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Week of November 11, 2024

This Week

Monday, November 11	Middle School Second Quarter Begins
Monday, November 11	Basketball Team Interest Meeting, 3:30 – 4 pm, Halsey (see below)
Tuesday, November 12	Lifetouch Student Picture Re-Takes, both campuses
Wednesday, November 13	Early Dismissal for K- Grade 3 ONLY
Wednesday, November 13	K- Grade 3 Parent Conference, 1-3 pm, by appointment (see below)
Wednesday, November 13	Regular Dismissal for Grades 5-8
Thursday, November 14	World Day of Kindness
Thursday, November 14	K- Grade 3 Parent Conference, 5-7 pm, by appointment (see below)

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, November 18	LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm, Halsey
Wednesday, November 20	Early Dismissal, all students
Wednesday, November 20	A Taste of Newark, benefit for LCCS, 6 pm, Penn, click here to purchase tickets
Thursday, November 21	Grades 5-8 Report Card Night, 5-7 pm, Halsey
Wed. – Fri., November 27-29	No School: Thanksgiving Break

CHANGE IN SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 3

Wednesday, November 13 will be an Early Dismissal Day for Kindergarten – Grade 3 students ONLY. Students in Grades 5-8 will have a full day (Regular Day) on Wednesday, November 13.

We made this change to accommodate Kindergarten – Grade 3 Parent Conference appointments set for that afternoon.

- All students who take the East Orange bus may remain at school in Link’s Aftercare Program until the bus arrives at the end of the school day, if you wish. Otherwise, you would pick them up at 12:45 pm.
- If you have a conference scheduled with a teacher between 1 pm and 3 pm that day, your child may go to Aftercare at Early Dismissal and remain there until your conference is over.

Families who do not have students taking the East Orange bus or do not have a conference scheduled for November 13th, would follow normal Early Dismissal procedures. The only aftercare available is for the usual daily participants and for those covered by the two provisions above.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kennedy at hkennedy@linkschool.org.

K-GRADE 3 PARENT CONFERENCES

By now you would have received communications from your child’s teacher to set an appointment for your parent-teacher conference. If you have not, please contact Mrs. Schiano, gschiano@gmail.com. Please come to school ONLY if you have an appointment.



LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT!

Please remember to complete the parent survey we sent to you this past week for you to provide feedback to the school on the year thus far. [Click here for the survey.](#) We will report the results of the survey after November 15 when we close the survey link. Remember, the Team with the highest percentage of parents participating (which means filling out the survey and submitting it) will receive a special treat.



LOOKING FOR COACHES!

If you are interested in serving as an athletic team coach – basketball or volleyball, please contact Mr. Kennedy, athletic director at ckennedy@linkschool.org. We seek people who have experience in the sport – knowing the rules of the game and also how to work successfully with middle school students, as well as who can commit to an entire athletic season.



RESULTS OF THE TITLE I COMPACT SURVEY

As mentioned in last week's parent newsletter, we want to share some of the results of the Title I School-Parent-Student Compact with you. The survey asked parents to focus on improving the compact document, not the school (we requested that input in the new survey sent to you via email most recently.)



Thirty parents completed the survey. We are hoping more parents will engage in the surveys in the future. Based on parents' responses to the document, they were generally satisfied with it. Parent comments resulted in revisions to the compact as follows:

School Responsibilities

- Added that "The school will solicit feedback formally through periodic parent surveys."
- Added "Ensure that all employees of the school live the school's Core Values when dealing with students and their families."

Parent Responsibilities

- Added "Help children develop goals for their education and encourage children to work to their potential."
- To "Participate at school in activities such as school decision making, volunteering, and/or attending parent-teacher conferences/report card, added "family events and activities and other school meetings."

Student Responsibilities

- Added "Set goals for self with the help of parents."
- Added "Be responsible and accountable for all academics and behavior."

[Click here to read the revised compact.](#)

STUDENT PICTURE RETAKES

The photographer from Lifetouch will return on Tuesday, November 12 at both campuses. All students who are new to Link or who were absent on the original picture days will take a picture on retake day. Please contact the main office if you would like your child to retake their photo. Please have your child bring back their original photo packet to give to the photographer.



BASKETBALL TEAM INTEREST MEETING SCHEDULED

Students in grades 6-7 who are interested in trying out for the girls' or boys' basketball team are invited to an interest meeting on Monday, November 11 at 3:30 pm at Halsey. The meeting will run for about a half an hour (to 4pm). Only those students with a Pre-Participation Athletic Physical Exam form on file at Link may participate by NJ state law. Tryout dates will be announced soon.





IN THE CLASSROOMS

MORE APPLE TIME FOR K -3

Our scholars from the Penn campus enjoyed a day at Alstede Farm in Chester, NJ, touring the farm and picking apples. [Click here for more photos.](#)



Congratulations!

to the students who received awards on November 1, 2024.

7th Grade

Scholar of the Week	Claudaelle Darismond	Team Paz
Core Value of the Week	Abigail Flores Torres	Team Paz
Scholar of the Week	Dominic Fouche	Team Umoja
Core Values of the Week	Victoria Wilson	Team Umoja

8th Grade

Scholar of the Week	Kiannah Lee-Aiumu	Team Mandela
Core Value of the Week	Elizabeth Ojo	Team Mandela
Scholar of the Week	Michael Ouseley	Team Jackson
Core Values of the Week	Emani Hill	Team Jackson



IN AND AROUND NEWARK

FAMILY FUN IN THE KITCHEN

BUTTERNUT SQUASH PASTA

JOIN CHEF AFI

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024
TIME: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
LOCATION: 32 PRINCE STREET, NEWARK NJ
LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER NOW.
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