



LINK TO HOME

Week of October 23, 2023

This Week

Week of October 23	Red Ribbon Week
Wednesday, October 25	REGULAR DISMISSAL DAY
Wednesday, October 25	K-Grade 6 Family Write Night, 5-6:45 pm, Penn
Thursday, October 26	Trip to Novartis, 8 th grade students who applied and were accepted, all day
Friday, October 27	Red Dress Down Day for Red Ribbon Week
Friday, October 27	Community Service Day with the Pingry School (Link Ambassadors)
Friday, October 27	K-Grade 2 Spanish Heritage Month Assembly, 2 pm, parents invited
Friday, October 27	LPA Trunk or Treat, 4:30 -6:30 pm, 23 Penn
Friday, October 27	Grade 7 & 8 Dance, 6-8 pm, Halsey

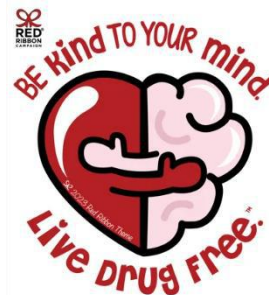
Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, October 31	Vocabulary Parade
Wednesday, November 1	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS; Instructional Planning and Professional Development for Staff, 1:15 pm
Wednesday, November 1	Grade 2 Trip to Mighty Writers
Wednesday, November 1	7th Grade Girls' Mentoring Group, selected students, 12:45 pm- 2:15 pm, Halsey
Thursday, November 2	Grade 2 Trip to Mighty Writers
Wednesday, November 8	Grade 5 & 6 Report Card Night, 5-7 pm, gym at Penn
Thursday, November 9	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS; Professional Development for Staff, 8 am-3:30 pm
Thursday, November 9	A Taste of Newark, hosted by Link Education Partners to benefit Link Community Charter School
Friday, November 10	NO SCHOOL FOR ALL; COOP Exam for all 8 th graders (see below)

RED RIBBON WEEK

This week is Red Ribbon Week®, and the theme is “Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free.”™ We will discuss the theme with students, reminding them that by staying drug free, they are sending a message to themselves and others about how much they value themselves, their overall health, their community, and their future. Please partner with us and discuss this drug-free message with your children.

Throughout the week, we will have daily announcements, inspiring our students to make positive choices. Students in grades K-2 will participate in a Red Ribbon tying activity, helping them understand the significance of a drug-free lifestyle. On Friday, October 27, a DEA Agent will visit with our grade 5-8 students to speak with them about the dangers of vaping, fentanyl, and other drugs as well as ways to be safe when out trick or treating on Halloween.



All students and staff are invited to wear RED on Friday, October 27th, following the school guidelines for dress down days. [Click here for proper out-of-uniform attire and go to page 3.](#)

FAMILY WRITE NIGHT

Families are invited to participate in Link's annual Family Write Night on Wednesday, October 25 at 5 pm. Families will enjoy several stations with fun activities related to literacy, including cartoon writing, poetry, buddy reading, and much more! Each student will go home with a FREE book! We will also hold a raffle for books and a gift card! And, we will serve dinner.



Flyers went home with students and if you plan to attend, please send the flyer in on Monday so we know how much food to prepare so everyone has enough. Student will give the flyers to their advisor/teacher. Students MUST be accompanied by a parent for Family Write Night.

7th and 8th GRADE FALL DANCE

The dance for our 7th and 8th 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 who meet that goal 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

LINK'S ANNUAL SCHOOL-WIDE VOCABULARY PARADE

On Tuesday, October 31 students are invited to participate in the annual Vocabulary Parade. Students can choose a favorite adjective or descriptive word and dress in a way to represent the word. Students will wear their word on a name tag and participate in a Vocabulary Parade around the school. Students will bring home a special flyer about the parade with some selected words to choose from.



Take a look at home to find attire that represents your child's word. Don't feel obligated to purchase anything. Halloween costumes are NOT appropriate unless they represent a vocabulary word. For instance, if a child is dressed as an astronaut, the word could be "astronomical." To represent the word "magical", a child could be dressed as a princess. If you have any questions about the appropriateness of a costume, please contact Mrs. Schiano at gschiano@linkschool.org or your child's advisor.

FROM THE LINK PARENT ASSOCIATION

Families are invited to come out to our TRUNK OR TREAT at 23 Pennsylvania Avenue on October 27, 2023 from 4:30-6:30 pm. **We are looking for five adult volunteers to be at the school by 3:30pm to decorate their own car trunk and bring candy (no nuts!!!) to give out to Link scholars.** Volunteers are encouraged to dress up in costume but it is not mandatory. If you can volunteer, email us at mailto:linkpa@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-fSVHltd01Ks2STcgEkjv2kFaswpDC3LZSchHn50l8Q/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.

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](#)).

**SPORTS TEAM
PHYSICAL EXAM FORM
DUE NOW**

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.



REFER A KINDERGARTEN OR 1ST 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/>

**REFER A FRIEND
— AND BE REWARDED —**

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.

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

Award	Student	Team
Scholar of the Week	Christina Emmanuel	Haki
Scholar of the Week	Nyla Taylor	Kuumba
Scholar of the Week	Ashly Jimenez	Staha
Scholar of the Week	Chloe Blanc	Imani
Scholar of the Week	Richaela Ellis	Imani
Core Values	Ryan Joseph	Haki
Core Values	Kafele Mollineau	Kuumba
Core Values	Anas Amin	Staha
Core Values	Messiah Lopez	Imani



Grade 7

Award	Student	Team
Scholar of the Week	Ricardo Wallace	Ujima
Scholar of the Week	Naomi Howard	Nia
Core Values	Ne'Vaeh Carr Rivers	Ujima
Core Values	Jayden Boyd	NiA



IN THE CLASSROOMS

KUDOS TO LINK'S ANTI-CANCER CAMPAIGN WALKERS

Thank you to the students, staff, and families who walked in the Newark Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk last Sunday. We are proud that you showed support for those who have or have survived breast cancer. Thanks for representing the school and walking for this worthy cause.



7TH AND 8TH GRADES ENJOY OUTDOOR ADVENTURE!

Eighth graders participated in a day of challenges designed to help them build a sense of team, self-esteem, and confidence. The challenges varied by each team. In the Tile Challenge, some students had to stand on a wooden tile within a limited space. There were fewer tiles than people, so the students had to come up with a plan to figure out how to solve the challenge best. They developed a plan to have a few students carry others on their backs (safely, of course!) so everyone could be part of the solution. It took them a while to figure out a plan, but they executed it with precision! Some students participated in the bear net challenge, where they had to get each participant up into the suspended net, one at a time, and then get them out of the net safely.

The students were incredible at helping and encouraging one another to attempt the challenge, and they did it very quickly! The wall challenge was difficult too. Students had to figure out how to help each other get over a very high wall safely and then do it. There were also other challenges that students enjoyed. It was a fantastic day for our students. They exhibited positive attitudes and helpful approaches to the challenges all day.



Seventh graders participated in activities for team and self-esteem building as well. After the group exercises, they ventured off on a hike around the reservation. They had a great time being out in the wild...learning and challenging themselves.



6th GRADE "SLAM DUNKS THE JUNK"!

Link's 6th graders cleaned up Lincoln Park yesterday! This community service project, called "Slam Dunk the Junk," was held in partnership with Newark Department of Public Works. Students filled many bags with debris and leaves. We are proud of our youngsters who took on this project with eagerness and excitement...another example of Linkers "giving back to the community."





LOWER HOUSE PLANTS A GARDEN

Our first and second graders planted a garden box in Link's courtyard. Ms. Boyle, science teacher, has done an amazing job keeping it alive and healthy. Kindergartners will add to it later this year.

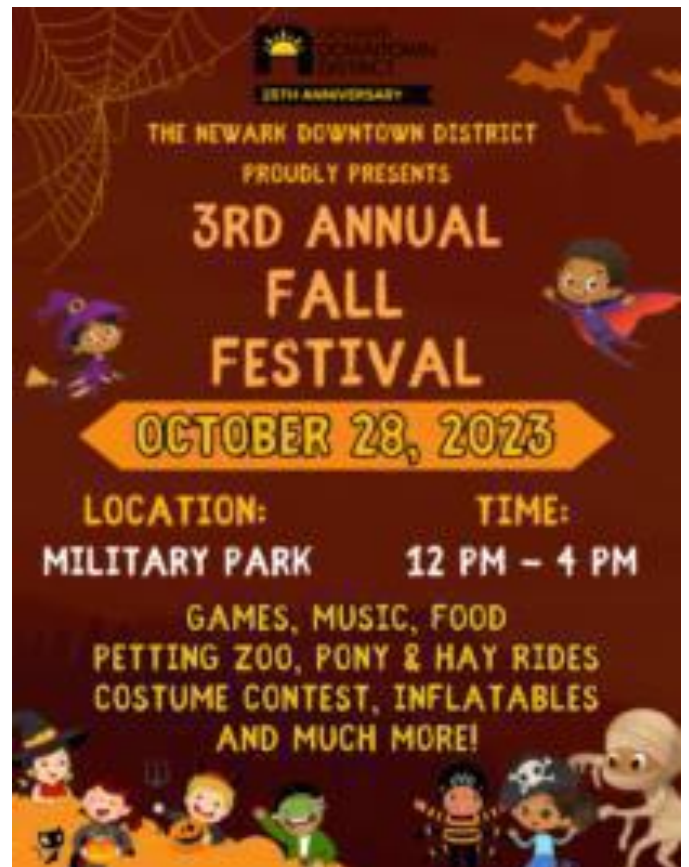




IN AND AROUND NEWARK

NEWARK MUSEUM OF ART, 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.





Newark Symphony Hall

LincolnPARK
COAST CULTURAL DISTRICT

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

Loyalty

MIGHTY WRITERS

MICHAEL SILVA

LAMONICA RECEIVES



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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



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October 7 | 14 | 21 | 28
November 4 | 18 | 25

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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