREE ADMISSION

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

