



LINK TO HOME

Week of February 17, 2025

This Week

Mon, February 17	No School: Presidents' Day Break
Tues., February 18	No School: Presidents' Day Break
Wed., February 19	Health and Wellness Day at Penn
Wed., February 19	Regular Dismissal
Wed., February 19	Boys' and Girls' Basketball Team Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm Halsey Campus
Wed., February 19	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm, Halsey Campus
Thurs., February 20	Tap Dancing Elective Class to go to NYC, permission slips due Wed., February 19
Thurs., February 20	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm, Halsey Campus
Fri., February 21	Boys' Basketball Team Practice, 3:30 – 5 pm, Halsey Campus

Important Upcoming Dates

Mon., February 24	LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm, Penn campus
Wed., February 26	Early Dismissal for students
Wed., February 26	Kindergarten – Grade 3 Parent-Teacher Conferences, by appointment, 1 – 4 pm, Penn campus
Thurs., February 27	Kindergarten – Grade 3 Parent-Teacher Conferences, by appointment, 5-7 pm, Penn campus
Friday, February 28	Black Heritage Potluck Lunch, Penn Campus only

REMINDER ABOUT GRADE 5-8 HOMEOWRK

Practice makes perfect! So, as announced a couple of weeks ago, we have increased the number of IXL skills middle scholars have for homework each week. They are expected to complete one math skill and one ELA skill daily, which should take about 30 minutes. We have implemented this because we have seen a need for more practice to reinforce the skills scholars are learning in class. Please support your student and check to see they are meeting expectations and gaining the skills they need to be successful!



ATTENTION: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENT BASKETBALL GAMES

- Students attending our basketball games must be picked up within 15 minutes of the game ending. Unfortunately, we have had instances where staff remained as long as an hour after a game waiting for parent pick-up. Moving forward, any students not picked up within 15 minutes of the game end will be delivered to the 5th Precinct Police Station where you can pick up your child.
- Additionally, there is limited seating capacity at games. Doors open at 4:45 PM, and we can accommodate 80 spectators in the gym. For safety reasons, once we reach capacity, we will not be able to allow additional attendees. It's important that families respect these limits to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.



OPEN HOUSES FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES – SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT LINK!

Link will hold a series of Open Houses over the next several months. We ask current families to spread the word about Link to family, friends, work colleagues, and others about the school and the open houses. Upcoming Open House Dates include:

- Saturday, March 1 - Elementary School Open House, Penn, 11 am (Kindergarten – Grade 4)
- Tuesday, March 4 - Elementary School Open House, Penn, 6 pm (Kindergarten – Grade 4)
- Tuesday, March 11 – Kindergarten Open House, 8:30 am, Penn
- Wednesday, March 12 – Kindergarten Open House, 5:30 pm Penn



BLACK HERITAGE POTLUCK LUNCH AT PENN

There will be a Potluck Lunch at the Penn campus **on Friday, February 28**, as we conclude Black History Month. This is an excellent opportunity for our community of students, their parents, and staff to come together and share a meal. We ask you to provide food for the occasion and suggest you think about your family's contribution now. Please remember: no nuts, shellfish, or pork, and label anything that has dairy products in it. Due to some academic programming, there will not be a potluck at the Halsey Campus.



A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR 5TH AND 8TH GRADERS!

NJ LEEP is a **free** college access and success program serving students and families in the greater Newark area. Our College Bound Program empowers middle and high school students with the academic and social-emotional skills necessary to succeed in high school, college, and beyond. NJLEEP is currently recruiting students in **5th and 8th grades** for Summer 2025. There are also limited spaces for students in 6th grade and above.



NJLEEP invites you to attend a Family Information Session (in English, Spanish, and/or Portuguese) on Tuesday, February 18th, at 6:30 pm in person at NJ LEEP (12 Lombardy Street, Suite 303, Newark). Please note this will be the **last in-person** Information Session before the **final** deadline of **March 31st**. Registration is required to access their building. To sign up for the event, learn more about NJ LEEP, and start an application, please visit www.njleep.org/apply. You may also contact the Recruitment Manager, Ms. Romero, at recruiting@njleep.org or (973) 856-9950.

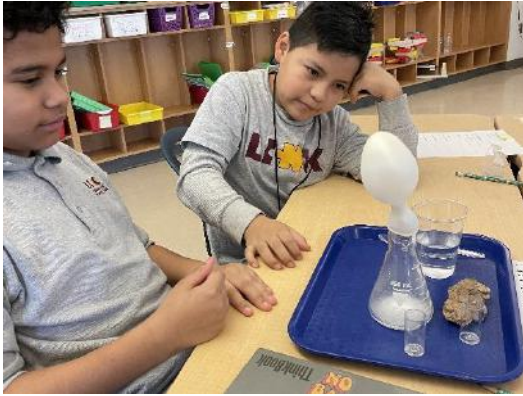
Link encourages our families to consider this wonderful enrichment program, which has helped many Link students and alumni over the past 15+ years!



IN THE CLASSROOM

5th GRADE EXPERIEMENT IN SCIENCE CLASS

Fifth graders have been studying the states of matter—solids, liquids, and gases—in science class with Ms. Grisham. Here are photos of Team Unity experimenting with creating gas using baking soda, vinegar, and a balloon!



LINKERS GO TO BROADWAY!

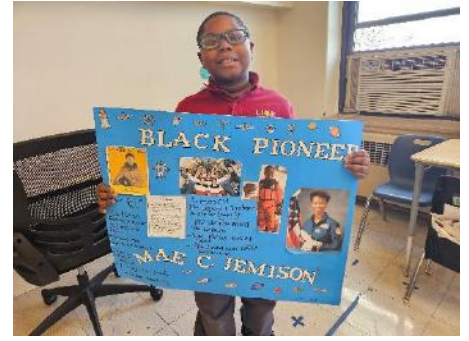
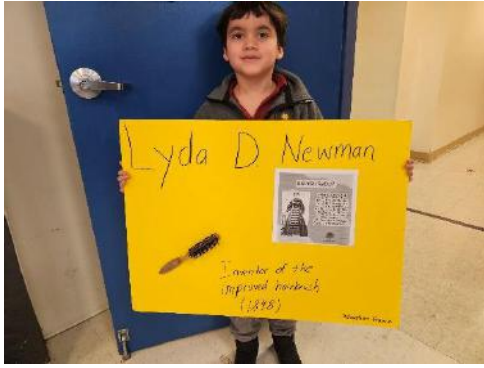
Last Saturday, the 6th graders who starred in “Cawdella” at Link were invited to see the musical *Aladdin*, now playing on Broadway in NYC. Mr. Peck, who directed the play that the students performed for our younger scholars, wanted the students to experience a Broadway musical after working for months to prepare for their performances of “Cawdella” for Link students. They were also treated to lunch at Carmine’s. What an excellent opportunity for our budding young actors!



LOWER HOUSE CELEBRATE BLACK PIONEERS

Students in the lower grades researched and made posters about Black pioneers during this BHM. They presented their findings to their peers in class last week, introducing them to pioneers in various fields and industries. Here are some of the students with their work. More will be posted to the Link website shortly.





Congratulations!

to the recipients of awards this week:

Grade 5

Scholar of the Week	Mia Marcano	Team Unity
Scholar of the Week	Melanie Simmons	Team Unity
Core Value of the Week	Matthew Burks	Team Unity
Core Value of the Week	Amanda Satian	Team Unity
Scholar of the Week	Jennie Emmanuel	Team Harmony
Scholar of the Week	Daniel Enwelin	Team Harmony
Core Values of the Week	Ava Pankey	Team Harmony
Core Values of the Week	Zoraya Clarke	Team Harmony



Grade 6

Scholar of the Week

Alison Blanc

Team Imani

Scholar of the Week

Ian Baldwin

Team Imani

Core Value of the Week

Deandre Lawrence

Team Imani

Core Value of the Week

Marsha Dumerant

Team Imani

Scholar of the Week

Jade DePeralto

Team Kuumba

Scholar of the Week

Lawren Rollins

Team Kuumba

Core Value of the Week

Iyan Shaw

Team Kuumba

Core Values of the Week

Leslye Nunez

Team Kuumba

