



## Week of October 19, 2020

- Every Monday & Wednesday from 11-1pm families can pick-up their Grab & Go Meals from the cafeteria
- Every Monday from 7:45am - 6:00pm families can pick-up/return student work

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### October

**10/19 - Grades 2-5 begin hybrid instruction!**

**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR HYBRID SCHEDULE for TK-5**

- **All TK-5 students returning to in-person instruction MUST complete a Student Health Screening Form before entering class. Parents - please send the completed form with EACH child.**

**Click [HERE](#) for the Student Health Screening Form**

Students returning for in-person instruction, please remember to bring the following items:

- 2 personal face masks (REQUIRED - 1 to wear and 1 as a back-up)
- backpack
- pencil pouch
- personal refillable water bottle (water fountains are turned off but filling stations and class faucets are available)
- earbuds/headphones (as age appropriate and as directed by your child's teacher - not required by all grades)
- beach towel (for outside learning allowing students to socially distance)
- non-aerosol sunscreen (optional - students may not share sunscreen)
- hat for sun protection during outdoor learning + play (optional)
- Snack

**Please ensure that your child's name is on all personal items.**

- **ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-8 WILL REMAIN ON THE DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULE**

## Upcoming Events:

**10/26** - Grades 6-8 begin hybrid instruction!

**10/27 & 10/29** Fire Drill - postponed due to Halloween activity

### Halloween:

**10/27 - Cohort A Halloween** - activity - see below

**10/30 - Cohort B Halloween** - activity - see below

**10/29 - Cohort C Halloween** - any student interested in sending a picture of themselves in costume must submit the picture to [cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto:cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us) BY Thursday, 10/29 so that these pictures can be included in the slideshow.

Due to COVID, unfortunately this year there will be no parade however we still want to have a fun-filled day to keep as much of the tradition alive as we safely can. On your child's cohort day, they are encouraged to wear an appropriate costume. Students must be able to sit, walk, breathe, see and hear. Only masks that cover the nose/mouth due to COVID are permitted. Costumes cannot promote use of drugs, alcohol or weapons of any kind. No pretend "prop" weapons such as water pistols, knives or swords. All school rules will be enforced. Students will take socially distanced pictures by cohorts. Pictures will be put into a school slideshow to be shared with families. Permission slips for the photo release will be sent home next week.

**11/6** - End of First Trimester

**11/11** - No School - Veteran's Day

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## News:

### [Newcastle Elementary and Newcastle Charter Safe Reopening Plan](#)

This plan is subject to change as new guidance is provided by the CDE, CDPH, and/or local health authority and Placer County Office of Education.

**Safety:** As part of our safety protocols, staff will conduct daily health monitoring and communicate their health status as established by the district. **To ensure student health, families are required to conduct daily health monitoring of their child/children prior to sending them to school. FAMILIES MUST COMPLETE THE STUDENT HEALTH SCREENING FORM BELOW AND SEND THE COMPLETED FORM WITH EACH STUDENT ON THE FIRST DAY OF IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION.**

## [Student Health Screening Form](#)

### Cohorts:

**Cohort A:** In-person instruction on Mondays and Tuesdays

**Cohort B:** In-person instruction on Thursdays and Fridays

**Cohort C:** 100% distance learning instruction. All families who let us know that they will remain in distance learning are in Cohort C. *For planning purposes, all children were placed in either Cohort A or Cohort B for if/when they return to school.* Families will alert the school if/when they will come out of Cohort C to re-enter school for in-person instruction in their assigned cohort. Cohort A or B assignments may be changed to ensure we are providing maximum safety protocols.

While we would prefer families to stay in either the hybrid cohort model or the distance learning model, families may make arrangements through the office to change from one model to the other as appropriate for your family's needs. We will work together on a smooth transition.

**Immunizations:** Please remember that prior to students returning to school they must have any required immunizations. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

**Music, PE and Spanish Instruction UPDATE** - Our incredible teachers, Ms. Aday, Mr. Allen and Ms. Wagner, who have been providing engaging lessons in these three subjects are now also supporting our students and instructional staff as we return to in-person instruction. Due to the amount of time it requires to create engaging online (asynchronous) lessons, they will be reducing the length of their lessons and/or combining grade spans as appropriate. They will continue to provide outstanding content for our students in support of all of our distance learners. We are working towards a schedule where they will provide both in-person and asynchronous instruction as soon as practicable.

**Student Activities:** We are so proud of our Knights! Student prizes will be with their packets that are being picked up on Monday. If there is not a packet for the student, the prize will be mailed to the student's residence.

### Stellar Knights of the Week

<p><b>Townes C.</b> - TK, Landry <b>Mason O.</b> - K, Erickson <b>Wyatt L.</b> - K, Ballew <b>Olivia B.</b> - 1st, Nelson <b>Maddie C.</b> - 1st, Roseman <b>Taylor D.</b> - 2nd, Clifton <b>Hudson B.</b> - 3rd, Erickson <b>Dominic Z.</b> - 3rd, Hansen <b>Brooke M.</b> - 4th, Bales</p>	<p><b>Ameya L.</b> - 6th, Larsen <b>Lyla S.</b> - 6th, Percival <b>Amelia G.</b> - 7th, Stocks <b>Lucca V.</b> - 7th, Cunningham <b>Daegan O.</b> - 8th, Ferrera <b>Finn M.</b> - 8th, Sarkisian <b>Uzi/Kaelo S.</b> - PE, Allen <b>Jayden R.</b> - Music, Aday <b>Sophia D.</b> - Sra. Salud</p>
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### Super Knight of the Week

**Finn M.** - 8th Grade, Sarkisian

**School Spirit Wear:** Please see [order form](#) for your Newcastle Knights Spirit Wear! DEADLINE to order is Friday, November 6th!

**Halloween Costume Contest:** If you wish to participate in the contest, simply submit a picture of your student(s) in costume to [newcastlenewscast@gmail.com](mailto:newcastlenewscast@gmail.com) **no later than October 24th!** *Please note: If you submit a picture, it may be included in the school newspaper!*

**Discovery Club:** After 10/19 there will no longer be a morning program at Newcastle. The afternoon program will continue as usual. Please call the school office or Discovery Club if you have any questions.

**Yearbook:** While we may have started slow, we are working to make this year's yearbook amazing! Yearbooks can be ordered NOW for \$28. Prices will increase as the year progresses so get yours now. To order today, go to:  
[https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1005646/Newcastle-Elementary-School/2021-Yearbook/2020081204235675077/CATALOG\\_SHOP/](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1005646/Newcastle-Elementary-School/2021-Yearbook/2020081204235675077/CATALOG_SHOP/)

**Data Confirmation:** Please ensure that you have updated your phone number, email and three(3) emergency contacts for your student's Aeries account.

**Absences:** If your student is not going to be (virtually) in class (due to an absence, illness, appointment, etc.), please remember to call the attendance line to report the absence. 916-663-3307.

**Tutors:** Del Oro has a list of student tutors available. If you would like more information, please contact Del Oro (916) 652-7243 or call the Newcastle school office.

**Child Nutrition:**

Lunch Meals are available for both Cohort A & B students when on campus. Please have your student notify their teacher during attendance if they'll be purchasing lunch. On their way to pick up areas, students will be able to grab their lunch meal from the Knights Cafe to consume off campus. Lunch is only \$3.00, and includes entree, fruit, veggie and milk. Reduced pricing is \$.40 for lunch. Applications for Free & Reduced Price Meals are available via the link below, at the school office and via email upon request.

**Now Featuring...***Bulk PRE-ORDER Grab and Go Meal Pickup* on Wednesdays from 11:00am-1:00pm! During the transitioning of our hybrid school schedule and for distance learners, the Knights Cafe is taking pre-orders for bulk meal pickup. You may phone or email Cirbie Krslovic to place your order. We are offering a 3-day or 5-day breakfast and lunch box of delicious and nutritious meals for students! Orders must be placed by Tuesday night for Wednesday pickup. Please specify: Student Name(s) and whether it's a 3-day or 5-day meal box. Eligible students receive meals at reduced or free pricing. Click [here](#) for flyer! If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Knights Cafe 916-663-3307, Ext. 2217

[Food Services Information](#)

[Menu](#)

[Free and Reduced School Meal Application](#)

All eligibility information received is protected by privacy laws and kept confidential.

**Technology Assistance:**

For assistance please contact our support team at [support@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto:support@newcastle.k12.ca.us).

**Cub Scouts:** Hey friends! If any of you are looking for social enrichment for your kiddos (boys and girls, grades K -5), Come say hello at our next den meeting! Contact Sarah with any questions at [sarahgillmore@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgillmore@gmail.com) or at <http://beascout.org/>

6:00 pm Thursday, November 4th, 2020  
Newcastle Elementary School - Upper Campus Basketball Courts.

**Other Resources to Stay Connected:**

Placer 211 for support with housing, mental health, food, employment, healthcare, transportation, and beyond. Dial 211 (Interpreters available) or text your zip code to 898211 or visit [211Placer.org](http://211Placer.org)

[Newcastle School Website](#)

[Newcastle PTC Website](#)

Thank you for your partnership, trust and support.

**GO KNIGHTS!**