

## LINK TO HOME

Week of February 5, 2024

### This Week

Monday, February 5	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30- 5:00pm, Penn
Monday, February 5	Boys' Basketball Team Practice, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Halsey
Tuesday, February 6	Team Jennings to visit Mighty Writers
Tuesday, February 6	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30- 5:00pm, Penn
Tuesday, February 6	Girls' Basketball Team Practice, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Penn
Wednesday, February 7	World Read Aloud Day
Wednesday, February 7	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS;</b> Instructional Planning and Professional Development for Staff, 1:15 pm
Wednesday, February 7	Girls' Mentoring Group, 12:45- 2:15 pm, Halsey
Wednesday, February 7	Girls' and Boys' Basketball v. New Horizons CS, 45 Hayes St., 5 pm/girls and 6 pm/boys
Friday, February 9	100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School

### Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, February 12	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30- 5:00pm, Penn
Monday, February 12	Boys' Basketball Team Practice, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Halsey
Tuesday, February 13	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30- 5:00pm, Penn
Tuesday, February 13	LPA Meeting, 6:30 pm, virtual
Wednesday, February 14	Valentine's Day Dress Down (see below)
Wednesday, February 14	<b>REGULAR DISMISSAL DAY</b>
Wednesday, February 14	Basketball Game vs. NorthStar, 377 Washington St., Girls at 5 pm and Boys at 6 pm
Thursday, February 15	Boys' Basketball Team Practice, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Halsey
Friday, February 16	NO SCHOOL: Presidents' Day Weekend
Monday, February 19	NO SCHOOL: Presidents' Day

### IMPORTANT CHROMEBOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

Please speak with your child about:

- (1) keeping track of their Chromebook at school at all times. If a student misplaces their Chromebook, valuable instructional time – for the student and sometimes an entire class - is lost in tracking it down and/or finding a temporary replacement. Demerits are issued each time a student misplaces a Chromebook. Multiple infractions could result in stronger disciplinary consequences. Also, if a student is unable to locate their Chromebook within three days, the parents will be assessed a replacement fee of \$150. \* Parents will be called on the first day the device is found to be missing.
- (2) making certain your child treats their Chromebook as an essential tool for learning. We have seen an increase in the number of damaged devices recently. Please note that if a Chromebook is intentionally damaged or if a student has been negligent about caring for the device, the student will receive disciplinary consequences, including exclusion from special events and activities, and the parents will be assessed a replacement fee of \$150.\*



\*The \$25 technology fee assessed to each family covers the warranty for the device. The warranty does not cover intentional damage or negligence.

### VALENTINE'S DAY CANDYGRAM SALE

Students in grades 5-8 can purchase candygrams for \$2 each next week. They will be delivered on February 14. Ms. Valentin will collect the money at each campus. Student took flyers about this home in their backpacks on Friday. The proceeds from the sale will be used toward student programs and activities.



### SAVE THE DATES FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS AT LINK!

School Wide: Black History Month Showcase, Wednesday, February 23, 6 pm, Penn

Grade 2: Black History Month Living Museum, Wednesday, February 28, 9 am, Penn

Kindergarten & Grade 1: Black History Showcase, Thursday, February 29, 9 am-6 Penn



### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HEALTH ALERT: IMMUNIZATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

The State of New Jersey requires that all students entering 6th grade and born on or after January 1, 1997 receive one booster dose of the tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and one dose of meningococcal vaccine. Documentation from your physician or clinic needs to be on file with Link's School Nurse by the first day of school in September 2024 or your child may be excluded from school. We encourage you to make an appointment for your child to have this immunization well before the start of school in the fall so your child will not be excluded from attending. Send the proof of immunization to the nurse. (There is a form on the parent page of the school website that you can download and take to the doctor.) If you have any questions, contact the school nurse at [msamuel@linkschool.org](mailto:msamuel@linkschool.org) or [nmerwede@linkschool.org](mailto:nmerwede@linkschool.org).



### LINK GOES RED ON FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>

Link students and staff are invited to wear RED on Tuesday to celebrate Valentine's Day. We're letting you know ahead of time so you and your child can plan a red outfit, if desired. The student must wear a garment that is very obviously red! As a refresher, students are required to follow the school's policy on attire for Dress Down Days including:



- No torn or ripped jeans/pants/shorts of any kind; no leggings
- Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length
- Shirts and blouses must have sleeves. (No spaghetti straps, tube tops, tank tops, crop tops, etc.)
- Heels on shoes may be no higher than 1.5 inches. No flip flops, and all shoes must have a back or a back strap.
- No headgear – no hoodies, hats, or bandanas. (Unless, of course, for religious purposes.) No sunglasses.
- No clothing that is revealing (too short, cut out, etc.) or too tight
- No garments that have writing or images that are inflammatory, hateful, or in violation of the Core Values or otherwise inappropriate.
- No garments that denote gang affiliations or is inappropriate for a school setting.

Students are not required to participate on Out of Uniform Days. If they are not interested or do not have the specific attire required, students are to wear the school uniform.

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### FROM YOUR LINK PARENT ASSOCIATION

Support Link students! Please join the LPA...the annual dues are \$10. [Click here for the membership form which explains how you can pay the dues.](#)

See you at the next LPA meeting- it's virtual – on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and learn about how the LPA supports our children!

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# Congratulations!

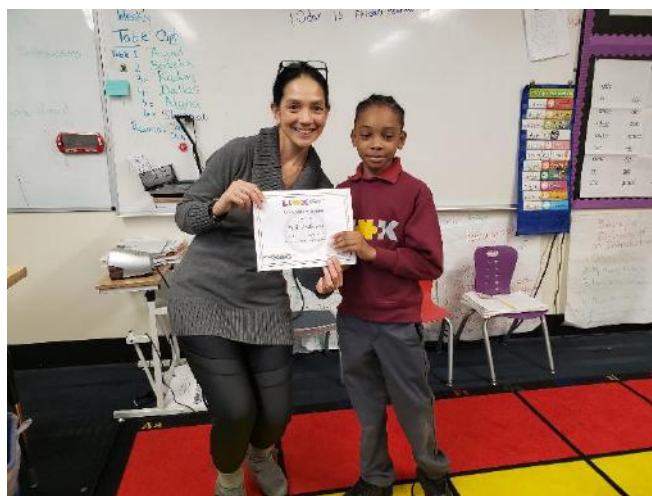
to the recipients of awards this week!

## Grade 2

Scholar of the Week  
Core Value of the Week  
Scholar of the Week  
Core Values of the Week

Ephraim Adesina  
Zaiden Turner  
Ayat Ali  
Kyle Anderson

Team Chavez  
Team Chavez  
Team Huerta  
Team Huerta



## Grade 1

Scholar of the Week  
Core Value of the Week  
Scholar of the Week  
Core Values of the Week

Ihyzr Williams  
Jordyn Jones  
Nia Howard  
Yusuf Ilboudo

Team Bridges  
Team Bridges  
Team King  
Team King





## Grade 6

Scholar of the Week  
Core Values of the Week  
Scholar of the Week  
Core Values of the Week

Jakayla Garrettson  
Joseph Russell  
Christ-Mael Kamate  
Elisha Augustin

Team Malala  
Team Malala  
Team Clemente  
Team Clemente



### IN THE CLASSROOM

#### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS ASSIST 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADERS WITH RESEARCH PROJECTS

Seven amazing 6<sup>th</sup> grade scholars supported our scholars in both 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes on their research projects about changemakers in history. They helped the 2nd graders complete a graphic organizer with questions regarding their changemaker, such as important facts, obstacles they overcame, and their contributions to history. The reports are in preparation for the second grade Black History Month presentation later this month. The students and their teachers were so grateful and appreciative for the 6th grade scholars' help and look forward to them coming again. It was nice to see wonderful collaboration happening!





## IN AND AROUND NEWARK

### **NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

Check out the calendar for the Newark Public Library for a nice selection of children's and family programs, held at the main library and the library's branches round town. They offer free activities including Bingo, storytelling, crafting, games, video games, and so much more. Click here for their calendar page: <https://npl.libcal.com/calendar?cid=17557&t=g&d=0000-00-00&cal=17557&inc=0>



# SECOND SATURDAY FAMILY ADVENTURES



10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Ages 3–10 | FREE

**Saturday,  
February 10th, 2024**

## *Campfire Cooking*

*We will tap into our oldest roots by making fire (safely) in the garden. Our sundial circle is the perfect spot to create a firepit where we will learn the science of fire and try our hand at campfire cooking!*

**\*\*Registration is required\*\***

**\*\*Dress appropriately for the weather\*\***



Learn more and register at [www.citybloom.org/events](http://www.citybloom.org/events)  
32 Prince Street, Newark, NJ  
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# FAMILY FUN IN THE KITCHEN

With Chef Afi

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**Saturday, February 17th**

11:00am - 12:30pm

**Greater Newark Conservancy**

32 Prince Street, Newark NJ 07103

*This Month's Menu*

**Asian  
Dumplings**



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