



# LINK TO HOME

## Week of March 18, 2024

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### This Week

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

### Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday, March 28 **EARLY DISMISSAL:** Halsey 12pm, Penn 12:15 pm  
Friday, March 28- **SCHOOL CLOSED: SPRING BREAK**  
Friday, April 5  
Monday, April 8 **SCHOOL REOPENS**

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### 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.](#)
  - If your child plans to try out for spring sports, remember to send in their Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form BEFORE the tryouts begin. This is a state requirement. Forms are available in the school's main offices and can be downloaded [here.](#)
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### SPORTS TRYOUT THIS WEEK

Spring athletic competition for students in grade 6 through 8 is about to begin. Both soccer and volleyball will be co-ed teams. Students MUST have a Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form at Link BEFORE they can tryout. (If they submitted one in the fall of 2023, they need not submit another.) Tryouts will be as follows:

Soccer – Tuesday at Penn from 3:30 – 5 pm and Friday at Halsey from 3:30 – 5 pm  
Volleyball – Monday and Thursday both at Penn from 3:30 – 5 pm

### 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](mailto:ckennedy@linkschool.org)

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

An email was sent you on March 17th about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip, social, and cap/gown. There was a link in the email to a form for you 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. While the school will absorb some of the costs, we need to assess parents for some as well. Payment for the cap and gown is mandatory. Participation in the class trip and/or social is optional. Please read through the email carefully and complete the form ASAP. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kennedy at [hkennedy@linkschool.org](mailto:hkennedy@linkschool.org).

## 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.



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



IN THE CLASSROOM

## KINDERGARTEN WORKS ON WRITING SKILLS

Scholars on Team Caldwell are engaging in phonics centers to create sentences using sight words and pictures.



## LOWER HOUSE STUDENTS ENJOY THE NEW GARDEN SPACE

One day this week was warm enough for our kindergartners in Teams Dominic and Caldwell to go outside and spend planning, digging, planting, and reading in our new garden space. The space is still in progress. The tables, benches and planters are in place and some of the flowers planted by students are beginning to bloom. Eventually the area will have small trees, herbs, and more plants!

