



LINK TO HOME

Week of May 6, 2024

This Week

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
Tuesday, May 7	Girls on the Run Heart & Sole Program for 7th/8th Grade, Halsey
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	Girls on the Run, 5th/6th Grade, Penn
Thursday, May 9	Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5 pm, Penn
Saturday, May 11	Open House for Prospective Students and Families, 10 am, Penn

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, May 14	LPA Meeting, in person, Penn, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 15	Regular Dismissal Day

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. **STUDENTS MAY WEAR THEIR GYM UNIFORMS EACH DAY IF THEY WISH.** Here is the testing schedule:

Grades 5-8

M-W*, May 6-8 – Math (*Reminder: Wednesday is an Early Dismissal Day.)

Th-F, May 9-10 - ELA

M-Tues, May 13-14 - Science

Make-ups (May 15-17) are a last resort. We want every scholar in school on time every day for 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. All technology should be turned off by 10 pm.
- **BREAKFAST:** Please make sure your scholar eats breakfast with protein, 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 – Halsey 7:30-7:45 am and Penn 7:45 – 8:00 am. 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.



New Jersey
Student Learning
Assessment

- **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 – MAY 22, 2024

We want to surprise our scholars in all grades with special letters from families and teachers on May 22, 2024. We encourage parents to write letters that share what makes their child special and what unique gifts they possess. Please encourage other family members - grandparents, siblings, aunts/uncles, godparents, etc. - to write letters too. Teachers will also write a letter to your child. Our goal is that each student will have several letters to read about what makes them so special. Please deliver your letters to the school by May 13. Please be sure to include your child's FIRST and LAST NAME as well as GRADE and TEAM NAME in your letter. Each child will receive a special envelope on May 22 containing all the letters from family, friends, staff, and teachers! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schiano at gschiano@linkschool.org (K-2) and Ms. Covington (5-8).

ALUMNI PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE AT LINK

Three young men, currently students at St. Benedict's Prep in Newark, selected Link as the place where they wanted to do their school-required month-long community service. Robert Wilmote '20, Jahari Taylor '20, and Uthman Amin '21 are handling several projects throughout the school building and in classrooms. An exciting note: Robert and Jahari will attend St. Peter's University in Jersey City next year. We are proud of our alums and pleased they wanted to return to help Link!



SHINE ON TEACHER!

Each week Link celebrates a teacher who is doing an extra-amazing job and we will share this with parents as we are very proud of our hard-working, committed staff. Last week Ms. Meliado, an assistant teacher in Kindergarten, was designated as the Shine on Teacher. As stated by Ms. Covington, principal, Ms. Meliado "has demonstrated excellent classroom management. She continues to foster an atmosphere of learning for scholars through her consistent instructional approaches."



THANK A TEACHER!

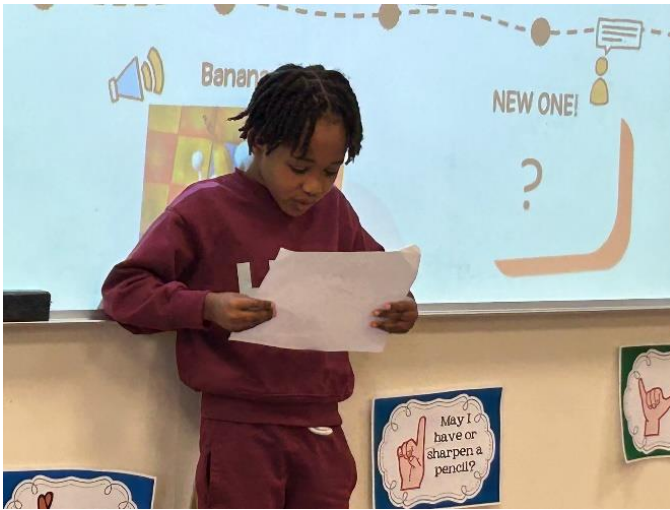
Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week, the perfect time for parents to show their gratitude for all that our teachers and staff do. To celebrate this week, we encourage families to send a note or an email to their child's teachers. They would really appreciate it! If you don't have your child's email address, you can email the teacher directly through the [Staff page](#) of Link's website.

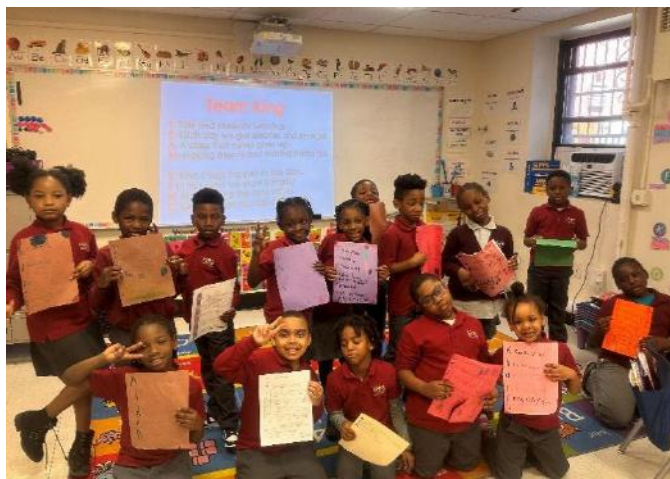


IN THE CLASSROOMS

2nd GRADE POETS PERFORM!

Students in the second grade have been studying the rhyme and rhythm of poetry all month and they participated in a Poetry Slam where they recited original poems and some favorite poems. Families attended the event and were thrilled with the student work. (more photos will be posted on the school website shortly!)





2ND



GRADE EXPLORE ROCKS!

Our 2nd grade scholars enjoyed their trip to the Franklin Mineral Mine and Museum. They expanded their learning about rocks and minerals by exploring a mineral mine and discovering different rocks and minerals found both in New Jersey and across the world. They collected rock samples that fluoresce under UV light and brought home many samples to start or add to their own rock collections. (More photos will be posted on the school website soon.)





ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WEEK AT

LINK

June 10-12, 2024



Link scholars in all grades will be exploring environmental issue in search of justice in June.

Stay tuned for more information about activities and event, including a science fair.

In the meantime, we wanted to share some information about environmental justice with you - some of the topics our scholars will investigate - with you.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Our world faces severe environmental challenges, including climate change, loss of biodiversity, and resource depletion. Understanding these challenges is the first step toward addressing them. Environmental sustainability involves making responsible choices that ensure the long-term health of our planet!

ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

DEFORESTATION



Deforestation is the cutting down of trees in a large area, or the destruction of forests by people.



DESERTIFICATION

Desertification is the process by which land changes into desert. It can happen because of deforestation.

WASTE DISPOSAL



Inappropriate waste disposal can cause many problems for human health and the environment.



OVERPOPULATION

Human population becomes larger than the carrying capacity of the environment and causes problems.

CONTAMINATION



Waste and chemicals can cause land and groundwater contamination, which is harmful to the environment.



ACID RAINS

Acid rain can be extremely harmful to forests. Acid rain can dissolve nutrients that trees need to be healthy.

GAS EMISSIONS



Earth's greenhouse gases trap heat in the atmosphere and warm the planet which causes global warming.



OZONE DEPLETION

Ozone layer depletion is the thinning of the ozone layer present in the upper atmosphere.

Congratulations!

...to recent recipients of awards!

Grade 1 Team Bridges

Scholar of the Week Award
Core Values Award

Erineidy Terrero
Heavenly Salcedo





IN AND AROUND NEWARK

STEAM Around The Square
Saturday, May 11, 2024, 12 pm
Harriet Tubman Square
501 - 551 Broad Street
Newark, NJ 07102

The inaugural STEAM Around the Square event will be a fun-filled day of games, performances, and activities celebrating science, technology, engineering, art, and math. There will be hands-on experiments and fun learning opportunities from family favorites like the Liberty Science Center and STEAM Urban, with activities in Harriet Tubman Square, the Newark Public Library, and the Newark Museum of Art. FREE. Open to all ages

[Click here for more information.](#)

STEAM AROUND THE SQUARE

SATURDAY | RAIN OR SHINE
MAY 11, 2024
12:00PM - 4:00PM
HARRIET TUBMAN SQUARE
NEWARK, NJ

NEWARK DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

PLANTER PAINTING & SUCCULENT WITH NDD

NDD Free Plant Donation
Saturday, May 11, 2024, 9 am
Newark Symphony Hall
1030 Broad Street
Newark, NJ 07102

This family-friendly event is designed for plant enthusiasts of all ages, and will include an arts and crafts corner, where you can decorate pots, create botanical-themed masterpieces, and let your imagination flourish. Take home a free plant!

[Click here for more information.](#)

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NDD PLANT DONATION

JOIN US AT THE NDD SEASONAL PLANT DONATION!
MAKE SURE TO STOP BY FOR:

FREE PLANTS - MUSIC - ARTS & CRAFTS

FREE FOR ALL THE JOIN!

SATURDAY, MAY 11
9 AM - 1 PM
NEWARK SYMPHONY HALL
1030 BROAD STREET
NEWARK, NJ

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Second Saturday Family Adventures
Greater Newark Conservancy
Saturday, May 11th @ 10:30-12pm

Explore the science behind plants as we learn about the different parts of a flower and take a hike around the garden to explore the many colors we could see! Be ready to do a range of activities around flowers!. Registration is required, but the program is FREE! Click here to [register](#).

