



LINK TO HOME

for the Week of May 8, 2023

This Week

Monday, May 8	LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 101 (Click for details.)
Friday, May 12	Regular Dismissal

Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday, May 18	Kindergarten Trip to Turtleback Zoo
Friday, May 19	Early Dismissal for students, 12:45 pm; Instructional planning and professional development for staff, 1:15 pm
Friday, May 19	7 th Grade Girls' Mentoring Group, 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm

SCOLIOSIS SCREENINGS

Starting the week of May 8th, there will be a screening program for scoliosis for students in the fifth and seventh grades, as required by the School Health Services Guidelines for the State of New Jersey. The school nurse will perform the screenings in the school during the school day. The screening process takes less than a minute to conduct. During the examination, each student will have to expose his/her back. Girls may wear a cami-top or bathing suit top during the screening. Your child's privacy is maintained at all times. If further consultation is recommended, you will be notified and a recommendation to see your family physician will be made. If you do not wish for your child to be screened at school, click here to download a [form](#) that your child must return to the school nurse no later than May 8, 2023. (The form is also available on the Parent page of Link's website in the Health and Wellness Section.) If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Nurse Hannah at (973) 642-0529.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS : 8TH GRADE DANCE IS COMING UP!

The annual 8th GRADE DINNER- DANCE will be held on Friday, June 2 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm in Link's gym. This is a fun time for scholars to get together socially before they graduate and head off to different high schools.



Here are some important details about the dance and guidelines that students must follow that we ask you to discuss with your child:

- Only those students who are meeting the Academic and Behavioral Expectations published recently ([click here](#)) will be invited to attend the event.
- Students must be in school (on time and remain for the entire half day (7:45am -12:45pm) in order to be able to attend the dance. Students arriving to school later than 8:00am will not be allowed to attend the dance. Students may not leave before 12:45 pm. (If you are making hair or nails appointments for your child, make them for later in the afternoon or the evening before. Students may not miss school for hair and nail appointments.)

- The dance is for Link 8th grade students only; no guests.
- **Dress is not formal. This is 8th grade dance NOT a prom. Therefore, no gowns or tuxedos are permitted.** We expect simple but dressy attire, which should be both appropriate for a school sponsored event and age appropriate. Absolutely no strapless dresses, no cut-out dresses, no low cleavage, no dresses or skirts shorter than mid-thigh, no tight fitting clothing will be allowed. The administration reserves the right to send home any scholar who is dressed inappropriately.
- No limousines or party buses allowed as they block traffic on Pennsylvania Avenue and are inappropriate for the nature of an 8th grade party.
- No cell phones allowed at the dance. They must be deposited in community bins and picked up after the dance. If you are dropping off and picking your child up, urge them to leave their phone at home. There is a phone in the Main Office for any emergencies. Any student with a cell phone at the dance will be sent home after contacting a parent or guardian.
- The Core Values and school policies regarding behavior apply at the dance. Any student who exhibits inappropriate behavior during the event will be sent home after contacting a parent or guardian.
- Photos will be taken during the dance by a Link staff member and then shared with families after the event. Families may not enter the school building during the dance, but will drop off and pick up outside the front door. Sometimes students like to have photos taken on the sidewalk outside the school building and that is acceptable.

If you have any questions as to the appropriateness of your child's attire or any questions about the dance, please contact Ms. Hester or Mrs. Kennedy at the school.

SUMMER CAMPS AND PROGRAMS FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Summer is quickly coming up on us! And what will your child do this summer? Mr. Silver has sent out some information about registering your children for summer camps and programs. [Click here to find a list of some great opportunities for your children.](#) Some offer camperships for Link students. Note: Camps and programs fill up fast, so you may want to get moving on securing a place for your child! If you have any questions about the camps or programs, contact Mr. Silver, gsilver@linkschool.org.

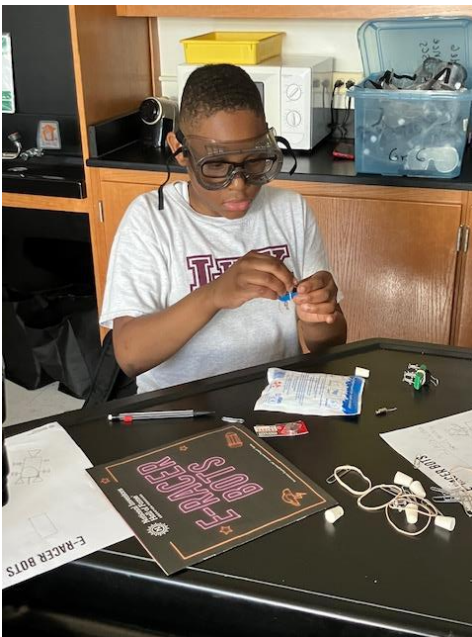




IN THE CLASSROOM

SCHOLARS ENJOY SCIENCE CLUB

Here are some pictures from today's Science Club where they had fun creating a simple robot that moved through vibration. Seventeen students from grades 5 through 8 are enjoying this club, facilitated by Mrs. Kutch, Ms. Boyle, and Ms. Bryant. Two more sessions of the club are planned.



7th and 8th GRADE CAREER DAY

On Friday, April 28th, 7th and 8th grade scholars enjoyed an exciting Career Day, the purpose of which was to expose scholars to a variety of career fields and introduce them to professional role models. The event opened with inspirational remarks by Kevin Maynor, African American male opera singer who has performed around the world after receiving his formal training at the renowned Manhattan School of Music; and Rev. Dr. Timothy Adkins-Jones and Rev. Dr. Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones, each accomplished professors, community leaders, and ministers. Scholars kicked off the day with strong messages of engagement, seizing opportunities, hard work, and boundless avenues for success. They then proceeded to visit two panels for presentations and conversations about a variety of careers, with panelists sharing their career journeys and jobs with scholars. The panels centered around the following main career fields: Arts/Media, Business/Finance, Community Development, Education, Engineering/Technology/Construction, Entrepreneurship/Small Business, Healthcare, and Government/Law/Military. Most of the panelists were invited to Link by Dr. Michelle Scott, the event organizer and a longtime volunteer/partner of the school. Among the panelists were individuals connected to Link, including alumni and a former teacher. The day concluded with closing remarks by Dr. Scott. We are grateful to Dr. Scott and all the guests who attended the event. Link scholars had a chance to reflect on the day before heading home and we hope they shared highlights with families.





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ESSEX COUNTY MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC KICKOFF CELEBRATION



Blood Pressure
Screenings and
COVID-19
Boosters
Available!

Ginny Duenkel Pool
60 ½ Cherry Street, West Orange
Date- Wednesday, May 3, 2023
Time- 11 AM - 1 PM

Anyone 6 years and older can receive an updated (Bivalent) Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Booster regardless of vaccination status.

If you already had an updated (Bivalent) vaccine booster, anyone 65 and older or immunocompromised can receive an additional booster.

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