



LINK TO HOME

Week of April 29, 2024

This Week

Monday, April 29	Volleyball Game vs. Great Oakas CS, 5 pm, 240 14 th Avenue, Newark
Tuesday, April 30	Pep Rally
Tuesday, April 30	Soccer Game v. College Achieve CS, 4:45 pm, Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield
Wednesday, May 1	Grade 2 Trip to Franklin Mineral Museum
Wednesday, May 1	Regular Dismissal
Thursday, May 2	Grade 5 Trip to the Meadowlands Environmental Center
Thursday, May 2	Soccer Team Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm, Weequahic Park, Newark

Important Upcoming Dates

Week of May 6	Grades 5-8 NJSLA Testing (See article below.)
Week of May 6	Teacher Appreciation Week
Monday, May 6	Volleyball Game v. Pride Academy CS, 5 pm, Halsey campus
Tuesday, May 7	Soccer Practice, 3:30 - 5 pm, Weequahic Park, Newark
Wednesday, May 8	Early Dismissal for students; instructional planning and professional development for staff, 1:15 pm
Wednesday, May 8	7 th Grade Girls Mentoring Group, 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm, Halsey
Wednesday, May 8	Soccer Game v. MPTCS, 4:30 pm, Monte Irvin Park
Wednesday, May 8	Open House for Prospective Students and Families, 6 pm, Penn
Thursday, May 9	Soccer Practice, 3:30 - 5 pm, Weequahic Park, Newark
Thursday, May 9	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5 pm, Penn
Saturday, May 11	Open House for Prospective Students and Families, 10 am, Penn

LINK IN THE NEWS

Link was named in an article in Newark Patch on April 26th as a top Newark charter school based on the state's performance reports. Check out the article here and proudly share it with family and friends! [Click here for the article.](#)

DELAYED OPENING FOR KINDERGARTEN- GRADE 2, WEEK OF May 6, 2024

Don't forget to let us know if you need Link's before care option during the week of May 6 when school opening for K-2 will be delayed until 10 am, as explained in last week's parent newsletter and emails to you. We ask all parents to complete a form so we know whether your child is coming or not. [Click here for the form.](#)

Grade 5 – 8 NJSLA TESTING BEGINS MAY 6

NJSLA tests will be administered to students on the following dates during the week of May 6. Testing will take place first thing each morning and last roughly from 60 to 90 minutes each day. Here is the testing schedule:

Grades 5-8

M-W, May 6-8 - Math

Th-F, May 9-10 - ELA

M-Tues, May 13-14 - Science



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Make-ups (May 15-17) are a last resort. We want every scholar in school on time everyday testing with their team.

Here are some suggestions of things you can do to help your scholar prepare:

- **SLEEP:** Make sure your scholar gets a good night's sleep before the test. This will help them to be cheerful and to stay alert during the test.
- **BREAKFAST:** Please make sure your scholar eats breakfast, at school or at home. Overly sugary things are not recommended. A nutritious breakfast will help them to have energy and to stay focused during the test.
- **ATTENDANCE:** Make certain your child is ONTIME each day next week. Arrive early enough that your child has time to relax before class begins. Students who are late will not be able to enter the testing room; they will have to make up the tests at a later date – and miss regular classroom instruction.
- **ENCOURAGEMENT:** Please encourage your scholar to do their best! Some scholars may be feeling a little anxious or nervous about the tests. Please reassure your scholars that they have been practicing and preparing for the entire school year, and that they are ready for this assessment.

OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Please encourage family, friends, and colleagues to attend one of our open houses for prospective families scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 and Saturday, May 11. If they can't make those dates, they can contact Ms. Clarke for a personal tour on Tuesdays and Thursday by appointment. Remember there is an incentive – a \$ 30 gift card to Flynn O'Hara or a \$30 VISA card if your referral enrolls in Link. (Incentives will be distributed 30 days after the student starts at the school.) Let us know about your referrals here so you can claim the gift card: <https://linkschool.org/referring-a-prospective-student-to-link/>

INCREDIBLE LINKER DAY COMING SOON!

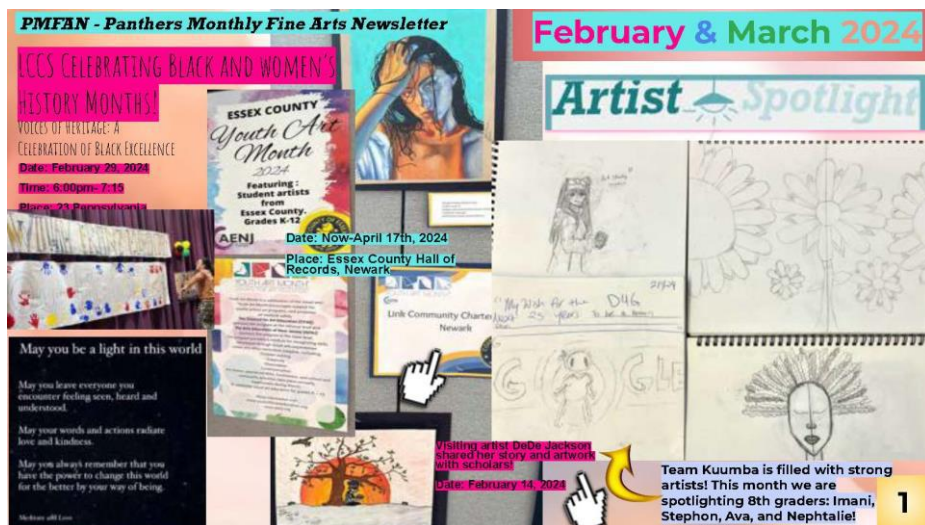
Link will celebrate Incredible Linker Day on Wednesday, May 22. Be on the lookout for more information from Ms. Covington about this special day!



IN THE CLASSROOMS

ART CLASS NEWSLETTER – MARCH

Enjoy viewing the March edition of the Panther Fine Arts Monthly Newsletter. Our scholars are producing great work in art class! [Click here for the March newsletter.](#)



FAMILY GAME NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS!

Students and their families had a wonderful time at the K2 Family Game Night on Wednesday. They participated in a number of games and activities revolving around math. There were six stations for games, including the new outdoor classroom where families played weather bingo. (A great introduction of the new space to our families!) Other stations included measurement, money, geometry, movement to numbers, and more! There was an “estimation jar” where participants could guess the number of rocks in a jar. One parent came within 2 of the actual total number of rocks in the jar. (The games were even differentiated for each grade level.) There were raffles of gift cards, books, and packs of playing cards. And families enjoyed dinner and time to socialize with each other. Thanks to Link’s K-2 staff for a great evening of fun!



SECOND GRADE CREATES CHERRY BLOSSOM TREES IN ART CLASS

Our second graders made beautiful representations of cherry blossom trees inspired by Earth Day and Newark's famous cherry blossom trees! Scholars made the trees from recycled materials and attached paper blossoms. Some students shared their trees with Link Education Partners as centerpieces for their recent benefit for the school, Mind Body Spirit Breakfast. The trees are now displayed at 23 Penn in a case on the first floor.





...to recent recipients of awards!

Grade 6

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

Emiyah Constable
Kiswana Harris
Rebecca Joseph

Team Clemente
Team Malala
Team Malala

