

## Weekly Messages For February 13-17, 2012

### This week

Monday, February 13

Tuesday, February 14

Thursday, February 16

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly, gym, 3:00 pm

Girls' Basketball Game, NCC, 4:30 pm

Boys' Basketball Game, NCC, 5:30 pm

**No school:** Professional Development Day

### Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, February 17-Monday, February 20

Friday, February 24

Tuesday, February 28

**No school:** President's Weekend

Black History Month/Grandparents' Day Celebration, gym,  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Admissions Open House, gym, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

### Congratulations to this week's award recipients!

Left to right: Ayana Allison, Core Values  
Emmanuel Green, Effort of the Week  
Kiya Miles, Effort of the Week  
Hannah Kasunmu, Effort of the Week



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend the awards assembly to be held at 3 pm on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate students who achieved honors in core values and academics as well as others who achieved "best effort" or "most improved" in each Team.



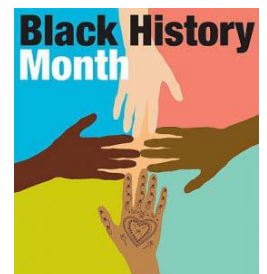
### Summer Camps and Opportunities

Don't forget to submit your camp application requests to Mr. Silver ASAP. Scholarship positions fill up very quickly and you won't want your child to lose out on a wonderful experience this summer!



### Black History Month/Grandparents' Day Celebration

On Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> Link students, under the direction of Mrs. Sahirah Johnson, will present a special performance to celebrate this special time. We will share a potluck supper in the cafeteria at 6pm sharp, and then the performance will take place directly after in the gym, at 7:00 PM. A number of Linkers have been busy learning their parts for the performance and others have been working on set design. This will be a wonderful showcase for the talents of your children and a great time of community. Come – and invite your child's grandparents too! Look for more information about the event next week!



**Turn over for more information.**

### School Closings due to Inclement Weather

Link will reach out to all parents via the School Reach Automated Telephone System if we find it necessary to close school or have a delayed opening due to bad weather. (Also, if we need to close school early.) Please make certain that Link has a current phone number so we can reach you. If you have a new phone number or would like to add another phone number to the School Reach system, please contact Mrs. Machrone at 973.642.0529 Ext. 17 or [smachrone@linkschool.org](mailto:smachrone@linkschool.org).

In addition to School Reach calls, we will post the information on our website ([www.linkschool.org](http://www.linkschool.org)) as well as on TV: ABC7 and NJN12.



### In the Classroom

#### Teams Imani and Umoja Literature Classes

In Ms. Snyder's literature class, Team Imani chose to adapt scenes from the novel *The Outsiders* into play format, which they will rehearse and perform next week, in costume and with props and scenery! This is a fun, hands-on project with the opportunity for students to apply the skills they learned from Mrs. Johnson in performing arts class.

Following their study of *The Giver*, Team Umoja will ponder the concepts of utopia and dystopia, and subsequently embark on a project in which each student will design his or her own utopian community.

#### Life Science: Frog Dissection

One of the most favorite life science lab activities is dissecting a frog. On February 8, the seventh grade students had an exciting frog dissection lab. Ms. Chanco believes that in exposing her students to the anatomy of the frog, they will become familiar with the inner workings of their own bodies as well. The frog has a lot of similarities with the human anatomy. This is also an excellent way to introduce the different body systems which the students will learn about later in the school year.

