



## LINK TO HOME

Week of October 9, 2023

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Please note: the school locations for the events calendar will be listed as Penn or Halsey.

### This Week

Monday, October 9	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED:</b> Indigenous Peoples Day
Tuesday, October 10	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Adventure Trip
Tuesday, October 10	Link Parent Association Meeting, Penn, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, October 11	K-Grade 2 Trip to Alstedes Farm, Chester, NJ
Wednesday, October 11	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Adventure Trip (Teams Haki and Staha)
Wednesday, October 11	<b>REGULAR DISMISSAL DAY</b>
Thursday, October 12	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Adventure Trip (Teams Imani and Kuumba)
Friday, October 13	Think Pink at Link Day! (See article below for details.)
Sunday, October 15	Walk Against Cancer, Penn, 9:15 am

### Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, October 16	Grade 6 Slam Dunk the Junk at Lincoln Park
Monday, October 16	LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, in person only, Penn, Room 101, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, October 18	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL DAY</b> for Students; Staff Instructional Planning and Professional Development, 1:15 pm
Wednesday, October 18	K – Grade 6 Family Write Night, Penn, gym, 5 – 7 pm
Wednesday, October 19	Grades 5 & 6 Trip to Alstedes Farm, Chester, NJ

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### FROM THE LINK PARENT ASSOCIATION:

The Link Parent Association (LPA) is excited for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. We welcome all new families to the Link community and we look forward to reconnecting with all returning families. We are looking to build on our momentum from last year. We have been brainstorming all summer on various fun and enriching events to host throughout the year to support the education of our children while increasing parent engagement. Nevertheless, we know that our community of families have a wealth of brilliant ideas as well; so we want to hear from you! We will be hosting our first in person meeting **Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

Please consider joining the **Link Parent Association**. Membership dues are \$10.00 [Click here to join](#). Or join when you attend the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

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### WALK WITH LINK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS!

Link is walking in the Newark Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and we encourage students, parents, and staff to participate with us. The walk will be held on Sunday, October 15...and we will gather at 23 Pennsylvania Avenue at 9:15 am and walk to Mulberry Park and back as a group. [If you can participate, please click here to let us know.](#)



## THINK PINK AT LINK

**For a donation of \$2**, students may dress in PINK to observe National Breast Cancer Awareness month on Friday, October 13, 2023. They may wear **SOLID PINK** tee shirts or other shirt, top, or blouse with sleeves, but NOT crop tops or other tops with torso showing, even if a shirt is worn underneath or hooded sweatshirts. They may wear slacks or pants of their choice **but NO RIPPED JEANS, NO LEGGINGS OR JEGGINGS, AND NO SHORTS**. They may not wear sandals, crocs, or backless shoes. If students choose not to participate, they are to wear their Link uniform. The donations will go to a non-profit supporting cancer research. Students should bring in their donations in an envelope with their name on it and give it to their advisor. If you have any questions as to attire, contact Mrs. Kennedy at [hkennedy@linkschool.org](mailto:hkennedy@linkschool.org).



## PICKING STUDENTS UP FROM SCHOOL BEFORE DISMISSAL

Link discourages parents from taking their children from school before the end of the school day, as this is disruptive to the child's education and to a smooth and safe end of the school day. Students miss instruction, homework assignments, announcements, and more. It is expected that parents plan their days so their child receives the full benefit of their education.

If it is absolutely necessary to take a child from school early for any reason, parents must send a note in the day before or call the Main Office so the student is available when the parent arrives.

If a parent is taking a child from school early, it must be done no later than one hour before the end of the school day. (Halsey – 2 pm and Penn 2:15 pm) Parents may not just walk in and ask for their child. If parents come after those times, they will have to wait until the regular dismissal time.



## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LINK'S HOMEWORK POLICY FOR GRADES 5-8

Link now uses IXL for both math and ELA! Parents received their child's IXL Math and ELA diagnostic scores and scholar logins. Please encourage your child to utilize the program.

Also, in Grades 5 & 6, scholars have two homework assignments per night, but in these grades, scholars do not have Science year-round. So on STEM days (M, W), they have had one homework assignment instead of two. However, the plan is to gradually add in light-weight science homework soon to introduce them to the topics even before they start science class, which will bring them to two assignments per night.



Here's the homework schedule for Grades 5-8:

- Monday: Math & Science (STEM)
- Tuesday: ELA & Social Studies/History (Humanities)
- Wednesday: Math & Science (STEM)
- Thursday: ELA & Social Studies/History (Humanities)
- Friday: Reading Logs (Friday & Saturday), IXL (Math and ELA)

## COVID IS ON THE RISE...AGAIN...HERE'S HOW WE CAN KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

- If your child tests positive for COVID, please make sure they stay home and ISOLATE from others for at least 5 full days (day one is the first day of symptoms or if no symptoms, the day the test is administered)
- If at the end of the 5 full days of isolation, symptoms have improved and your child has been fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, your child can return to school with a mask for days 6 through 10.



- If at the end of the 5 full days of isolation, symptoms are not improving and your child continues to experience a fever, continue to isolate until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms improve.
- Children with more severe symptoms or a weakened immune system should contact their doctor for more guidance and may need to isolate for a longer period of time.

Scholars, staff, and visitors may wear masks if they wish and masks are available at the entrances of the school.

Beyond COVID, if your child experiences a fever, please don't send your child to school until free free for at least 24 hours WITHOUT fever reducing medication.

### USED LINK UNIFORMS

Please consider donating gently used Link uniforms back to the school so they can be shared with other families. Similarly, if you need a particular garment, please let us know at [uniformrequest@linkschool.org](mailto:uniformrequest@linkschool.org) and we will see if there is a used one for you. Note: most of our stock right now consists of sweaters and sweatshirts. But we hope in time to have a larger selection that can help our families with the expense of the uniform.

## HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

The High School Placement process is in full swing for our 8th grade students and families! If you have not yet scheduled your High School Placement (HSP) Conference with Mr. Silver, please be sure to contact him at [gsilver@linkschool.org](mailto:gsilver@linkschool.org).



### OPEN HOUSE DATES FOR NEWARK PUBLIC MAGNET SCHOOLS

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/open-houses/>

(American History High, Arts High, Bard High School Early College, Science Park High, Technology High, University High, Newark School of Data Science & Information Technology, Newark School of Fashion & Design, Newark School of Global Studies, Newark Vocational High School, Eagle Academy For Young Men)

### OPEN HOUSE DATES FOR ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY (Payne Tech, Newark Tech, West Caldwell Tech)

<https://www.essextech.org/admissions-welcome/>

Note: Open House dates & other admissions dates have NOT been announced yet!

### OPEN HOUSE DATES FOR LOCAL CATHOLIC/PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

(RSVP by clicking links below and following prompts.)

St. Benedict's Prep: <https://www.sbp.org/admissions/open-house>

St. Vincent Academy: <https://www.svanj.org/open-house-schedule>

Immaculate Conception of Montclair: <https://ichspride.org/visit>

**FOR INFORMATION ON INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOLS, INDEPENDENT BOARDING SCHOOLS, AND OTHER PUBLIC MAGNET, CHARTER, AND/OR VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, PLEASE CONTACT MR. SILVER.**



## IN THE CLASSROOMS

### LOWER HOUSE LEARNS ABOUT HISPANIC MUSIC

Lower House scholars were treated to a special assembly during Hispanic Heritage Month! Mr. Carlos Maldonado, father of Link Teacher Ms. DeJesus, explained some of the Puerto Rican culture and, with his friends, played live music called Bomba y plena. He invited the scholars to participate by dancing or playing instruments, like hand drums. He spoke about the different kinds of dance moves and the meanings behind the dance. The scholars enjoyed themselves learning about Hispanic Heritage!



### LINK CELEBRATES OUR CUSTODIANS

Mr. Lui Pacheco and Mr. Vidal Carrasco, Link's school maintenance staff, were celebrated last week on National Custodian's Day. In a gathering in the gym, students and staff expressed their appreciation to our custodians for keeping our buildings clean, operational, and well-maintained, contributing to a positive work and learning environment.







### **GIRLS ON THE RUN TAKES OFF!**

Twenty three female Link scholars are participating in this year's Girls on the Run (GOTR), led by Link staffers Ms. Paszkowski and Ms. Bell. GOTR, a non-profit organization, provides the structure for an after-school program for girls that "considers the whole person – body, brain, heart, spirit, and social connection" and during which "team members feel supported and inspired to explore their emotions, cultivate empathy, and strengthen their physical and emotional health. " Once a week, our Linkers meet to work on a lesson based on the GOTR theme and then prepare for a 5K run at the end of the season, either at Link or Weequahic Park. The 5K will be held at Branch Brook Park on November 18<sup>th</sup>. This program will be offered to young ladies in grades 5 and 6 in the spring. Go, Girls!





## IN AND AROUND NEWARK



*"Essex County and RWJBarnabas Health share a common goal of promoting healthy lifestyles and wellness among our residents. That is why we are partnering to bring a variety of medical screenings, information and support to your neighborhood. We encourage you to take advantage of the services being offered on our Mobile Health Clinics."*

*Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.*



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Essex County Executive

The Board of County Commissioners  
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# Vaccines for Children (VFC) Kick Off Event

Watsessing Park  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023  
2 PM - 6 PM  
38 Conger St Bloomfield

### Eligibility Requirements:

(Children through 18 years of age)

- o Medicaid enrolled - NJ Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare Plan A
- o Uninsured
- o American Indian or Alaskan Native

Vaccines For Children are available by  
appointment only.

To schedule an appointment,  
call 973-877-8456

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# FARMERS MARKET

## *Fall Harvest*



EL PATIO DE LA CASA  
43 BROADWAY, NEWARK, NJ

OCTOBER 12TH 2PM-7PM

PRODUCE - VENDORS - FOOD DEMOS  
FREE PUMPKIN PATCH & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

NJ SNAP & EBT ACCEPTED

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