



LINK TO HOME

Week of December 4, 2023

This Week

Week of December 4	Scholastic Book Fair at 230 Halsey
Monday, December 4	Grade K–5 Attendance Seminar, 5 pm, 23 Penn
Wednesday, December 6	EARLY DISMISSAL DAY for Students; Instructional Planning & Professional Development for staff, 1:15 pm
Wednesday, December 6	Girls Lunch Group, 12:24 pm, 230 Halsey
Thursday, December 7	Crazy Socks Day (see below)
Friday, December 8	Universal Human Rights Day observed at Link
Friday, December 8	Link Parent Association Popcorn Fundraiser begins at 12 pm (see below)

Important Upcoming Dates

Week of December 11	Scholastic Book Fair at Penn
Tuesday, December 12	Grade 1 Team Bridges to visit Mighty Writers
Tuesday, December 12	Link Parent Association Popcorn Fundraiser ends at 12 pm (see below)
Tuesday, December 12	Link Parent Association Meeting, 6:30 pm, Zoom (Zoom link will be posted on the Parent page of Link's website at least the day before the meeting.)
Wednesday, December 13	Grade 1 Team King to visit Mighty Writers
Wednesday, December 13	REGULAR DISMISSAL DAY
Thursday, December 14	Festival of Lights, all grades, Penn, 6 pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, Hannah M. Kennedy, M.Ed.

I'm excited to announce that on December 8th, our school will celebrate Universal Human Rights Day. This day marks the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, emphasizing fundamental rights for all.



Students in grades 5-8 at both campuses will attend a special assembly featuring a guest speaker sharing insights on human rights. Simultaneously, teachers will lead content-specific lessons addressing various human rights issues.

This event aims to inspire a sense of global citizenship and foster empathy and understanding. We encourage you to discuss this day's significance with your child and reinforce the values of respect and kindness at home.

LINK IS OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR!

We are excited to open enrollment on December 1 for the 2024-25 school year. If you have a child to enroll, click here: <https://linkschool.org/enrollment/application-process/>. (You do not have to re-enroll current Link students, but you do need to enroll siblings who are not currently attending Link.) Also please direct relatives and friends to the site as well.



You will see that Link is now part of the Newark Common App system for 2024-25. Once you enter the site, you will be asked to rank charter schools in order of your interest. Don't forget to rank Link as your #1 choice! The application process ends on March 11, 2024 and you will find out if your child has been accepted to Link. Siblings have preference!

Please also help us spread the word that we still have seats available in Kindergarten –Grade 2 and in Grade 5. We'd really like to fill the seats as soon as possible

BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS!

Basketball - Boys and Girls

- Dates - Monday, December 4 and Wednesday, December 6
- Time- 4-5:30pm (Please be on time for pickup)
- Place- 230 Halsey St Newark, NJ
- Grades- 6th - 8th (Mr. Kennedy will walk 6th graders who are trying out to Halsey from Penn at 3:30pm, but parents are to pick them up at the Halsey location.)
- Attire- Basketball shorts, t-shirt, athletic sneakers, and bring a water bottle

Cheerleading

- Dates – Monday, December 4, Tuesday, December 5, and Wednesday, December 6
- Time- 4-5:30pm (Please be on time for pickup)
- Place- 23 Pennsylvania Ave Newark, NJ
- Grades- 5th - 8th (Mr. Kennedy will walk 7th and 8th graders who are trying out to Penn from Halsey at 3:30pm, but parents are to pick them up at the Pennsylvania Avenue location.)
- Attire- Link Gym Uniform and bring a water bottle

Students must have turned in a Pre-Participation Sports Physicals or a Doctor's Note prior to the tryouts.

Though many scholars will try –out, there are only a certain number of spots available on each team.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN YOUR 5TH GRADER UP FOR NJLEEP

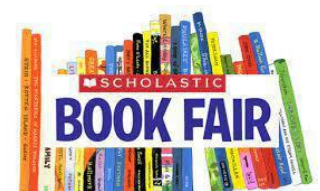
NJ LEEP is a free college access and success program serving students and families in the greater Newark area. Their College Bound Program empowers middle and high school students with both the academic and social-emotional skills necessary to succeed in high school, college and beyond. We are currently recruiting students in the 5th grade for Summer 2024. There are also limited spaces for students in 6th grade and above. Link encourages families to apply to this great program which many Linkers have attended in the past.



Families are invited to attend a Family Information Session (in English, Spanish, and/or Portuguese) on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30pm in-person at NJ LEEP, 12 Lombardy Street, Newark, Suite 303. Please note this will be the *only* Information Session before the priority deadline which is December 15th. To sign up for the Family Information Session, learn more about NJ LEEP, and 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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS HERE

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>

LINK'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS! – THURSDAY, December 14, 5-7 pm

Plan on attending Link's Festival of Lights! It will be an interactive evening for the entire family.



FIVE DAYS OF FUN "DRESS DOWN" DAYS BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS!

Students and staff can have fun this month with special dress-down days, listed below. Any student choosing to participate may wear jeans (not ripped jeans), chinos, khakis, or slacks. They may NOT wear leggings, jeggings, sweatpants, or flannel pants (like pajama pants.) They must wear tops with sleeves. They may wear hoodies, but not with the hood covering the head. See the Attire for Dress Down Days below* for more detail about what is prohibited on Dress Down Days.

12/7 - Crazy Socks Day

12/18 - Ugly Sweater Day

12/19 - Sports Jersey Day

12/20 - Holiday Hat Day

12/21 - Color Wars (each grade will wear the color that was chosen by them*)

*K – purple; 1 – silver; 2 – gold; 5 – green; 6 – white; 7 – red; 8 - white

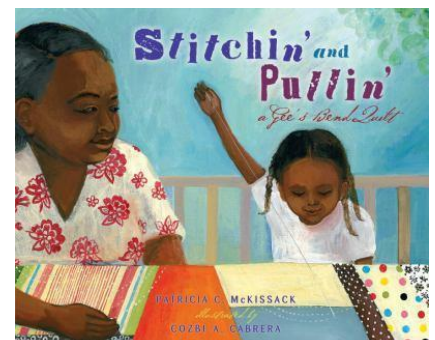
*Attire for Dress Down Days: Students may not wear torn or ripped jeans/pants/shorts of any kind, even if lined; heels greater than 1.5 inches; flip flops (all shoes must have a back); hats; bandanas; anything revealing (too short, cut out, etc.) or tight, leggings; clothes with writing that is inflammatory, hateful, or violative of the Core Values or otherwise inappropriate. No hoop earrings or nail color is allowed.

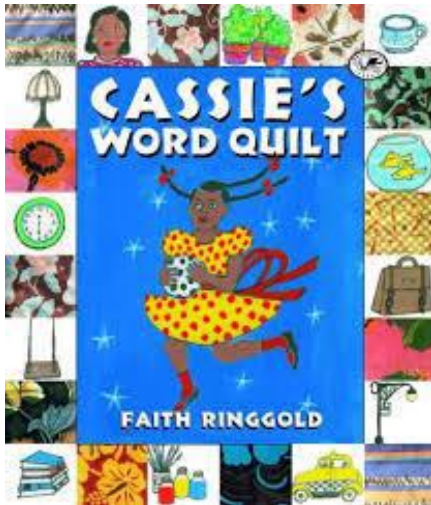


IN THE CLASSROOMS

LOWER HOUSE QUILT PROJECT

Scholars in K and 1 created beautiful quilts with the theme of important people and places in their lives. This project was inspired by the book, "Stitchin' and Pullin'" by Patricia McKissack, which featured a story about the historical Gee Bend quilts. Each student created a quilt square, based on Faith Ringgold's book, "Cassie's Word Quilt." They illustrated their squares using a multi-step mixed media artmaking process - using paint and markers on the cloth and incorporating weaving and stitching into their designs. The quilts are currently hanging in the lower level hallway.





SECOND GRADE TRIP TO MIGHTY WRITERS

Our second graders had a great time visiting with our partners, Mighty Writers this week. They listened to a story and discussed how the writer used words to help them visualize the story. Then they worked on their own writing and did some independent reading. They also got to bring home a book to keep!





NOVEMBER ART CLASS ACTIVITIES

Ms. Mifsud, Link's art teacher, is happy to share the November Panthers Monthly Fine Arts Newsletter, filled with what Link scholars learned about and the wonderful artwork they created this past month! [Click here for the newsletter.](#)

PMFAN - Panthers Monthly Fine Arts Newsletter

November 2023

Artist Spotlight

Meet Sophia, a 2nd grader who goes above and beyond! After guided instruction, she independently extends her learning experiences. Sophia goes in her own direction by adding extra details as pictured in the 3 drawings to the left!

Everyone can develop their own style by being unique! What's your signature doodle?

Fall Art Drive Completed! artsonia

CONGRATULATIONS – your school has submitted 300 (or more) artworks towards the Fall Art Drive. Your school is now eligible to receive up to 30 free prints on your next order of Art Showcase prints. [Click here](#) to create a showcase and place an order before May 31, 2024.



...to our awards recipients this week:

Grade 5

Scholar of the Week Award - Tiana Cashaw, Team Lewis

Scholar of the Week Award - Iyan Shaw, Team Chisholm

Core Values Award - Shanaya Antrobus, Team Lewis

Core Values Award - Nicole Unegnu, Team Chisholm



Grade 6

Scholar of the Week Award - Jayden John, Team Malala
Scholar of the Week Award - Victoria Wilson, Team Clemente

Core Values Award - J'zarielle Dolce, Team Malala
Core Values Award - Soraya Joines, Team Clemente



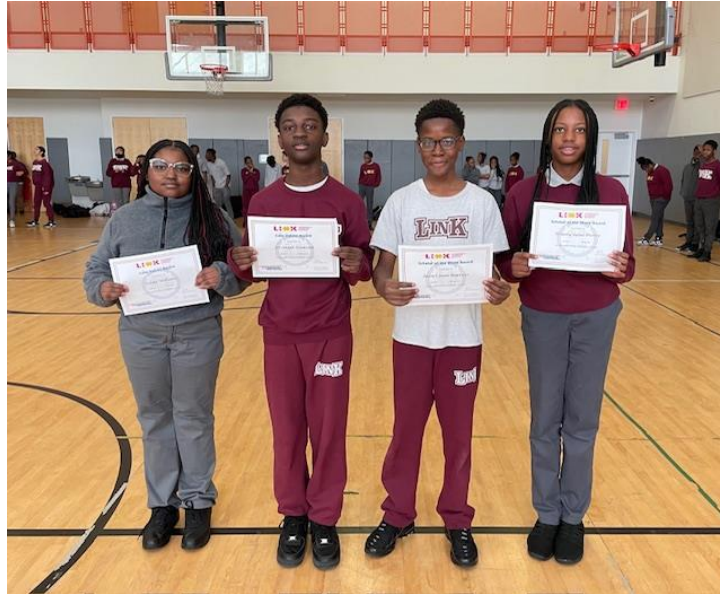
Grade 7

Scholar of the Week Award – Joanel Jean-Baptiste, Team Ujima

Scholar of the Week Award – Trinity St. Pierre, Team Nia

Core Values Award – Jeremiah Damoah, Team Ujima

Core Values Award – Asada Williams, Team Nia



Grade 8 – Week of November 15

Scholar of the Week Award - Tehya Gonzalez, Team Haki

Scholar of the Week Award – Stephon Cummings, Team Kuumba

Scholar of the Week Award – Tatyana Johnson, Team Staha

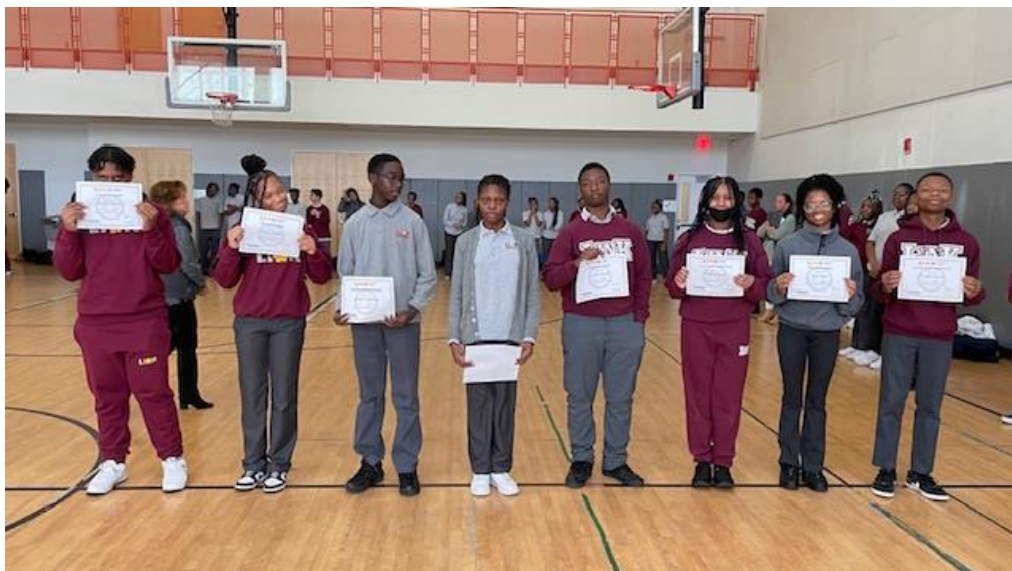
Scholar of the Week Award – Timothy Frazier, Team Imani

Core Values Award –Naysir Sconiers, Team Haki

Core Values Award –Janae Peeden, Team Kuumba

Core Values Award – Kweka Gyimah, Team Satah

Core Values Award – Chloe Blanc, Team Imani



FROM YOUR LINK PARENT ASSOCIATION

The LPA will hold its first fundraiser this year – the ever popular DOUBLE GOOD popcorn!!! This will be a virtual fundraiser. The LPA will receive 50% of the profit and the product ships directly to the buyer. Prices for Signature Bags (5 cups each) start at \$9 and Curated Collections at \$26. The popcorn is ultra-premium, delicious, and award-winning!

The fundraising window begins on December 08, 2023, at 12:00 PM and goes until December 12, 2023, at 12:00 PM. Specific details will be sent in an email to parents during the coming week.



Join Us for Our Annual Holiday Popcorn Fundraiser!

Dec.8th-Dec.12th

**Save the date as we prepare
to join together to fundraise
for our LPA.**

**All money will go towards
programs and family events
for our students!**

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL
LINKLPA@LINKSCHOOL.ORG



IN AND AROUND NEWARK

SECOND SATURDAY FAMILY ADVENTURES

10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Ages 3–10 | FREE



**Saturday,
December 9th**

Winter Gifts For All!

The cold never stops us from enjoying the outdoors! Join us as we use nature to craft winter gifts for all.

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

****Registration is required****

****Dress appropriately for the weather****



Learn more and register at www.citybloom.org/events
32 Prince Street, Newark, NJ
(973) 642-4646

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





Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey

FAMILY FUN **IN THE** **KITCHEN**

With Chef Afi

Saturday, December 16th

11:00am - 12:30pm

Greater Newark Conservancy

32 Prince Street, Newark NJ 07103

This Month's Menu

**Vegan Vanilla
Cupcakes**



Register at www.citybloom.org/events/

THE NEWARK HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Event Calendar

A collaborative calendar of holiday events
in Newark's Arts and Education District

Saturday, November 25

- The Newark Holiday Festival Kick Off
- Newark Winter Village Opening
Mulberry Commons
- Remembering the Purple One:
A Tribute to Prince Rogers Nelson
- The Newark Museum of Art
November Family Saturdays

Friday, December 1

- The Newark Museum of Art
Art After Dark x
Newark First Fridays:
Creative's Magic

Saturday, December 2

- Brick City Bar Crawl Reunion:
Holiday Edition
- Have You Met Newark
Annual Shop Hop

December 8 & 9

- 12/8 - Soul Line Dance
- 12/9 - The Newark
Holiday Market
- 12/9 - Community Day:
Winter Wonderland
- 12/9 - Basel Brunch

December 14 & 15

- Holiday MarketSPACE

Saturday, December 16

- Urban Girl Magazine
Black Business Crawl

Thursday, December 21

- The Newark Museum of Art
Family Fun Days

Friday, December 22

- Newark Symphony Hall
Candlelight: Holiday Special
featuring "The Nutcracker"
and More

Ongoing Events

- The Newark Holiday
Festival Scavenger Hunt
powered by The Newark Gift Card
- Halsey Village
Holiday Market
- Newark Winter
Village Opening - Thru Jan. 7
Mulberry Commons

Saturday, December 23

- NJPAC Kwanzaa Festival
and Marketplace

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For more info go to
www.newarkholidayfestival.com