



LINK TO HOME

Week of March 11, 2024

This Week

Monday, March 11	Girls' Basketball Team – Playoff Game, Halsey, 5 pm
Tuesday, March 12	8 th Grade Graduation Photo to be Taken, Halsey
Tuesday, March 12	Link Parent Association Meeting, 6:30 pm, in-person at Penn
Wednesday, March 13	REGULAR DISMISSAL

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, March 18	LCCS Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, in-person, 23 Penn, Room 101
Wednesday, March 20	EARLY DISMISSAL for students; Instructional Planning and Professional Development for staff, 1:15pm

SCHOOL POLICY REMINDER

Parents MAY NOT bring food, balloons, goodie bags, or anything to school for their children's birthdays. Link does not provide the space or time for a child's birthday party. We celebrate each child's birthday in the classroom or in Morning Circle. Students in the younger grades receive badges to wear for the day.

HEALTH NOTICE

Currently, we are seeing sick children in the nurse's office at Link and the most common illnesses we are seeing are pink eye, norovirus/stomach bug, and strep throat. Please keep your child home (and consider seeing your family physician) if you suspect these or other contagious illnesses and if your child has a fever. Remember that children must be fever free for 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication before they can return to school. Should you have any questions please email nurse@linkschool.org.



MEDICATION POLICY REMINDER

The school nurse is the ONLY person who can administer medications, including over-the-counter medications, to a child in school. The nurse can ONLY administer medications with an Authorization to Administer Medication in School form signed by the parent AND physician. Students are not allowed to carry medications in school and self-medicate, except with inhalers and epi-pens as long as the nurse has received a physician's order. If a child is on medication, we suggest that parents time the dosages to be administered at home. But if a child needs medicine in school, the parent must personally bring to the school nurse the authorization form, completed and signed by a physician, along with the medicine in a box with the child's name on it. Parents can read about our medication policy and obtain the form [here](#).



8TH GRADE GRADUATION PHOTOS: MARCH 12

A professional photographer will be on site on March 12 to take graduation photos. A flyer was sent home last week. Photos of the students in a gown and with a cap will be taken. We strongly suggest your child bring a white blouse or button-down shirt to wear under the gown. Also, this year, you can have your child photographed in an outfit of your choosing. This is a different package from the cap and gown package. Photo packages can be paid for by cash or money order, which students bring to school on the 12th to hand to the photographer with their order form. Order forms were sent home last week. Questions about payment should be addressed to the vendor at (908) 499-9877.



NJSLA TEST PREP TO BEGIN MARCH 11: GRADES 5-8

Link will begin test preparation sessions on Monday, March 11, 2024, to ensure our scholars are well-prepared for the upcoming mandated New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). A letter went home in student backpacks on Friday and an email was sent to parents about what test prep sessions include and why test prep is important. We encourage you to ask your child for the letter or to check your inbox for the email.



SPRING SPORTS TO BEGIN

We hope to have both co-ed soccer and volleyball tryouts soon, but students must have a Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form on file BEFORE he or she can tryout. This is not the general physical exam form, it's one required by the State of NJ before students can join a sport team. (If your child submitted one in the Fall of 2023, you need not obtain another.) Forms are available in the school's main offices and can be downloaded [here](#).



LOOKING FOR COACHES

Link seeks coaches or assistant coaches for co-ed soccer and volleyball teams for the spring. A stipend/honorarium will be offered. If you are interested or knows someone who might be, please contact Mr. Kennedy at ckennedy@linkschool.org.

ENROLLING YOUR YOUNGER CHILDREN AT LINK FOR NEXT YEAR

The Newark Common App lottery, which Link participates in, will hold their lottery on March 11th. If your child has younger siblings that you want at Link next year, apply through Link's website or the Newark Common App site by the 11th. Siblings receive priority, but you need to apply. Select Link as your top choice. (Link does not accept applications directly or in person since We are now part of the Newark Common App program.) Do it now if you haven't already!



RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS FOR 2024-2025

We emailed a form for parents to re-enroll their current Link students for next school year. Please make certain to complete and submit the form so that we can plan for the coming year. We would appreciate your response by March 11th. If you haven't completed it already, here the link to the form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexwiGSru_6CW1lpWcE050GMSRPwwKdCtO2oIW8MySExvW4Sw/viewform?usp=sf_link



HELP LINK RECRUIT STUDENTS FOR '24-25

Please spread the word about Link to your friends and families and urge them to apply before March 11. They can do so through the Link website, which connects them to the Newark Common App site. We seek students in all grades, especially kindergarten, first, and fifth. To enter kindergarten, children must be five years old before October 1.

Note: Link has a referral program. If you refer a family to Link and the child enrolls and remains at the school, in October, you will receive the choice of a \$30 cash card or gift card to Flynn O'Hara. Gifts cards will be distributed after the new student completes 30 days at Link.



5TH 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. Please [click here](#) for the form. If you have any questions, email nurse@linkschool.org

MORE UPDATES FROM THE PARENT SURVEY FEEDBACK

Security - While some parents felt positively about security a couple also had concerns, particularly at the Halsey campus. The safety and security of Link students and staff is of utmost importance. Currently there is a full and part time security guard at Halsey. Doors to the school are kept locked at all times, and the guards perform regular sweeps of the building. Link administrators met with the Teacher's Village Building manager several times and with the local police captain and school resource officer requesting their cooperation in ensuring safety in the building and the area around the school. There has been an increase in police patrols in the area. We will continue to reinforce this.

After Care Program - This year Link has partnered with the Boys and Girls Club (in Newark for aftercare services for our families. They provide a program that includes homework help, games and sports, and mentoring. The benefit of aftercare at BGCN is that parents can apply for financial assistance for the program through Programs for Parents.

Link unfortunately does not have the funds to provide an aftercare program. The money the school receives through state and federal funding goes into student programming, equipment and supplies, and staff salaries and benefits. Charter schools receive about 30% less than the traditional school districts, we have limited resources. Link cannot afford a free aftercare program. Link cannot afford to hire aftercare workers or purchase the supplies or equipment a program might need. For a few years, Link had a aftercare program for which parents paid tuition, but could not sustain the program, and parents could not receive aid through Programs for Parents state aid because Link is not authorized as an aftercare facility by that organization.



IN THE CLASSROOM

GAMES TO HELP SCHOLARS LEARN MATH!

Here are photos of some Lower House scholars working on their skills through games, which they do every Friday. This week they used Uno, dice, technology, and a memory matching game to reinforce the concept of number place value up to 1,000. This is a very engaging way for scholars to work in teams and review the skills they are working on.





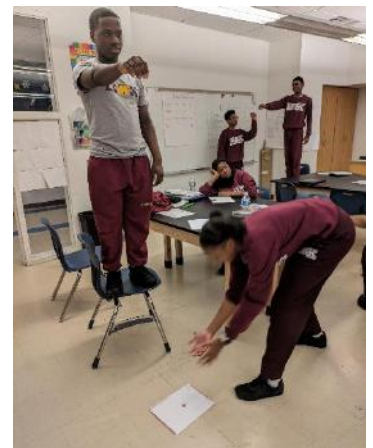
CARING FOR ONE'S SKIN

In an elective class, 7th and 8th graders are learning the theory and practice of skin care by one of our own parents, Ms Garcia. Students are finding this elective very rewarding.



LEARNING ABOUT ATOMS

8th graders in Mr. LaGuerre's science class performed an experiment to demonstrate the model of an atom this week. One student stands on a chair and drops a marble on a target which consists of a sheet of carbon paper between two sheets of plain paper. The dots made by the marble on the target represent electrons in a cloud. Scholars were then able to conceptualize the modern model of the atom which consists of a central nucleus of protons and neutrons surrounded by a cloud of electrons.



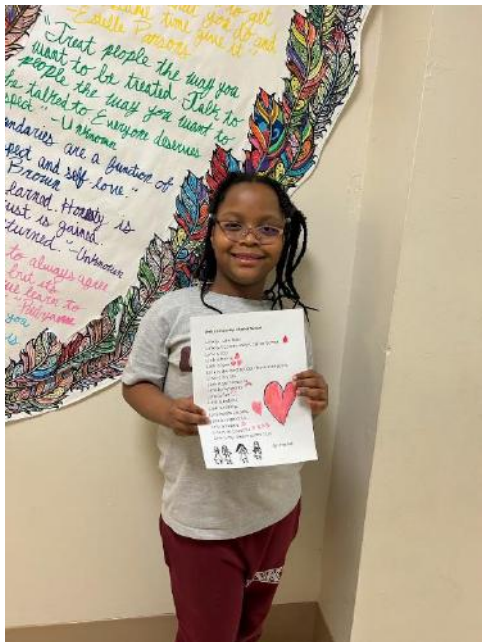
MODELING A LESSON FOR THE TEACHERS

This week in the kindergarten classroom, we held collaborative observations. Team Caldwell modeled a wonderful writer's workshop lesson for our kindergarten and 1st grade teachers.



LOVING LINK

Read this wonderful poem by Herika, in Grade 2, who shared her feelings about Link recently.



Link Community Charter School

Link is.....the best
 Link is a Community Charter School. 🇺🇸
 Link is cool.
 Link is home. 🏠
 Link is love. ❤️❤️
 Link is the best school I have ever seen.
 Link is my life.
 Link is gym lessons. 🌈
 Link is my world.
 Link is fun. 🎉
 Link is helpful.
 Link is caring.
 Link keeps us safe.
 Link is respectful.
 Link is happy. 😊
 Link is so beautiful. ✨
 Link is my dream come true.

by: Herika

Congratulations!

Grade 1

Scholar of the Week
Core Value of the Week

Yaniah Maxwell
Eirene Griffin

Team Bridges
Team Bridges



Grade 2

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

Herika Delva
Jennyla Camacho
Nia Riggsbee
Kaden Joseph

Team Chavez
Team Chavez
Team Huerta
Team Huerta



Grade 7

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

Gerard Lambert
A'Nylah Williams
Peniel Allotey
Grace Zinsou

Team Ujima
Team Ujima
Team Nia
Team Nia



Grade 8

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

Christina Emmanuel
Qua'Dir Dumeus
Shania Dieujuste
Kweku Gyimah

Team Haki
Team Haki
Team Staha
Team Staha





IN AND AROUND NEWARK



FAMILY FUN IN THE KITCHEN

With Chef Afi

Saturday, March 16th

11:00am - 12:30pm

Greater Newark Conservancy

32 Prince Street, Newark NJ 07103

This Month's Menu

Sweet
Potato
Gumbo



Register at www.citybloom.org/events/