



# LINK TO HOME

April 1 through April 12, 2024

## FRIDAY, MARCH 28 - FRIDAY, APRIL 5: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK

### Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, April 8	<b>SCHOOL REOPENS</b>
Monday, April 8	Soccer Game v. NorthStar Academy CS, 4-5:45 pm, Monte Irvin Park, Orange
Monday, April 8	Volleyball Game v. KIPP Bold, 229 18 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Newark, 5 pm
Tuesday, April 9	Soccer Team Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm, Weequahic Park, Newark
Wednesday, April 10	<b>Early Dismissal</b> for students; Instructional planning and professional development for staff, 1:15 pm
Thursday, April 11	Soccer Team Practice, 3:30- 5 pm, Weequahic Park, Newark
Thursday, April 11	Volleyball Team Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm, Penn
Wednesday, April 10	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls’ Mentoring Group, Halsey, 12:25 – 2:15 pm
Friday, April 12	Grade 5 & 6 Sneaker Ball, 6-8 pm
Monday, April 15	Volleyball Game v. College Achieve Charter School, 107 Westervelt Ave., No. Plainfield. 5 pm
Tuesday, April 16	Graduation Photo Re-Takes
Tuesday, April 16	Soccer Team Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm, Weequahic Park, Newark
Tuesday, April 16	Link Parent Association Meeting, 6:30 pm, Penn
Wednesday, April 17	Grade 5 & 6 Report Card Night, 5-7 pm, Penn
Wednesday, April 17	<b>Regular Dismissal</b>
Wednesday, April 18	Soccer Game v. Phillips Academy CS, 4-5:45 pm, Monte Irvin Park, Orange
Thursday, April 18	Grade 1 Trip to the Meadowlands
Thursday, April 18	Soccer Team Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm, Weequahic Park, Newark
Thursday, April 18	Volleyball Team Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm, Penn
Thursday, April 18	Grade 7 & 8 Report Card Night, 5-7 pm, Halsey
Friday, April 19	No School: Staff Professional Development Day

### REMINDERS:

- Please re-enroll your current Link students if you have not already done so. [Click here to re-enroll.](#)
- If you haven’t already, please enroll your current Link scholar’s siblings as soon as possible. [Click here to enroll them.](#)

### ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS

Please complete the form TODAY to tell us how you will pay for your child’s cap and gown and how you will pay for the parent portion of the trip and/or social if you have not already done so. Payment for the cap and gown is mandatory. Participation in the class trip and/or social is optional. [Click here for the form.](#) If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kennedy at [hkennedy@linkschool.org](mailto:hkennedy@linkschool.org). (The request initially sent to you on March 17.)



### DELAYED OPENING FOR KINDERGARTEN, 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE, and 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE WEEK OF May 6, 2024

A letter was emailed to parents of our scholars in Kindergarten through Grade 2 this week about the need for Link to have a 10 am delayed opening each day during the week of May 6. This is so the school can meet the state requirements for NJSLA testing. K-2 teachers will be utilized in the test administration, making them unavailable for classroom

instruction. Link will offer a before-care program starting at the regular school opening time to accommodate families with no other childcare options available on those mornings. Students must arrive ON TIME for this program. [Click here to register for the before-care service if you need it.](#) **Only those who register may enter the building at 10 am.**

### DRESS CODE REMINDER

Students' fingernails MUST BE natural; NO nail polish, gels, or artificial nails are allowed. The only jewelry acceptable for school are stud earrings and a plain watch. Other jewelry items, such as necklaces, bracelets, hoops, dangling earrings, etc., will be taken from students, and parents can pick them up at the end of the school year. **Students will receive demerits for dress code violations, which could affect their eligibility for student activities between now and the end of the school year. Please speak with your child about this and ensure your child follows the rules.**



### SPRING BREAK ASSIGNMENTS

Students in the Upper House (5-8) will be assigned work to keep their minds alert over the Spring Break. Students will have one assignment in each core content area to complete and hand in upon return from break on April 8th. We encourage you to check with your child about their assignments. In the Lower House (K-2) spring packets were distributed on Wednesday with your child's report card. Please be sure to check backpacks for important spring break assignments.



### 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENT MEETING RECAP

The virtual 7th grade meeting with parents last week was well attended. Thirty of our families were online to learn more about the issue of 7th grade math instruction. Overall, parents welcomed the communication, and many showed their support for the school's efforts to ameliorate an unfortunate situation.

### GIRLS ON THE RUN STARTING UP!

If your daughter has enrolled in Girls on the Run (GOTR), please make certain she has completed the online GOTR registration and has handed in her pre-participation athletic physical examination form to the school. The start-up dates are:

Grades 7&8 – Tuesday, April 9, after school

Grades 5&6 – Thursday, April 11, after school



### IN THE CLASSROOM

### LINK STUDENTS' ARTWORK FEATURED IN LOCAL ART SHOW

The Art Educators of NJ (AENJ) selected the works of two Link scholars—DeJuan and Juanita—for the annual Essex County Youth Art Month Exhibit. The exhibit features the art of students from district, charter, and private schools and is located at the Newark Hall of Records, 465 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd. in Newark. The exhibit is open to the public until April 17, 2024.

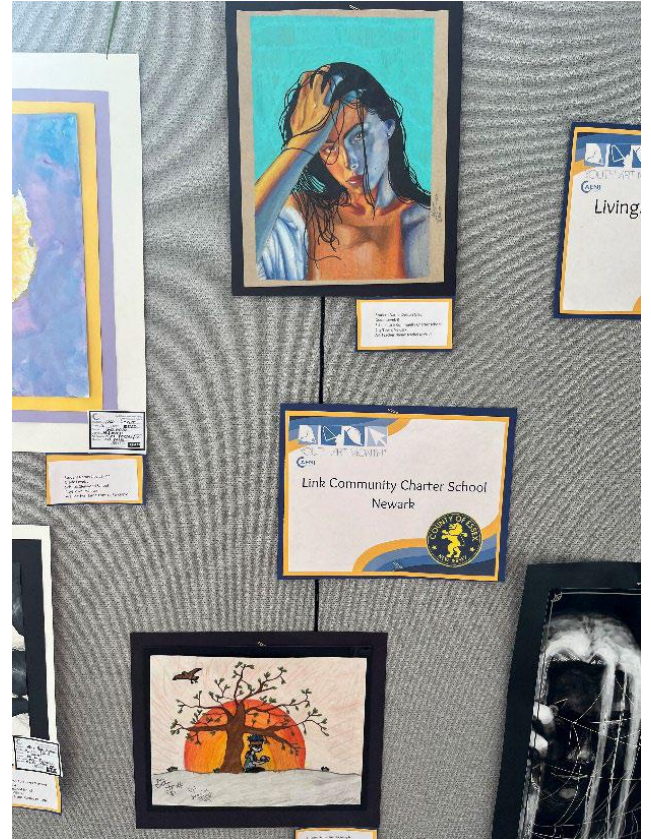
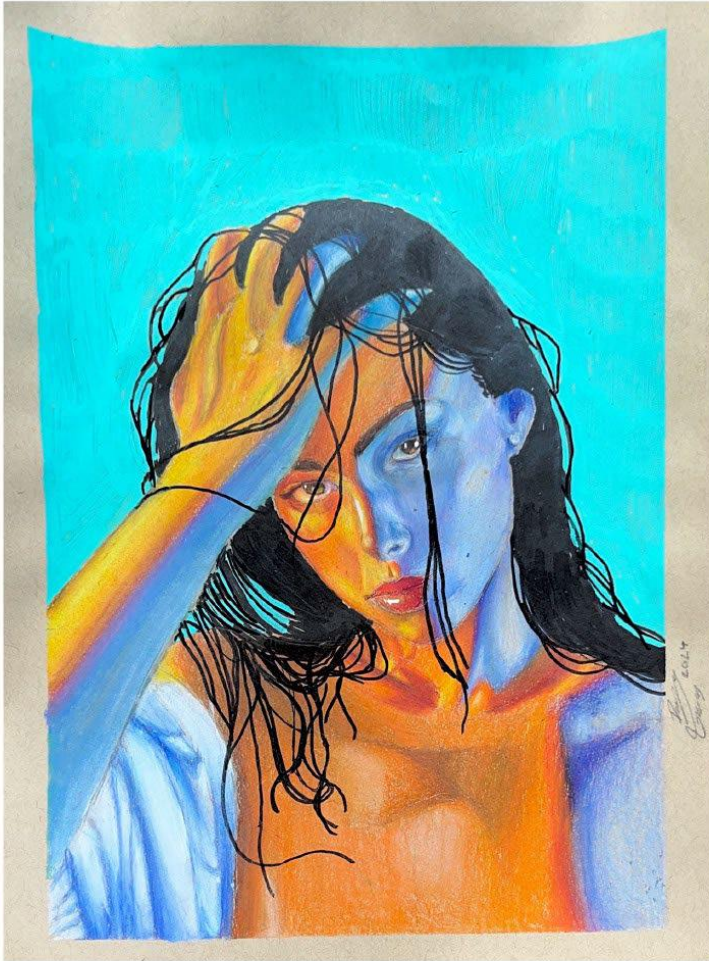
Art Educators of New Jersey is a non-profit association created in 1939 by art educators interested in advocating for visual arts education in the state. The Youth Art Month Program emphasizes the value of art education for all children and provides a forum for recognizing skills developed through visual arts experiences that are not possible in other

curriculum subjects.

Congratulations to DeJuan and Juanita! We are proud of our young artists and the beautiful art they are sharing with the public.







### **TEAM BRIDGES CELEBRATES WRITING**

Scholars in Team Bridges shared their informational writing with each other and staff last week. Informational writing is nonfiction writing in which facts are used to communicate knowledge about a specific topic or topics. Congratulations to our young authors!



