



Week of February 22, 2021

TK-8 students to attend 4-day/week in-person instruction begins 2/22!

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 8:00-8:30 am 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 to begin building a positive relationship and to establish a schedule of 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.

Virtual Art Club and Virtual Outdoor Skills SIGN-UP NOW! Click [HERE](#) for details. There is very limited space available for each session.

Earbuds/Headphones - Please send your student with personal earbuds or headphones to use while at school.

Pick-Up - In an attempt to keep traffic flowing, please have your Newcastle student placard displayed in your car's rearview mirror. Please consider waiting until release time to arrive at school for pick-up.

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 it to the school office. **The 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.

PTC Read-a-Thon Fundraiser! Our fabulous PTC is sponsoring a reading fundraiser event beginning on Tuesday, March 2nd - Read Across America Day! The funds are going towards the purchase of shade structures. **Read-a-Thon [Flyer](#) Read-a-Thon Information [HERE](#).**

February 12-26 is the Chinese New Year. Please click [HERE](#) for fun resources and activities!
February is Black History Month

February 2021

4 Day/Week Extended Day Hybrid Schedule [LINK](#)

Monday, 2/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TK-8th Cohorts A/B merge for in-person instruction; Cohort C continues with live-streamed instructionArt Club/Outdoor Skills Club Sign-Up begins
Tuesday, 2/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TK-8th Cohorts A/B in-person instruction continues; Cohort C continues with live-streamed instruction
Wednesday, 2/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00 - 8:30 am All Cohorts online morning meeting8:30 - 2:30 pm All Cohorts asynchronous instruction11:00 - 1:00 Pre-Ordered Bulk Grab & Go Meals available for pickup at the Cafe'
Thursday, 2/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TK-8th Cohorts A/B in-person instruction continues; Cohort C continues with live-streamed instruction
Friday, 2/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TK-8th Cohorts A/B in-person instruction continues; Cohort C continues with live-streamed instructionDeadline for the first Charter Lottery for the 2021-22 school yearDeadline to place your order for an 8th-grade Yearbook Dedication

Upcoming:

3/1 - Women's History Month

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

3/2 - Read Across America Day

3/2 - PTC Read-a-Thon Fundraiser Kick-Off

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 events are currently being discussed

Ongoing News:

In case you missed it... **Valentine's Day Newscast** from the Knightly News Team!

<https://youtu.be/Oa5pv4Wx0HM>

Bus Transportation - For the past 5 years, we have had a no cost to families afternoon only bus. To provide this service to families, Newcastle has contracted out for our bus service. At this time we do not have a contract for bus services and may not for the remainder of this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. We are in discussions with the service provider at this time for possible future service. We will keep you informed.

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.

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](#). The current price is \$36.00. **Please upload a couple of photos to <https://images.jostens.com/415474203>.**

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.

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.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Resources for Parents

BERKELEY PARENT SUPPORT DURING COVID

https://ggje.berkeley.edu/school-challenges/supporting-learning-and-well-being-during-the-coronavirus-crisis/#ab_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!