



LINK TO HOME

Week of December 11, 2023

This Week

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| 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 |

Important Upcoming Dates

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| Monday, December 18 | Ugly Sweater Day |
| Monday, December 18 | LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, in person, 23 Penn, Room 101, 6:30 pm |
| Tuesday, December 19 | Sport Jersey Day |
| Tuesday, December 19 | Kindergarten Cultural Celebration, 9:30 am, cafeteria, parents welcome |
| Wednesday, December 20 | Holiday Hat Day |
| Wednesday, December 20 | Grade 2 Cultural Celebration, 9:30 am, cafeteria, parents welcome |
| Wednesday, December 20 | Grade 1 Cultural Celebration, 10:15 am, cafeteria, parent welcome |
| Thursday, December 21 | Color Wars Day |
| Thursday, December 21 | EARLY DISMISSAL FOR ALL , start of Winter Break |
| Tuesday, January 2 | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ; Professional Development for Staff, 8 am |
| Wednesday, January 3 | SCHOOL REOPENS FOR STUDENTS |

REMINDER: IXL COMPETITION FIRST WEEKLY PRIZES ON DECEMBER 8

Check in with your child on their progress in the IXL Competition and encourage them to keep moving through it! This activity was outlined in last week’s parent newsletter and sent by email to parents of students in grades 5-8. The first prizes will be announced on Monday, December 8th!



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.



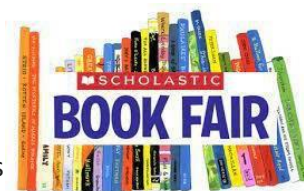
You will see that Link is now part of the Newark Common App system for 2024-25. Once you enter the site, you will be asked to register for the site in order to apply and then to rank charter schools in order of your interest. Don’t forget to rank Link as your #1 choice! The application process ends on 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 for 2023-24. We’d really like to fill the seats as soon as possible. Please direct people to the

Enrollment page on Link's website to apply. Questions? Contact Mrs. Clarke, admissions at eclarke@linkschool.org.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS HERE

The K-6th grade School Fair will be offered at Pennsylvania from **Monday, December 11-15**. 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. Questions should be directed to Ms. Kelly at ckelly@linkschool.org.



Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet: for K-6th grades: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/linkcommunitycharterschool>



LINK'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS!

Plan on attending Link's Festival of Lights on Thursday, December 14, 6-7 pm! It will be a fun interactive evening for the entire family. [Click here to please let us know you and your family are attending.](#) Students must be accompanied by a parent.

K-2 REPORTS TO BE SENT HOME

Check your child's backpack on Tuesday, December 19th for an envelope with their first trimester report card enclosed. You can keep the report card, but please sign the envelope and send it back to school the next day with your child.



"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.



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

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, January 18 – 6 pm

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF 8TH GRADE SCHOLARS

Put it on your calendars now, as it is expected that ALL attend. The meeting will review expectations for the remainder of the school year and outline all of the special year-end events planned for them, including the class trip, dance, and graduation.

IN THE CLASSROOMS

“DONOR CHOOSE” PROJECT FUNDED AT LINK

Ms. Precious Guess, Link Class of 2002 and Link parent '21 and '23, provided the funding for a set of graphic novels for Mrs. Lynskey's students. She did through Donors Choose, an online platform where donors can send funds to support needs in schools across the country and where Mrs. Lynskey had posted the need for the books at Link. In the photo, Ms. Wade, Ms. Guess, and Mrs. Lynskey watch as the students happily look over the new books! Thank you to Ms. Guess and Donor's Choose!



RABBITS “VISIT” KINDERGARTEN

Lower House scholars met two beautiful rabbits up close and personal this week! Wesley and Finney came to Link with their owner, Samantha, who explained rabbit diet, habits, and habitats to our students. Thanks to Mrs. Arizmendi who arranged the visit and the opportunity for our little scholars to learn about rabbits.



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.

If you have any questions, send them by email to linklpa@linkschool.org.



IN AND AROUND NEWARK

500 FREE BARBIES FOR 500 PRINCESSES

Meet Our Live Barbies!

Please register one ticket for your little girl(s) to get their free Barbie as we celebrate the beauty of our black and brown skin at Newark Symphony Hall!

ON SATURDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2023

START AT 11AM - 3PM

NEWARK SYMPHONY HALL
1020 BROAD STREET
NEWARK, NJ

Get your ticket's now, we only have 500!

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SHANIQUE SPEIGHT

SAYMAH NAH GATEWAY U

REVEREND KIMBERLY L. WILLIAMS

DR. CHRIS T. PERNELL

YOLANDA JACKSON

AYANNA BARNES

THE ASP HOUSE
PROJECT READY
Newark Symphony Hall
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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.



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

#newarkholidayfest



For more info go to

www.newarkholidayfestival.com

