



LINK TO HOME

Week of December 18, 2023

This Week

Monday, December 18	Ugly Sweater Day
Monday, December 18	Boys' Basketball Team Practice, Halsey, 3:30- 5:30 pm
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
Tuesday, December 19	Girls' Basketball Team Practice, Penn, 3:30- 5:30 pm
Tuesday, December 19	Kindergarten – Grade 2 Reports Cards to be sent home
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
Wednesday, December 20	Boys' & Girls' Basketball Team Practice, Halsey, 3:30 – 5:30 pm
Thursday, December 21	Color Wars Day
Thursday, December 21	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR ALL , start of Winter Break

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, December 26	Cheerleading Practice, Penn, 9:30 – 11:30 am
Wednesday, December 27	Boys' Basketball Team Practice, Penn, 9 -11 am
Wednesday, December 27	Girls' Basketball Team Practice, Penn, 11 am- 1 pm
Wednesday, December 27	Cheerleading Practice, Penn 9:30 – 11:30 am
Thursday, December 28	Boys' Basketball Team Practice, Penn, 9 -11 am
Thursday, December 28	Girls' Basketball Team Practice, Penn, 11 am- 1 pm
Tuesday, January 2	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ; Professional Development for Staff, 8 am
Wednesday, January 3	SCHOOL REOPENS FOR STUDENTS
Monday, January 9	Basketball Games v. Great Oaks CS, 240 14 th St., Newark, girls at 5 pm and boys at 6 pm
Tuesday, January 9	Link Parent Association Meeting, virtual, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 10	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS , Instructional Planning and Professional Development for staff, 1:15 pm
Wednesday, January 10	7 th Grade Girl's Lunch Group, 12:45 – 2:15 pm

ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS

Please monitor the beverage your child brings from home for lunch. Water and 100% fruit juice is acceptable; soda is not. We have noticed students bringing in "Green Cola," which, while it does not contain sugar, it does contain a significant amount of caffeine, which is not healthy for children.



ATTENTION: PARENTS OF 5TH AND 6TH GRADE SCHOLARS

After winter break 5th and 6th grade will be transitioning to Deanslist for behavior management. We will no longer use Class Dojo because the platform does not give us the same wide range of data as DeansList. You will receive the necessary information in order to login to the platform as we transition

REMINDER: IXL COMPETITION

Check in with your child on their progress in the IXL Competition and encourage them to keep moving through it...at least 20 minutes per night! This activity was outlined in last week's parent newsletter and sent by email to parents of students in grades 5-8. The winners will be announced in next week's parent newsletter.



"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. Student choosing not to participate are to wear their school uniforms.

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



GRADE 5-8 PROGRESS REPORT MAILED

Keep an eye on your mailbox as we mailed the second quarter progress reports home last week. If you have any questions about your child's report, please email their teacher.



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.



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

Don't forget to enroll your child's sibling at Link as soon as possible. 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. While siblings have preference in the system, you will get them in for the first lottery to make sure they get a seat!



BASKETBALL TEAMS GEAR UP FOR THE SEASON!

The teams have been selected (see below) and practice has begun for the winter sports season! Team members have received the schedules of practices and games, and the games will be posted on the Link website calendar and in the parent newsletter, but please understand that changes may happen, such as for weather conditions. We'll try to post the changes as soon as possible. We are excited this year to have some "Home" games to be played at 230 Halsey, where the gym is regulation size, unlike at the Penn campus. Best wishes to the teams for a great season!



SAVE THE DATE: 8th GRADE PARENT MEETING - Thursday, January 18 – 6 pm, 23 Penn

Put this date on your calendars now, as it is expected that ALL PARENTS (not students) attend. The meeting will review expectations for the remainder of the school year and outline all of the special year-end events planned for scholars, including the class trip, dance, and graduation. You will receive a letter and email about this important meeting. Please plan on attending so that your child may participate in the end year events.



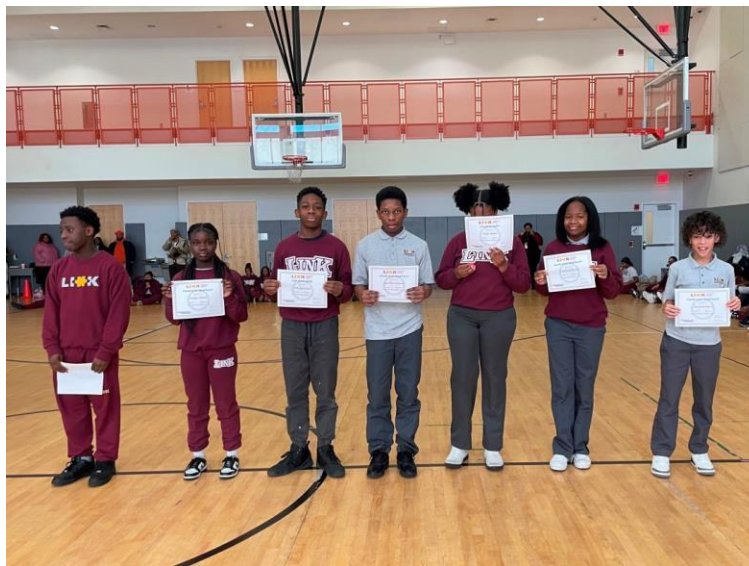


to students earning awards this week:

8th Grade

Scholar of the Week - Qua'Dir Dumeus, Team Haki
Core Values Award -Naia Stuart, Team Haki
Scholar of the Week - Naima Pierre, Team Kuumba
Core Values Award - Zahree Turner, Team Kuumba

Scholar of the Week - Ashley Gellineau, Team Staha
Core Values Award- DK Ogundele, Team Staha
Scholar of the Week – Messiah Lopez, Team Imani
Core Values Award – Karen Andre, Team Imani



7th Grade

Scholar of the Week - Ne'vaeh Carr Rivers, Team Ujima
Core Values Award- Benjamin Aikens, Team Ujima

Scholar of the Week - Diane Lovell, Team Nia
Core Values Award- Elizabeth Ojo, Team Nia



6th Grade

Scholar of the Week - Unique George, Team Malala
Core Values Award - Bernardo Philamar, Team Malala
Core Values Award- Jasibel Urena, Team Malala

Scholar of the Week - Khayir Taylor, Team Clemente
Core Values Award - Treasure King, Team Clemente



5th Grade

Scholar of the Week - Daniel Adesina, Team Lewis
Core Value Award – Lydia Quayson, Team Lewis

Scholar of the Week – Ayaan McBride, Team
Chisholm
Core Values Award - Erin Lambert, Team Chisholm

AND CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK TO OUR WINTER SPORTS TEAMS!

Boys' Basketball Team

Keith Kumahlor* (8th)
Zayd Poole (8th)
Andrew Reyes (8th)
Jayden Nelson* (8th)
Jayden McCall-Belton* (8th)

Messiah Lopez (8th)
Elijah Robinson* (8th)
Tim Frazier (8th)
Naysir Sconier* (8th)
Khamari Guess (8th)

David Frenandez Lizano (7th)
Khayir Taylor(6th)
Kirk Kumahlor (6th)

Girls' Basketball Team

Tamia Yaah (8th)
Nephtalie Jean-Baptiste (8th)

Ahmoose-Nefertari Canning (8th)
Inaaya Olawoore (8th)

Arianna McLeod (6th)
Aalaya Dixon-Baldwin (6th)

Cheerleading Team

Janae Peeden
Imani Olawoore
Karen Andre
Kiera Harris
Najah Jackson

Elizabeth Eshun
Maya Pierre
Christina Emmanuel
Daniesha Destin
Delilah Lovell

Monodia Jean-Baptiste*
Diane Lovell
Soraya Joines
Zaria Pointer
Halilah Bowman



IN THE CLASSROOMS

UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

On Friday, December 8th, Linkers in grades 5 through 8 came together as a community to observe Universal Human Rights Day, which was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Their Declaration set out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected. Students participated in a virtual assembly was held at Link, where they learned about the history of the Declaration of Universal Rights and the 30 Articles of the declaration, and then discussed some of these. Each team of scholars then worked together to explore more deeply a specific human right and posted their reflections on Jam Boards. Here are a couple of the jam boards:

8th Grade Team Kuumba Human Right #23

AR & ZT : This right states and infers that each person is allowed to work and should be paid the equivalent amount that person is working.

Human Right #23: Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions and to protection against unemployment. Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work. Everyone who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection. Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

Question

Most humans enjoy this right but it is also taken advantage of because in some work places people are signed under a contract making them unable to make most choices in their work

What does this right mean to you? Do you agree?

I think this Human Right is very fair because everyone should have the right to have a job. Everyone should have the right to vote. -Janae P

This means to me that you can be able to choose where you want to work and be happy where you work. Humans enjoy this right because the love making their own decisions. Zamir B.

Why is this right important? How do you know?

I think this Human Right is fair because everyone should have the right to work and make money for themselves. -NT

This allows every human to learn for free, and have access to food and a place to sleep , this allows people to be free to worship - Stephon

This right means to me that no matter who you are as a person, everyone is able to work in their own conditions and work anywhere of their choice. KM

This right means that you are aloud to choose where you wanna work in at and have a equal amount of everyone that is working. - MP & NP

To me personally, this human right means that no matter what anyone is allowed to do any job of their choice and has access to protection if a work environment is unsafe. -AW

I think this Human Right is fair because everyone has the right to work and make money for themselves. -NT

NJB & IO : This right states and infers that each person is allowed to work and should be paid the equivalent amount that person is working

This allows people to worship anyone the want. - Stephon C

8th Grade Team Stah

Human Right #26

It is everyone's right to have access to education and education is accessible to all, regardless of race, gender, or economic status.-A.G

Human Right #26: Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit. Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace. Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.

Question: What does this right mean to you? Do all Humans enjoy this right? How do you know?

This right means that everyone has the right to learn without any discrimination. - AC

Everyone has a right to have an education without anyone having a problem within another due to their race or religion. - A.D

Everyone has the right to a education without facing dicrimination- D.O ;)

This means that everyone should be able to have the rights to receive a free education without having any problems -E.E

Everyone has the right to education; no matter the race, religion everyone deserves an equal amount of knowledge - S.D

Everyone should have the opportunity have an education without any problems AA

Education should be shared equally throughout the entire world. KT

this means that anybody has the will to have an education without judgment. -AJ

i think everyone is equal and everyone should be able to learn and have a good education no matter what z.p

Everyone should have a great education with getting bullied about their self. Also people should get the help they need because people had different ways to learn. (Laila)

Everyone should have free education JMB

Everyone should have a right to have an education, no matter about their appearance. YAMIYA ABRAM

All humans have a right to feel safe and be happy where ever they live D.C -_-

8th Grade Team Imani

Human Right #7



Human Right #7: All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

Question: What does this right mean to you? Do all Humans enjoy this right? How do you know?

I think this right means all people are seen as equal under the eyes of the law-HJ

This right means to me that no matter who you are as a person, everyone is able to work in their own conditions and work anywhere of their choice.- KP

I feel like this means we have equality and rights to do things especially when your at a restaurant and someone tries to say if your black you cant eat here but you can because of rights - I.O

Equality - G.J

This right means that everyone has the right to learn without any discrimination. - m,j,b

Human rights means that everyone is equal. KP

Human rights means everyone is equal, k.p

Having equal rights-ML

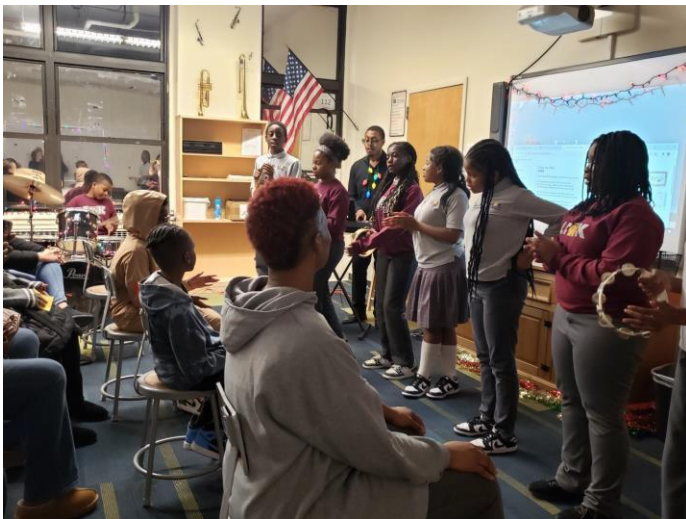
This right means that everyone is equal no one is above the law. R.E

Equality towards all-J.L

This right means to me that everyone has the right to be protected by the law without any question. Humans do enjoy it, but no one follows this as we still have police brutality. C.B

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS SPARKLED!

What a wonderful night for families to celebrate the upcoming season! Families circulated through the building to attend three sessions: creating a paper art winter scene; hearing Link students on their recorders and the Link Choir sing, as well as joining in a sing-a-long; and viewing a performance by students in this quarter's Performing Arts Classes. At the end of the evening, everyone gathered in the gym to congratulate the winners of the "Find the Snowmen" contest and to enjoy some cookies and hot cocoa! Thanks to our performing arts teachers for a thoroughly enjoyable event. Here are some photos, but you can see more at: <https://linkschool.org/links-festival-of-lights-sparkled/>





IN AND AROUND NEWARK

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

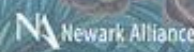
Ongoing Events

- 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