



## LINK TO HOME

### Week of February 12, 2024

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#### This Week

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, see Link website for Zoom link the day of the meeting
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 Academy CS, 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

#### Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, February 19	NO SCHOOL: Presidents' Day
Tuesday, February 20	K, Grades 1-2 Parent Conferences, 5 pm
Tuesday, February 20	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm, Penn
Tuesday, February 20	Girls' Basketball Team Practice. 3:30 – 5 pm, Penn
Wednesday, February 21	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL DAY</b> for students; Instructional Planning and Professional Development for staff, 1:15pm
Wednesday, February 21	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Menotring Group, 12:45- 2:15 pm, Halsey
Wednesday, February 21	Basketball Game v. Phillips Academy CS, 342 Central Ave, Newark, girls at 5 pm and boys at 6 pm
Thursday, February 22	Boys' Basketball Team Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm, Penn
Friday, February 23	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm, Penn
Thursday, February 29	Black History Month Showcase, 6 pm, Penn – all families invited!

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

- **CHANGE IN DATE: School Wide Black History Month Showcase, Thursday, February 29, 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 pm 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.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR CURRENT 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHOLARS

NJ LEEP is a free college access and success program serving students and families in the greater Newark area. Their College Bound Program empowers middle and high school students with both the academic and social-emotional skills necessary to succeed in high school, college and beyond. They are currently recruiting students in the 5th grade for Summer 2024. There are also limited spaces for students in 6th grade and above.



**Families are invited to attend a Family Information Session (in English, Spanish, and/or Portuguese) on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30pm in-person at NJ LEEP.** Please note this will be the *last* in-person Information Session before the final deadline. To sign up for the event, learn more about NJ LEEP, and information on how to apply please visit: [www.njleep.org/apply](http://www.njleep.org/apply). **Registration is mandatory in order to receive the access code to enter our building.** You may also contact the Recruitment Coordinator, Ms. Romero, at [recruiting@njleep.org](mailto:recruiting@njleep.org) or (973) 856-9950."

Link encourages families to sign their children up for this great program with which Link has partnered for over 15 years. We have seen our scholars who participated in it reach great heights in education and beyond.

## THE MID-YEAR PARENT SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!

An overwhelming majority of respondents to the mid-year parent survey indicated that they are satisfied with Link - the academics and student growth, social/emotional support, school environment, safety and security, adding a second campus, and shortening the school day. [Click here](#) to read the summary of the results, which also includes areas that parents are pleased with and areas where they would like to see some improvement.



We appreciate the time and effort parents made to complete this survey, which will help Link as we plan for the remainder of the year and going forward. Congratulations to Neshawna Ramnarine, parent of Shania Algoo in kindergarten, who is the winner of the \$50 gift certificate from the survey participant raffle!

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## FROM YOUR LINK PARENT ASSOCIATION

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!



to the recipients of awards this week!

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Scholar of the Week	Emmanuel Mbakwe	Haki
Core Value of the Week	Ryan Joseph	Haki
Scholar of the Week	Ava Salazar	Kuumba
Core Values of the Week	Stephon Cummings	Kuumba
Scholar of the Week	Brianna George	Staha
Core Value of the Week	Zaria Pointer	Staha
Scholar of the Week	Karen Andre	Imani



### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Scholar of the Week	DaneishaDestin	Ujima
Core Value of the Week	Aminat Kamara	Ujima
Scholar of the Week	Aniya Ahmad	Nia







## IN THE CLASSROOM

### LINKERS REPRESENT CHANGEMAKERS

In observance of Black History Month, Lower House (Kindergarten through grade 2) students came to school dressed to represent a “Changemaker” in Black History, a person who has worked or works proactively to make the world a better place. Students paraded around the Penn campus showing off their creativity to 5th and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff. Among the changemakers at Link: Ruby Bridges, Malcolm X, Dr. Martin Luther King, Misty Copland, Mae Jemison, Louis Lattimore, LeBron James, Beyonce, Bob Lemmons, Dorothy Vaughn, and so many more people. [Here are a few photos, but click here to see more!](#)



## PINGRY SCHOOL AND LINK PEER-TO-PEER PROGRAM

Linkers in the Peer-to-Peer program met with their counterparts from the Pingry school last week for a morning of team-building and other fun activities. The purpose of the half day session was for the students to get to know each other better and to learn from each other.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART CLASS?!

[Click here for the January edition of the Panther Fine Arts Newsletter](#) produced by Ms. Misfud, Link's art teacher. It is a wonderful display of student art that happened in the building during the month of January.

**PMFAN - Panthers Monthly Fine Arts Newsletter**

IN 2024, PANTONE COLOR OF THE YEAR TURNS 25!  
THE COLOR OF THE YEAR IS CALLED *PEACH FUZZ*.

"An eclectic mix of vivid brights with rich nature based tones stretch the imagination."  
-PANTONE® FASHION COLOR TREND REPORT SPRING 2024

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New Year's Mantra: *Journeying*  
Like a road through the mountains, you are free to explore the concept of growth as a journey. Even when the road you're on is winding itself through the steepest mountains, you are free to take your time in discovering new ways to reach new heights and explore new landscapes. Even when there is slower movement, it is still movement that matters. "Journeying" is a verb.

Continue creating in 2024, with the goal of further developing a healthy art process. In the classroom - journeying through artistic habits. It is my first year introducing the art class chant which the students say together before entering the classroom. Words are powerful and I am amazed at how most of the k-1 students have memorized it. Now, we even have students volunteer to lead the class through the chant which promotes engagement as they trickle into the classroom everyday. One of the lyrics is "change/save the world through art" which was an intentional addition to the chant inspired by this year's Super Hero Linkers theme.

-Ms. Misfud :)

**January 2024**  
**Artist Spotlight**

Lydia is a 5th Grader who first practiced using chalk pastels in December for the Aurora Borealis-inspired landscapes. For this project, students created their own plates inspired by the 5 food groups. Can you guess what food group is being represented in Lydia's poster? Finished artworks have been displayed around the the cafeteria.

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SUBMISSIONS OPEN ON JANUARY 29TH, 2024





IN AND AROUND NEWARK



# FAMILY FUN iN THE KiTCHEEN

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**



Register at [www.citybloom.org/events/](http://www.citybloom.org/events/)