



LINK TO HOME

Week of January 27, 2025

This Week

Mon., January 27	Grades 5-8 3 rd Academic Quarter Begins
Mon., January 27	Basketball Games vs. Bold Academy, at Halsey Campus, Girls at 5 pm and Boys at 6 pm
Tues., January 28	Kindergarten Open House for Prospective Families, 8:30 am, Penn Campus
Tues., January 28	Middle School (grades 5-8) Open House for Prospective Families, 6 pm, Halsey Campus
Wed., January 29	Early dismissal for Students
Fri., January 31	Boy's and Girl's Basketball Practice, 3:30 -5:30 pm, Halsey Campus

Important Upcoming Dates

Mon., February 3	Girl's Basketball Practice, 3:30 -5:30 pm, Halsey Campus
Mon., February 3	Grades 5 & 6 Virtual Town Hall Meeting for Parents, 6:30 pm (Zoom link available next week.)
Tues., February 4	Grade 7 Virtual Town Hall Meeting for Parents, 6:30 pm (Zoom link available next week.)
Tues., February 4	Grade 8 Virtual Town Hall Meeting for Parents, 7:30 pm (Zoom link available next week.)
Wed., February 5	Regular Dismissal
Wed., February 5	Basketball Games v. Great Oaks CS, Halsey Campus, 5 pm for girls and 6 pm for boys
Wed., February 5	Latino Family Focus Group Meeting, 5 – 7 pm, Penn Campus
Thurs., February 6	Grades 5-8 Report Card Night, 5-7 pm, Halsey Campus
Fri., February 7	Boy's Basketball Team Practice, Halsey Campus, 3:30 – 5:30 pm

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETINGS FOR PARENTS – GRADES 5-8

Link will hold virtual Town Hall Meetings with parents to discuss overall school and student progress over the second quarter. Administrators will speak on several pertinent topics and conduct a Q&A session with parents. (Note: there will not be a discussion of individual students' progress, just the grade level/school. At Report Card Night, you can talk specifics about your child with their teachers.)

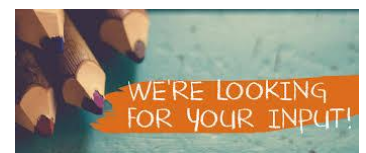


We will email you the meeting link and post it on the school's website's parent page the day before each meeting. Although the dates are listed in the calendar above, we have listed them here as well:

Mon., February 3	Grades 5 & 6, 6:30 pm
Tues., February 4	Grade 7, 6:30 pm
Tues., February 4	Grade 8, 7:30 pm

WINTER PARENT SURVEY TO BE EMAILED NEXT WEEK

Keep an eye on your email inboxes for the second parent survey of this year. We look to our parents for valuable feedback regarding their child's education, school climate, and



overall satisfaction. We hope for greater parental involvement with this survey than the last, so we have a large amount of feedback to use to make informed decisions to improve the learning environment and better support our scholars. We make it a practice to report on the survey after the deadline. So, please complete the survey!

GRADE 5-8 REPORT CARD NIGHT

Join us for report card night. Drop in at the Halsey campus between 5 and 7 pm to discuss your child's progress so far this school year. Come to Report Card Night...



- To understand your child's performance and expectations
- To have an open communication with your child's teacher(s)
- To collaborate with your child's teacher(s) to create a plan for success
- To stay informed about the curriculum
- To learn how you can support your child's learning at home

LATINO FAMILY FOCUS GROUP MEETING AT LINK

Link will host a series of focus groups facilitated by the NJ Children's Foundation to gather feedback from Latino families. We will hold the first focus group meeting on **Wednesday, February 5, from 5-7 pm** at the Penn Campus. We encourage our Latino families to attend and join in a conversation on how the school can support Latino families. We will conduct the meeting in Spanish and have planned for a light dinner and childcare if needed. We will publish a registration form for this event soon.



OPEN HOUSES FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

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:



- Tuesday, January 28 - Kindergarten Open House, 8:30 am, Penn
- Tuesday, January 28 - Middle School Open House, Halsey, 6 pm (Gr. 5-8)
- Saturday, February 1 - Middle School Open House, Halsey, 11 am (Gr. 5-8)
- 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)

KIDDIE CLOTHING AND TOY DRIVE REMINDER – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Initiative

Link will continue the drive for gently used/new children's clothing and toys through January 31. Please bring your donations for Wynona's House to the Penn Campus.



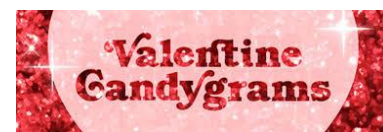
CHANGE IN HOMEWORK FOR SCHOLAR IN GRADES 5-8

Starting the week of February 2, we will increase the number of IXL skills middle school scholars have for homework each week from two to five. We have seen a need for more practice to reinforce the skills scholars are learning in class, including math, ELA, and some foundational skills we have identified. To support scholars at home, we expect them to spend 30 minutes daily on IXL after completing their other homework. We expect scholars to complete one math skill and one ELA skill daily.



GRADES 5-8 CANDYGRAM SALE

Students may purchase Valentine's Day candygrams for their friends, teachers, and family between January 27 and February 7. Ms. Valentin will sell the candygrams for \$2 each during each lunch period. This includes the candy and a message that the student writes to the recipient of the candygram. Candygrams will be delivered right before February 14. A flyer was distributed to students this week. Proceeds go toward the student activity fund.



ATTENTION PARENTS OF OUR KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 3 SCHOLARS

Check your email inboxes for an important email from Link about the Penn Campus Lost and Found, which is growing quite rapidly. We will try to help you and your child find a lost item, so check the email for the procedure to follow.



During the winter months, especially, we are faced with the challenges of cold and flu season. It is essential that we work together to maintain a healthy and safe environment for all our students and staff at Link Community Charter School. To that end, we kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that sick students stay home until they are well and free from contagious illnesses.

In line with this, we have established some guidelines to follow:

- 1. Vomiting:** If your child has thrown up within the last 24 hours, we kindly request that you keep them at home. This helps prevent the spread of illnesses and ensures their own well-being.
- 2. Fever:** If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, they must stay home and be fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before returning to school. This precaution is necessary to prevent the potential spread of illness within the school community.
- 3. Contagious Illness:** If your child has been diagnosed with any contagious illness, such as Strep throat, please contact our school nurse immediately. Timely communication will allow us to take necessary precautions to prevent the spread of these illnesses.
- 4. Medication:** Please be aware that our school nurses are not permitted to administer over-the-counter medication. Furthermore, students are prohibited from carrying any medication, both over the counter and prescription, on their person unless the proper paperwork is on file. If your child requires prescribed medication, you must bring it to the nurse's office with the doctor's orders.
- 5. Nurse Visits:** We kindly request that you talk to your children about when it is appropriate to visit the nurse during school hours. Lately, we have observed an increase in the number of students seeking nurse visits for minor issues such as headaches, past injuries that occurred outside of school, and other minor concerns that the nurse cannot address. We want to ensure that students make the most of their classroom time.

Your support and adherence to these guidelines are crucial in creating a healthy and productive learning environment for all students. By keeping unwell students at home and using the nurse's office for genuine health concerns, we can help prevent the spread of illnesses and ensure that all students can focus on their studies.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school nurse at nurse@linkschool.org or Mrs. Kennedy at principal@linkschool.org.



IN AND AROUND NEWARK



SECOND SATURDAY FAMILY ADVENTURES

BALANCE & GRAVITY

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

10:30 am-12:00 pm

32 Prince Street Newark, NJ

<https://www.citybloom.org/events/>

