

March 1, 2024

Dear Link Families:

I hope you all enjoyed last week's winter recess break. I took time to travel and visit family. One of my trips was to Tennessee, and it provided me with some lovely early Spring weather and sunshine - I'm hoping we will soon see that weather in our area (and that it stays).

I wanted to be sure that your calendars are marked for some important upcoming dates:

March 1 = Read-In at North High School Gym sponsored by the North Kindness Crew Club. It goes from 6-8 pm

March 14 and March 15 = Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you still need to schedule a conference, please contact your child's teacher. These conferences are a great way for you to talk with your child's teacher about how your son/daughter is doing academically, socially, and emotionally at this particular time in the school year.

March 15 = No school for students

March is Music in Our Schools Month and Youth Art Month. Please be on the lookout for an invitation to visit one of your child's music classes this month - Mrs. Kimmel will be sending the specifics on this!

The DARE Program has started for our grade 5 students. Sponsored and presented by the Clarkstown Police Department, DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) offers our students lessons in avoiding drugs, gangs, and violence. They are taught skills to resist peer pressure and live lives that are drug and violence free. We appreciate having this program.

Next week we will have visits from the Felix Festa Ambassadors and the Clarkstown South Viking Connections Program. Many of these students were at Link for their elementary years, so having them come back to present to our students is always a great experience!

The "It's SNOW Great to Read" reading event has been a huge success. Our students have read many books and by providing recommendations, are helping us share our love for good books. Stay tuned for the next reading event which centers around the New York Boulders baseball team and begins in March!

Mrs. Poggi's Water Pollution Exhibition Group is pairing with Link's Student Council to collect empty plastic water bottles. **100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Water Is Life organization.** This global organization delivers safe drinking water and sanitation solutions through diverse filtration systems to communities in need, mostly in Africa and Latin America. Students should bring the water bottles to school. There will be a large recycling bin labeled "Water Is Life" in the front hallway of our building. Thank you for your support!

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend. Thank you for all the support you provide as we partner in educating our children.

Sincerely,
Mary Bish, Principal