

September 15, 2023

Dear Link Families:

This week was our first full week, and I'm delighted to report that we truly have started to settle into routines and our learning is in full force - from reviewing letters, sounds, and counting in kindergarten to narrative writing and place value review in grade 5! Having consecutive days is so valuable as we work to set our routines, procedures, and expectations. Students (and staff) have adjusted well to being in school and evidence of learning is already so apparent. The students are happy and excited and that is a joy to see - it really is great to be back!

We will be taking the STAR assessments (all grades) in ELA and math. Both of these computer-based assessments provide important information which the teachers will use. The purpose of these screeners is to understand the skills that students have developed in relation to our ELA and math curriculum and NYS Learning Standards and to provide instruction which takes this into account. The STAR will be given three times during the course of the school year - fall, winter, and spring.

A letter was sent earlier this week, but here is another reminder to please join us for our Meet the Teacher" presentations. Here is Link's schedule:

Wednesday September 20 Grades K-2 6:30 pm

Tuesday September 26 Grades 3-5 6:30 pm

Watch for flyers that come home announcing various after-school offerings (such as coding, art class, yoga) sponsored by the Clarkstown Family Resource Center and/or the Link PTA. Our PTA also has fundraising events (the online Fall Fundraiser with Miss Chocolate has begun and ends on October 6) . Please check the PTA website for all the details and thank you for supporting these fundraisers as you are able. And join us for the BBQ on September 22 (refer to the flyer sent home for details on cost and time).

It looks like we are set for a beautiful weekend of weather. I hope you have plans that include fun and the outdoors. As of now, I intend to spend some time with my family (my new granddaughter is now one month old), take care of some house work, and get out on the golf course!

As always, thanks for your continued partnership as we work together in the education of our children. And to those who celebrate, Shanah Tovah!

Sincerely,
Mary Bish, Principal

