



## LINK TO HOME

Week of October 16, 2023

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### This Week

Sunday, October 15	Walk Against Breast Cancer, meet at 9:15 at Penn
Monday, October 16	Grade 6 Slam Dunk the Junk (Community Service activity)
Monday, October 16	LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, in person only, Penn, Room 101, 6:30pm
Wednesday, October 18	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL DAY</b> for Students; Staff Instructional Planning and Professional Development, 1:15 pm
Thursday, October 19	Grades 5 & 6 Trip to Alstedes Farm, Chester, NJ

### Important Upcoming Dates

Week of October 23	Red Ribbon Week
Wednesday, October 25	<b>REGULAR DISMISSAL DAY</b>
Thursday, October 26	Trip to Novartis, 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students who applied and were accepted, all day
Wednesday, October 26	K – Grade 6 Family Write Night, Penn, gym, 5 – 7 pm
Friday, October 27	Community Service Day with the Pingry School (Link Ambassadors)
Friday, October 27	K- Grade 2 Spanish Heritage Month Assembly
Friday, October 27	LPA Trunk or Treat, 4:30 -6:30 pm, on the street at 23 Penn
Friday, October 27	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance, 6 – 8 pm, Halsey
Tuesday, October 31	Vocabulary Parade

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### REMINDERS:

- **Send your child to school with a book of their choice each day.** Students are expected to sit quietly and read as they enter the building and wait for school to begin.
- **Students are NOT permitted to bring FAST FOOD OR DRINKS into the building.** This includes fast food items from, but not limited to, Dunkin' Donuts and McDonald's for breakfast, lunch, or snack. Also, please be mindful of the size of the juice bottles that you give your child to bring in; only the single serving (12 oz. or less) is permitted, and it must be 100% juice.

### PROGRESS REPORTS – Grades 5-8

The 1st quarter Progress Reports for students in grades 5 through 8 will be mailed to homes during the week of October 16th. Parent login details for PowerSchool are also included in this mailing. If you recently changed your address, please contact Ms. Paczkowski (Ms. P) at 973-642-0529 or [dpaczkowski@linkschool.org](mailto:dpaczkowski@linkschool.org).



### LOOKING FOR ATHLETIC TEAM COACHES!

Athletics at Link are about to begin, and Link is seeking coaches for student teams. We would welcome parents who have coaching experience. Currently we're looking for coaches for 7th and 8th grade boys and girls basketball for the fall/winter, and are exploring opportunities for sports for 5th and 6th grade.



Working closely with Mr. Kennedy, Link's athletic director, coaches will schedule and run team tryouts and practices as well as train athletes for competitions and coach them during games. Attendance at all practices and games is required. Prior coaching experience is preferred. Coaches receive a honorarium for their service. For basketball, it is \$1,000 for the season.

Please click here to indicate your interest: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqQ4hm-fSVHltd01Ks2STcgEkjv2kFaswpDC3LZScHn50l8Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqQ4hm-fSVHltd01Ks2STcgEkjv2kFaswpDC3LZScHn50l8Q/viewform?usp=sf_link) Note: All coaches must be fingerprinted and have a background clearance required by the New Jersey Department of Education. If you know of others outside of Link who might be interested, please have them contact Link at [link@linkschool.org](mailto:link@linkschool.org).

### **ATHLETIC TEAM PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EXAMS DUE NOW!**

To try out for and participate in competitive athletics at Link, it is necessary that you submit the "Preparation Physical Evaluation Physical Examination Form," prepared and signed by your child's physician. This form is required by the NJ Department of Education. The form is located in the school's Main Office and on the Parent Page of the school's website ([click here](#)).



### **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FALL DANCE**

The dance for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be held on October 27 from 6-8 pm at the Halsey Street location. To participate, students must maintain an 80% positive DeansList point balance. Students will receive "invitations" to attend a few days before the event.



Students are expected to follow Link's guidelines for dress-down days for the dance.

#### **Students may not wear:**

- torn or ripped jeans/pants/shorts of any kind, even if lined and no leggings/jeggings
- heels greater than 1.5 inches or flip flops, slides, Crocs (all shoes must have a back)
- hats or bandanas
- anything revealing (too short, cut out, etc.)
- clothing with writing that is inflammatory, hateful, or violative of the Core Values or otherwise inappropriate.
- hoop earrings
- nail color

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### **FROM THE LINK PARENT ASSOCIATION**

Thanks to the parents who joined us for the first LPA meeting of the year last Tuesday evening. Mrs. Paradiso and Mrs. Kennedy were on hand to answer parents' questions. Parents were asked to share their ideas for supporting our students and the school during the upcoming school year.

Our first scheduled event will be a **TRUNK OR TREAT** at 23 Pennsylvania Avenue on October 27, 2023 from 4:30-6:30 pm. We are looking for volunteers (set up, pack goodie bags, decorate your car trunk, clean up, etc.). Please email us at [linklpa@linkschool.org](mailto:linklpa@linkschool.org) if you are interested.



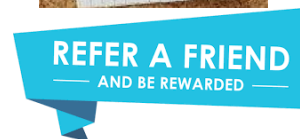
## HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT LINK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL!

Link still has limited space available in our K, 1,2 and 5 Programs! Please encourage your friends, family, neighbors, colleagues, and community to apply to Link! Applications are available at <https://linkschool.org/enrollment/application-process/>, in the main office, or by contacting Ms. Erney Clarke, admissions coordinator at [eclarke@linkschool.org](mailto:eclarke@linkschool.org).



## REFER A KINDERGARTEN OR 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE FAMILY AND GET A GIFT!

Link would like to share our gratitude to any current families who refer a new student to Link for the 2023-24 school year! Just ask your potential new Link family to tell us who referred them to Link, and you will receive a thank-you gift after the new student completes one month of school!!!! The gift is a \$50 ShopRite gift card! Here is the Link to enroll online to share: <https://linkschool.org/enrollment/application-process/>



## LCCS BOARD MEETINGS

Parents are welcome to attend the Link Community Board of Trustees meetings held each month. The dates are published in this newsletter and on the school's website calendar: <https://linkschool.org/events/>. This year, the meetings are being held in person at 23 Pennsylvania Avenue. The board conducts school business at each meeting, and there is a designated time for members of the public (including parents) to speak to the board.



## USED LINK UNIFORMS

Please consider donating gently used Link uniforms back to the school so they can be shared with other families. Just send them in to school washed and in a bag labeled "Donation." Similarly, if you need a particular garment, please let us know at [uniformrequest@linkschool.org](mailto:uniformrequest@linkschool.org), and we check the inventory. Note: most of our stock right now consists of sweaters and sweatshirts. But we hope in time to have a more extensive selection that can help our families with the expense of the uniform.



## ALLERGY ALERT!

To protect anyone in our school from suffering an allergic reaction, Link is a "nut-free" zone. Please do not pack lunches that include nuts or nut products. This includes Nutella, made from hazelnuts, which are tree nuts. Also, please refrain from sending in seafood items. We urge you to speak with your child about others' allergies and tell them they should not share their food with their peers.



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## HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

### COOP EXAM COMING SOON!

**Mr. Silver will register ALL Link 8th graders for the HSPT/COOP Exam.** Link pays for the registration fee for the HSPT/COOP Exam. The HSPT/COOP exam is a helpful opportunity for scholars to gain important High School Entrance Exam experience. It helps 8th graders complete applications to many competitive parochial/Catholic high schools and build critical test-taking skills.



HSPT/COOP Exam is on **Friday, November 10 @ 8 am**. Admissions "Tickets" will be given to students and emailed to families as soon as Mr. Silver receives them from the testing office.

Boys will take the St. Benedict's Prep exam, and girls at St. Vincent Academy. Students eligible for extra exam time will be notified of a different test site. **BECAUSE LINK DOES NOT HAVE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY,**

**NOVEMBER 10, PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM THE EXAM. We will share all the details in the coming weeks.**

The HSPT/COOP Exam is the high school entrance exam for competitive parochial high schools such as St. Benedict's Prep, St. Vincent Academy, Immaculate Conception Of Montclair, St. Peter's Prep, Lacordaire Academy, and many more! In addition to taking the exam, students/families must complete applications for any parochial high schools to which their child is applying.

Students can include up to THREE (3) parochial schools to have their HSPT/COOP Exam scores sent to. Please spend time with your child deciding which schools you will include on the Score Recipients list on the HSPT/COOP Exam on November 10.

Please contact Mr. Silver at [gsilver@linkschool.org](mailto:gsilver@linkschool.org) if you have questions about the upcoming HSPT/COOP Exam on November 10.

**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.**



**To last week's award recipients:**

**Grade 8**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Team</b>
Scholar of the Week	Zayd Poole	Haki
Scholar of the Week	Imani Olawoore	Kuumba
Scholar of the Week	Elizabeth Eshun	Staha
Scholar of the Week	Karen Andre	Imani
Core Values	Tehya Gonzalez	Haki
Core Values	Amari Whitehead	Kuumba
Core Values	Delonte Couyoute	Staha
Core Values	Hayden Jackson	Imani



**Grade 7**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Team</b>
Scholar of the Week	Olubusayo Akinpeloye	Ujima
Scholar of the Week	Elizabeth Ojo	Nia
Core Values	Shenia Bennett	Ujima
Core Values	Abdiel Torres	Nia



**Grade 6**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Team</b>
Scholar of the Week	Joseph Russell	Malala
Scholar of the Week	Emmanuel Stephen-Wangboje	Clemente
Core Values	Jasibel Urena	Malala
Core Values	Haiven Jones	Clemente

**Grade 5**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Team</b>
Scholar of the Week	Victor Oderinde	Lewis
Scholar of the Week	Christian Joseph	Chisholm
Core Values	Kayla Joseph	Lewis
Core Values	Amanda Eluagu	Chisholm



## IN THE CLASSROOMS

### APPLE PICKING

Lower House (K-2) enjoyed a bright and beautiful day at Alstede's Farm in Chester, NJ, where they picked apples to bring home. They drank fresh apple cider, meandered through the evergreen maze, saw some farm animals, and climbed a high pile of hay bales! Additionally, an employee for Alstedes spoke with students about seasonal vegetables.



Click here to see more photos on our website at: <https://linkschool.org/lower-house-students-go-apple-picking/>

## LINK IN PINK

Thanks to the students and staff who dressed in PINK on Friday in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and made donations toward breast cancer research! A great way to “give back” to others! Here’s a link to more PINK pictures: <https://linkschool.org/link-in-pink/>



## IN AND AROUND NEWARK

### EVENTS AT NEWARK MUSEUM OF ART

**October Family Saturdays: October 14 and 28. Noon until 5 pm.**

This is a day filled with science and art activities, including paper ricket making/flying, planetarium visit, and much more. The events are free for Newark residents, and free with General Admission tickets for those from other towns. Reserve your tickets at <https://newarkmuseumart.org/event/october-family-saturdays-2/?date=202310141000>

**Community Day Fall Festival: October 28. Noon until 5 pm.**

Enjoy a day of harvest-themed fun including pumpkin carving, artmaking, music, games, scavenger hunts, planetarium shows, and more. This event will be held outside in the museum’s garden, but in the event of rain will move inside. Reserve tickets at <https://newarkmuseumart.org/event/community-day-fall-festival/?date=202310211200>

Parking is available next to the Museum for a \$10 fee, with entrances located on Washington Street and Central Avenue.




**NDD DOWNTOWN MARKET**

THURSDAYS  
MAY 18 - OCTOBER 26

11AM - 3PM

PRUDENTIAL PLAZA  
80 PARK PLACE

FEATURING:  
URBAN AGRICULTURE  
COOPERATIVE FARMSTAND  
LIVE MUSIC  
FOOD VENDORS  
SELF-CARE VENDORS  
CLOTHING & ACCESSORY  
VENDORS

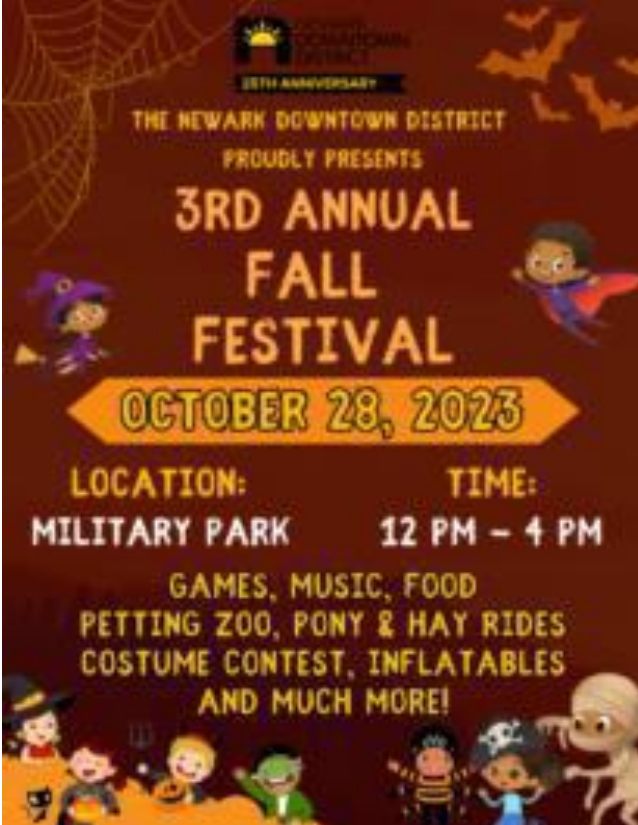
THE NEWARK DOWNTOWN DISTRICT  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

**3RD ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**

**OCTOBER 28, 2023**

LOCATION: MILITARY PARK      TIME: 12 PM - 4 PM

GAMES, MUSIC, FOOD  
PETTING ZOO, PONY & HAY RIDES  
COSTUME CONTEST, INFLATABLES  
AND MUCH MORE!





**TRUNK OR TREAT AND HAUNTED HALLWAY**

**OCT 31ST 4-8PM**

RAIN DATE NOV 1ST

**FREE- MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND**

NSH PARKING LOT ON BROAD ST & CHESTNUT ST  
NEWARK NJ



**TRUNK OR TREAT AND HAUNTED HALLWAY SIGN UPS**



Want to be a part of the spookiest event in town?  
Scan the QR codes below to sign up!

**Trunker Treater**

Donate your Trunk for a chance to win the Trickiest Trunk contest!  
Winner receives a \$50 gift card.



**Vendor**

Want to share your product or service? Scan here to be a vendor!  
Limited spots don't wait!



**Volunteer**

Scan here to volunteer!



**Donations**

Scan here to donate! Follow the ticket link to make a donation



Question or Concerns Contact:  
Ebony@NewarkSymphonyHall.org

