



## Week of November 30, 2020

- **Every Monday from 7:45am - 6:00pm families can pick-up/return student work**

### Important Update:

As you are aware we will continue to stay in distance learning for this week. We continue to prepare for extended day instruction beginning December 7th with our instructional day going 8am - 2:30 pm. We are prepared to serve lunches out of the cafeteria, grouped TK-2, 3-5 and 6-8. Students will be eating, appropriately socially distanced outside as long as the weather cooperates. If we need to move inside, we have prepared a safe, socially distanced lunch space for all classes. We have designated outdoor play areas for our students to engage in a variety of age-appropriate activities. When we return to extended day instruction, students will once again participate in PE, Spanish and Music.

We appreciate your commitment to ensuring that students who are symptomatic continue to stay home and quarantine as appropriate. Information about COVID symptoms, wellness protocols, testing sites and other COVID related information can be found on the links at the bottom of this email. Please contact the school with updated student health information or if you have any questions.

### November

Monday, 11/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distance Learning (at home) instruction continues <b>Distance Learning Schedule</b> <a href="#">LINK</a></li> </ul>
Tuesday, 12/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distance Learning instruction continues</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 12/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distance Learning instruction continues</li> <li>11:00-1:00 Pre-Ordered Bulk Grab &amp; Go Meals available for pickup at the Cafe'</li> </ul>
Thursday, 12/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distance Learning instruction continues</li> </ul>
Friday, 12/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distance Learning instruction continues</li> </ul>

### December

**12/7** - Extended Day Schedule begins [LINK](#)

**12/10** - Site Council Virtual Meeting 2:30pm - [Open to the public](#)

**12/14** - Board Meeting 6:00pm

12/18 - Minimum Day

12/21-1/1 - Winter Break

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## News:

**Student Attendance:** We know these times are challenging and truly recognize the unique hardships for families during hybrid and distance learning. Please remember though that attendance is still a critical part of education. **Students are expected to log on at the time set by their teacher(s), respond when called upon, turn on their camera when directed (unless there is a complication that has been communicated to the teacher), and complete assigned work and projects.**

If your child will be absent (virtually or in-person) for a legitimate reason (e.g. illness, appointment, etc.) please make sure you contact the attendance line or school office at (916) 663-3307 to report the absence. If we do not hear from you regarding your student's absence, it will be counted against them as unexcused.

**Calling 7th Grade Parents** - It is hard to believe it but we need to begin forming the planning committee for this year's 8th grade promotion. It is a tradition that 7th grade parents create this special event for the outgoing 8th graders. Please contact our office or Cindy Giove at [cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto:cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us) if you would like to be on this committee. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Stellar Knights: We are so proud of ALL our Knights!** The Stellar Knight prize program will resume next week. Thank you for your understanding!

## Reminders:

**iReady:** Parents, please remember that students should be using iReady for at least 20-minutes each day to further help them meet their learning goals.

**Monday & Thursday** - 20 minutes of iReady reading

**Tuesday & Friday** - 20 minutes of iReady math

**Wednesday** - 20 minutes of iReady (math OR reading - whatever is most needed)

**KNIGHTS CAFE NEWS:** *One Free Breakfast/Snack meal and One Lunch meal is available for our students through December 2020!*

[Free School Meals Flyer](#)

[November Menu](#)

[December Menu](#)

[Food Services Information](#) [Free and Reduced School Meal Application](#)

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

**Yearbook:** The Yearbook is in need of your help! In a normal year, we would not typically include many "at home" photos in our publication but as with nearly everything else in our lives at this time, things are just different this year. If you could take a moment and upload two (2) pictures of your student(s), we will try to weave those sweet faces into our pages. It's easy as

pie to use the portal and will help us create something terrific, featuring our school's most important people - our students! While we may not have the same activities and events to fill our pages for the 2020-21 Yearbook, what really matters is capturing this moment in time for our students. Thank you in advance for your partnership in this endeavor. Here's the link to upload pictures: <https://images.jostens.com/415474203>

To order a yearbook, click [HERE](#).

**Face Covering FAQs:** Please see the attached document for [Placer County Health Face Covering FAQs](#).

**Technology Assistance:**

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

**Important Resources:**

[Placer Health Department Q&A](#)

[COVID Response Scenarios](#)

[COVID Response Scenarios - Spanish](#)

[COVID Symptoms](#)

[Testing Matrix for staff and students](#)

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

[NES Student Health Screening Form](#)

[211Placer.org](#) for support with housing, mental health, food, employment, healthcare, transportation, and beyond.

[Newcastle School Website](#)

[Newcastle PTC Website](#)

Thank you for your partnership, trust and support.

**GO KNIGHTS!**