

Weekly Messages For January 30 – February 3

This week

Monday, January 30	8 th grade trip to Prudential in Newark for the <i>LearnDoEarn</i> Program (Snow date: Tuesday, January 31)
Tuesday, January 31	Boys' Basketball Game, NCC, 5:30 pm
Thursday, February 2	LPA Meeting, 6 pm
Friday, February 3	Homecoming Dance, gym, 6:00 – 9:00 pm (tentative)

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, February 7	Summer Opportunities Fair, 1:00 pm
Wednesday, February 8	Girls' Basketball Game, NCC, 4:30 pm Boys' Basketball Game, NCC, 5:30 pm
Thursday, February 9	Mandatory Report Card Night, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Friday, February 10	2 nd Quarter Awards Assembly, 2:50 pm, gym

8th Grade trip to Prudential for *LearnDoEarn*, Monday, January 30

This is a mandatory trip for all 8th graders. Student must dress in their regular school uniform (including TIES for all boys; NO polo shirts). Please make certain your child has turned in the permission slip for the trip. Unfortunately, we won't be able to transport those without written parental permission.



Request from Mrs. Berutti, fine arts teacher

Please send in packages of wet wipes with your child for use in art class until the new sinks are installed in the spring. Sometimes students get a bit messy, and the bathrooms, especially the girls bathroom, are not really close to the Art Room.



LPA Meeting this week

The LPA will meet on Thursday, February 2nd. Along with the regular business meeting, there will be a presentation on "transitioning to high school."



In the Classroom

Performing arts classes learn stage combat

Jamil A.C. Mangan, actor, director, and teaching artist, visited Link's performing arts classes this week to introduce students to the art of stage combat. The goal of Mr. Mangan's lesson was to teach the students how to act out a combat scene in a believable manner without them touching each other.

Turn over for more information.

Students are currently working on monologues in class, and some monologues have scenes with fighting in them. Mr. Mangan taught students not only how to play the aggressor, but how to act the victim as well, with no pain involved! Student enjoyed the lesson and can't wait to show off their skills – punching and elbowing as well as feigning injury – in future plays.

Mr. Mangan was invited to Link by Mrs. Sahirah Johnson, Link's performing arts teacher. She said that the lessons learned will not only help students with their monologues, but in upcoming productions as well, including Link's winter and spring plays. Mr. Mangan, a Newark native and graduate of Arts High, Newark and University of the Arts, Philadelphia, has appeared on Broadway, in regional theater, on TV, and in film. Additionally, he teaches and performs voiceovers.

7th Grade History

Students in 7th grade history class are beginning to read an historical novel. Mr. Chrisman has given students the choice of reading one of the following books:

- *My Brother Sam is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier. This is a Newberry Honor Book which depicts life during the American Revolution and a family torn apart by the war.
- *The Secret of Sarah Revere* by Ann Rinaldi, a fictionalized account, based on carefully researched history of Paul Revere's rides and the intelligence network of the Patriot community prior to the American Revolution.

Snapshot of Third Quarter 8th Grade Science

During the third quarter, 8th graders will investigate and understand the scientific principles and technological application of Newton's law of motion; the forms of energy and how energy is transferred and transformed; heat and heat transfer; and work, energy and power. They will be applying their knowledge to real life situations, such as the advantages/disadvantages of wearing a seatbelt, energy changes that occur in a motor car or thunderstorm, minimizing energy loss in a home, exploring why one hole in a can of milk does not allow for the smooth flow of the milk from the can, and much more! Our students are learning lessons in Physical Science class that will last them a lifetime thanks to Mr.LaGuerre!