



Week of March 15, 2021

Spring Conferences begin this week - If you haven't already scheduled your conference with your child's teacher(s), please contact the teacher directly or call the school office for assistance.

Fentanyl Poisoning - You should have all received an urgent notification on Friday evening regarding students in our neighboring communities who are victims of fentanyl poisoning. [HERE](#) is a copy of the parent notification. As another informational source about the dangerous drug, [HERE](#) is the KCRA interview with the Rocklin family who experienced this tragedy just a couple of weeks ago.

Student Attendance: **Students may *not* switch back and forth between in-person and distance learning.** If your student is **not** physically at school (and the in-person learning option was selected), they will be marked absent. A call to the office/attendance line is necessary to clear the absence even if they log in for distance learning that day. If your child is currently designated in Cohort C and is not logged on when the teacher expects them, they will be marked absent. Again, a phone call to the office/attendance line is necessary to clear the absence. Attendance calls go out at 10:45 am each day. If you have any further questions regarding attendance, please contact the school office.

PTC Read-a-Thon Fundraiser continues! Please help us reach our fundraising goal. Read-a-Thon Information [HERE](#). Thank you for your support!

March 2021

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

Monday, 3/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 Minimum Day - Conferences Begin • Virtual Outdoor Skills Club starts (3:30 for Gr 1-4 / 4:00 for Gr 5-8)
Tuesday, 3/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 Minimum Day - Spring Conferences • TK/K Round-Up 1:00 - 2:30 • Virtual Art Club (3:00 for Grades K-5)
Wednesday, 3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 - 8:30 am All Cohorts online morning meeting • 8:30 - 12:10 pm All Cohorts asynchronous instruction • Minimum Day - Spring Conferences

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11:00 - 12:10 Pre-Ordered Bulk Grab & Go Meals available for pickup at the Cafe' ● St. Patrick's Day
Thursday, 3/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimum Day - Spring Conferences ● TK/K Round-Up 1:00 - 2:30
Friday, 3/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimum Day - Spring Conferences

March is Women's History Month

Upcoming:

3/29-4/2 - Spring Break

3/31 - PTC Fundraiser ends

4/2 - Deadline for second Charter Lottery

4/14 - Board Meeting

4/8 - Site Council Meeting

5/12 - Board Meeting

5/31 - Memorial Day - No School

6/4 - Last Day of School

★ 8th-grade graduation events are currently being explored

Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible & Chivalrous!
Be Trustworthy is the character trait for March.

KNIGHT OF THE WEEK IS:

Gunnar G.

This Week's Stellar Knights are:

Orion P.

Lyla L.

Anastasia S.

Khloe S.

Ruby K.

Lilliana V

Jordyn O.

Isaias D.

Peyton F.

Lanie L.

Hadley Z.

Dallas J.

Tessa L.

Trace R.

Jones N.

Angel V.

Bella T.

Ongoing News:

2nd Trimester Report Cards have gone out! If you did not receive your student's report card please contact the office. You may also access your student's grades/report card through the Aeries Parent Portal *after Wednesday, March 17th*. Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to view your child's grades and report card. There will be no grades shown for PE, Music, Spanish at this time.

There are still a few spots in the Virtual Outdoor Skills Club! Please sign up through the school office. Click [HERE](#) for club details.

2021-2022 Enrollment Continues!

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 next lottery deadline is April 2nd.** This is only for NEW Charter students. Paper packets are also available at the school office.

Yearbook: You may still order a yearbook [HERE](#). The current price is \$36.00. **Please upload a couple of photos to <https://images.jostens.com/415474203>.**

Bus Transportation - For the past 5 years, we have had no cost to families afternoon only transportation. 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. 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.
- [March Menu](#)
- [Food Services Information](#)

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

Symptoms include:

- 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://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!