



# LINK TO HOME

## Week of October 30, 2023



### This Week

Monday, October 30	Grade 6 Outdoor Adventure Trip, Eagle Rock Reservation
Tuesday, October 31	Vocabulary Parade, both buildings
Wednesday, November 1	National Gratitude Month begins
Wednesday, November 1	Community Can and Non-Perishables Food Drive begins
Wednesday, November 1	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS;</b> Instructional Planning and Professional Development for Staff, 1:15 pm
Wednesday, November 1	7th Grade Girls' Mentoring Group, selected students, 12:45 pm-2:15 pm, Halsey
Thursday, November 2	Grade 1 Hispanic Heritage Celebration, 1:45 pm, Penn, cafeteria
Thursday, November 2	Grade 2 Hispanic Heritage Celebration, 2:30 pm, Penn, cafeteria
Friday, November 3	Kindergarten Hispanic Heritage Celebration, 9:30 am, Penn, cafeteria
Friday, November 3	Grades 5 & 6 Fall Festival, 3 – 5 pm, gym

### Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, November 8	<b>REGULAR DISMISSAL</b>
Thursday, November 9	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS;</b> 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	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR ALL;</b> COOP Exam for all 8 <sup>th</sup> graders (see below)
Tuesday, November 14	Grade 5 & 6 Report Card Night, 5-7 pm, Penn, gym
Tuesday, November 14	Lifetouch Student Picture RE-takes, both buildings
Tuesday, November 14	Link Parent Association Meeting, 6:30 pm, Penn, Room 101
Wednesday, November 15	K-2 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1-3 pm and 5-7 pm (by appointment)
Wednesday, November 15	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS;</b> Instructional Planning and Professional Development for Staff, 1:15 pm
Wednesday, November 15	7th Grade Girls' Mentoring Group, selected students, 12:45 pm-2:15 pm, Halsey
Wednesday, November 15	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Report Card Night, 5-7 pm, Halsey

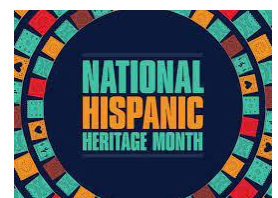
### REMINDER:

If your child plans to tryout for a sport team this year, your child must have an Athletic Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form completed and handed in to the school nurse. Students MAY NOT try out without the form per state law.

### LOWER HOUSE HISPANIC MONTH CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

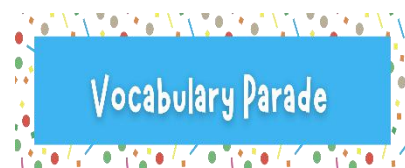
Our kindergarten through Grade 2 will hold their culminating event for Hispanic Heritage Month next week. Families are welcome to join us for the event to be held in Link's cafeteria at 23 Pennsylvania Avenue. The dates and times are:

- Grade 1: Thursday, November 2 at 1:45 pm
- Grade 2: Thursday, November 2 at 2:30 pm
- Kindergarten: Friday, November 3 at 9:30 am



## 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](mailto:gschiano@linkschool.org) (Grades K-2) or Mrs. Kennedy at [hkennedy@linkschool.org](mailto:hkennedy@linkschool.org) (Grades 5-8).

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

Last week we sent an email to parents with a survey asking for your opinion on the Link Community Charter School School-Parent-Student Compact. As a Title I school, we are required to have this compact and ask families for their thoughts and ideas about it. We would really appreciate it if you would complete the survey. If you missed the email, [click here for the link to the survey.](#)



## WELLNESS IS IMPORTANT!

Link is concerned about the health and wellness of its students and provides a nutritious lunch and breakfast program that complies with government guidelines. We urge parents to review the school's wellness and nutrition policy and provide any feedback you may have. You can email your feedback or questions to [link@linkschool.org](mailto:link@linkschool.org).



## CHECK OUT YOUR CHILD'S ACHIEVEMENTS ON POWERSCHOOL: GRADE 5-8

Link Community Charter School is using PowerSchool as our student information system for the 2023-2024 school year. Information regarding accessing the parent portal was mailed out with progress reports for grades 5-8 recently. We encourage all parents to create a portal account to stay up to date on their child's grades, attendance, and other vital information.



Please note that access to the parent/student PowerSchool portal will temporarily be suspended from 11/1-11/16. Quarter 1 report cards for grades 5-8 will be available to pick up from the school on your child's respective report card night.

## LINK CANNED /NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE BEGINS NOVEMBER 1

As part of Link's community service efforts, we ask families to kindly bring in canned and/or non-perishable food items to the school beginning November 1 through November 21. The items will be donated to local food pantries. Some suggested items: canned soup, especially with meat or poultry; canned meats, poultry, or fish; canned stew or chili; canned fruit or vegetables; boxes of milk (not needing refrigeration) or powdered milk; granulated sugar; and pasta and rice. The Link community bringing in the most items by the 21<sup>st</sup> will receive a reward in December!



## 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).

## 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.



to this week's award recipients:

### GRADE 6

Award	Student	Team
Scholar of the Week	David Hernandez	Malala
Scholar of the Week	Claudaelle Darismond	Chavez
Core Values	Jaydon Thompson	Malala
Core Values	Ja'Ni Bailey	Chavez





## GRADE 5

Award	Student	Team
Scholar of the Week	Donald Jones	Lewis
Scholar of the Week	Maranie Marc	Chisholm
Core Values	Hezekiah Gustave	Lewis
Core Values	Gabriella Previl	Chisholm
Dean's Resiliency Award	Ian Baldwin	Lewis



### IN THE CLASSROOMS

### 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE APPLE PICKING TRIP

Link's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade scholars visited Alsted Farm in Chester, NJ. They enjoyed picking their own bag of apples, riding on the hay wagon, meandering through the maze, petting the animal, and much more. A great day! Thanks to the parent chaperones who supplied photos from this trip! [Click here for more photos.](#)





## ART CLASS NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 2023

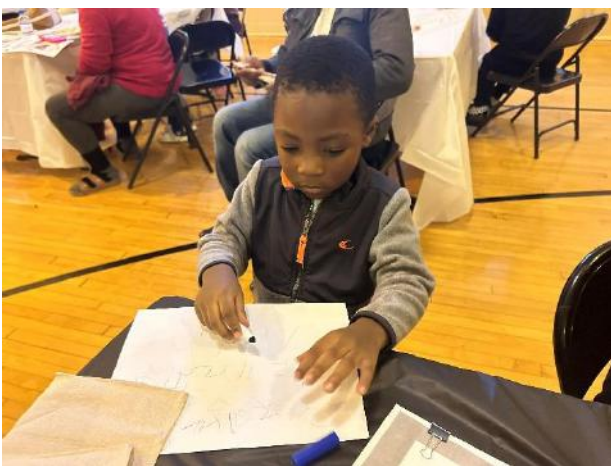
Ms. Mifsud's art classes have been very busy during the month of October! Take a look at the art newsletter, which includes samples of the work our scholars have been doing in class. [Click here to view the newsletter.](#)



## FAMILY WRITE NIGHT – A SUCCESS!

Our first Family Write Night of the school year is in the books, and it was a lovely evening! We had a great turnout from kindergarten through grade 6 students and families who experienced fun and engaging literacy activity stations and enjoyed a delicious homemade dinner. Some of our 6th grade scholars helped with the setup for the event, supported younger students as they worked through the various stations, and cleaned up after the event. Scholars were engaged throughout the evening, and each left with a free book for their personal home libraries. We thank our partners, The Mighty Writers, for collaborating with Link on this wonderful event.

Thank you to the 6th graders who assisted in the event. For the Core Values of Caring, Doing One's Best, Responsibility and Respect, and Following Directions...we give a Link 2 claps and a STOMP to 6<sup>th</sup> graders: Dominic, Wonderful, Claudelle, Arianna, Juanita, and Jasibel. [Click here to see more photos from the event.](#)





## IN AND AROUND NEWARK

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](mailto:Ebony@NewarkSymphonyHall.org)







# Free Blood Pressure Screening

***No identification or insurance required***

**October 7 | 14 | 21 | 28**

**November 4 | 18 | 25**

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Newark Public Library – Springfield Branch  
50 Hayes Street, Newark, NJ 07103

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