



Week of February 15, 2021

Enjoy your February Break!
Remember NO School February 15th-19th!

Check out the **Valentine's Day Newscast** from the Knightly News Team!

<https://youtu.be/Oa5pv4Wx0HM>

TK-8 students to attend 4-day/week in-person instruction!

TK-8 students in Cohorts A and B will now merge for in-person instruction on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday while students in Cohort C continue to receive instruction via live streaming. Wednesdays, all students will continue to have their morning meeting(s) from 8:00-8:30am and then continue with asynchronous instruction for the remainder of the day.

With the majority of our students returning to in-person instruction over the next few weeks, please note that our teachers and staff will be working with classroom based students to re-establish school expectations and routines. We kindly ask our Cohort C families to please extend extra grace and patience as our teachers navigate this new dynamic.

As a supportive measure, we are excited to announce that we have hired Cohort C instructional support! We welcome teachers Gracelyn Asay (pronounced AC) and Corinne Meigs who will be supporting our Cohort C student in collaboration with each student's classroom teacher. Cohort C students will be meeting their support teacher this week, building a strong relationship and establishing a schedule of academic and social-emotional support.

2021-2022 Open Enrollment!

Registration information can be found on our school website <https://nec.newcastledistrict.org/> Click [HERE](#) for the NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION. If you reside outside of the Newcastle District you will need to complete a [Request for Charter Admission Form](#) as the first step. Charter enrollment is by lottery. **The first lottery due date is February 26th.** This is only for NEW students. Paper packets are also available at the school office.

It is with our deepest sorrow that we inform you of the passing of beloved teacher Cindy Tucker. Cindy was an integral member of the Newcastle staff for 15 year and had just retired at the end of last school year. Many of our current and former students had deep connections with Mrs. Tucker. This is difficult news to share with children and as such, we wanted to allow parents to guide their child(ren) in processing this information in the manner that will be most supportive. Our thoughts are with Cindy's family and friends. The school has extended a lasting gift to the family as a reminder of our love for our friend and colleague. I know you join me in keeping Cindy's family in our thoughts.

Attention Parents - Please send your student with personal earbuds or headphones to use while at school. With the weather becoming nicer, please remember to send a beach towel with your student for times when they are outdoors so they can sit socially distanced.

Pick-Up - In an attempt to keep traffic flowing, we are respectfully asking parents to have your car rearview mirror placard visible with your last name and student's grade level visible.

Students Arriving Late/Leaving Early: A gentle reminder, if your child arrives late to school they MUST head directly to the school office located on the upper level of the campus to receive a tardy slip to provide to their teacher. Additionally, in the interest of student safety, all students leaving early will need to be picked up from the school office on the upper level of the campus. Parents must sign students in and out from the school office. Thank you for your understanding as we implement a consistent policy and ensure student safety.

8th Grade Yearbook Dedications - ORDER NOW!

If you have an 8th grader and would like to honor them during this unique school year, consider a Yearbook Dedication. Please complete the [Yearbook Dedication Order Form](#) and return to the school office. **Deadline to order is February 26th!** Don't miss out on this special opportunity! Contact Mrs. Aday for more information at: caday@newcastle.k12.ca.us.

February is Black History Month

Teachers have a variety of age appropriate lessons and activities to share with students.

February 12th begins the Chinese New Year.

Please click [HERE](#) for fun resources and activities!

February 2021

Monday, 2/15	● February Break - No School
Tuesday, 2/16	● February Break - No School
Wednesday, 2/17	● February Break - No School
Thursday, 2/18	● February Break - No School
Friday, 2/19	● February Break - No School

Upcoming:

3/1 - Women's History Month

3/1 - Hearing Screenings (Grades K,2,5,8)

3/2 - Read Across America Day

3/5 - End of 2nd Trimester

3/10 - Board Meeting

3/15 - Minimum Days (12:10 Dismissal) - Spring Conferences

3/29-4/2 - Spring Break

4/14 - Board Meeting

5/12 - Board Meeting

5/31 - Memorial Day - No School

6/4 - Last Day of School

*8th Grade Graduation and events details are currently being discussed

Ongoing News:

Knights Cafe':

Qualified meal applications positively affect our community and have the potential to increase education funding. All eligibility information received is protected by privacy laws and kept confidential. If you're unsure whether you qualify for Free or Reduced Priced Meals, feel free to contact Cirbie Krslovic at (916) 663-3307 Ext. 2217. **Free Meals Through June for ALL students!**

- Click [HERE](#) to complete a School Application for Free and Reduced-Priced Meals.
- [February Menu](#)
- [Food Services Information](#)

Yearbook: You may order a yearbook [HERE](#). Current price is \$36.00. **Please upload a couple of photos to <https://images.jostens.com/415474203>.** Help us fill our yearbook with great pictures (taken THIS school year only please). This week we want pictures of your FAMILY FUN over the break without masks (while being COVID safe) doing the things your family enjoys. Please upload a couple of photos to <https://images.jostens.com/415474203>. Let's fill our yearbook with great pictures of our awesome kids!

Future 9th Graders

- For **Del Oro HS** - See [LINK](#) for enrollment information or visit their [website](#)
- For **Placer HS** - See [LINK](#) for enrollment information or visit their [website](#)

Virtual Chess Club! We are excited to announce a **Virtual Chess Club** for 4th - 8th Grade students. See [FLYER](#) details! Please contact our club advisor, Mr. Walsh, with your questions.

Coming Soon: Virtual Art Club and Virtual Outdoor Skills Club! Details coming soon!

iReady: To improve student academic achievement, all students in grades K-8 should be engaging in iReady learning for at least 20-minutes each day. Monday & Thursday - reading; Tuesday & Friday - math; Wednesday - math OR reading based on student's greatest area of need.

Technology Assistance:

For Chromebook issues and assistance, please contact our support team at support@newcastle.k12.ca.us.

Stellar Knights: We are so proud of ALL our Knights!

Stellar Knights of the Week

<p>Rylee S. - TK, Landry Beau F. - K, A. Erickson Mia W. - K, Ballew Aria M. - 1st, Nelson Olivia W. - 1st, Roseman Remi L. - 2nd, Clifton Hunter L. - 2nd, Hall-Nicholas</p>	<p>Henry P. - 3rd, Erickson Deshaun R. - 4th, Bales Remi C. - 5th, Lacey Mallery M. - 6th, A. Larsen Peyton F. - 6th, Percival Lumina B. - 7th, Cunningham</p>
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Super Knight of the Week

Wyatt L. - K, Mrs. Ballew

Reminders:

COVID SAFETY:

Please review the COVID expectations listed below as we all work together to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and larger community. Here is a CDC resource on how to properly wear, remove and clean masks: [CDC Guide to Masks](#)

It is imperative that students DO NOT come to school if any of the following are true:

Exposure to a positive COVID-19 person

Exposure to a person waiting for test results

Exposure to a person experiencing ANY COVID symptoms

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please call the school office if you have any questions about whether your child should come to school, before leaving home.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Resources for Parents

BERKELEY PARENT SUPPORT DURING COVID

https://ggie.berkeley.edu/school-challenges/supporting-learning-and-well-being-during-the-coronavirus-crisis/#tab_2

CDC PARENT SUPPORT

<https://www.cdc.gov/parents/index.html>

CDC CHILD MENTAL HEALTH

<https://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/>

CDC COPE WITH STRESS

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/stress-coping/index.html>

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) for Families

https://assets-global.website-files.com/5d3725188825e071f1670246/5e83b41b7df0210d47588d12_Supporting%20Families%20with%20PBIS%20at%20Home%20FINAL.pdf

Other Resources

[Placer Health Department Q&A](#)

[Placer County Health Face Covering FAQs.](#)

[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](#) (housing, mental health, food, employment, healthcare, transportation, etc.)

[Newcastle School Website](#)

[Newcastle PTC Website](#)

Thank you for your partnership, trust and support.

GO KNIGHTS!