



## Week of March 1, 2021

**Pick-Up/School Traffic** - In an attempt to keep traffic flowing safely, please follow these reminders:

- Wait until student release time/DO NOT come early - While we know that there are special circumstances that come up, if everyone worked together to wait till closer to the dismissal time to arrive it would help our TK/K dismissal and our neighbors.
- Have your Newcastle student placard displayed in your car's rear view mirror. If you do not have one, please ask for one from the office or traffic attendant.
- DO NOT drive on the wrong side of the road
- Respect our neighbors - DO NOT use the tiny streets as a shortcut
- Respect the speed limit through the neighborhood
- **In an effort to reduce traffic congestion, younger siblings on the upper campus WILL BE allowed to go to the lower campus to meet older siblings.** Younger students should go to the top of the stairs where they will meet Mrs. Bolf. Mrs. Latno will meet all students at the bottom of the stairs as they head to the pick-up lines on the lower campus. **If you have siblings meeting each other, PLEASE do not arrive early as it will take a few extra minutes for the siblings to connect.**

Thank you for your patience and for following our reminders..

**Virtual Art Club and Virtual Outdoor Skills SIGN-UP!** Even though these clubs are virtual, they will be a lot of FUN! Click [HERE](#) for club details. **There are still a few spots open for each session!**

**PTC Read-a-Thon Fundraiser STARTS THIS WEEK!** 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 shades seating areas and we are exploring possible climbing structures for grades 3-5 and 6-8. **Read-a-Thon [Flyer](#) Read-a-Thon Information [HERE](#).** Thanks for your support!

**BIG THANKS!** We want to thank our local Scouting Troops, Troop 13 Boys and Troop 532 Girls, for their Random Act of Kindness as they participated in a campus beautification project under the guidance of Troop Leader Sarah Gillmore on March 17. We are conducting a PR campaign and held a video shoot last Sunday. Their act truly helped to make our campus shine! We also want to thank the Gillmore, Caplinger, Sorensen, and Harrer families for their last-minute participation in our video. We are excited to show everyone why Newcastle Elementary and Charter is THE PLACE TO BE! The video will be coming to our website soon.

## March is Women's History Month

TK-8 students continue to attend 4-day/week in-person instruction, Cohort C remains in distance learning, Wednesdays continue as usual.

### March 2021

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

<b>Monday, 3/1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Hearing Screening for Grades K,2,5,8</li><li>● Art Club/Outdoor Skills Club Sign-Ups continue</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, 3/2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Read Across America Day</b></li><li>● <b>PTO Read-a-Thon Fundraiser Kick-Off!</b></li><li>● 3:00-3:30 Virtual Art Club starts (Grades K-5)</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, 3/3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 8:00 - 8:30 am All Cohorts online morning meeting</li><li>● 8:30 - 2:30 pm All Cohorts asynchronous instruction</li><li>● 11:00 - 1:00 Pre-Ordered Bulk Grab &amp; Go Meals available for pickup at the Cafe'</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, 3/4</b>	
<b>Friday, 3/5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>End of 2nd Trimester</b></li></ul>

### Upcoming:

3/8 - Virtual Outdoor Skills Club starts

3/10 - Board Meeting

3/11 - Site Council/DAC/LCAP Committee Meeting @ 2:45 [meet.google.com/isp-tzkv-bfg](https://meet.google.com/isp-tzkv-bfg)

3/11 - Earthquake & Fire Drill ~ 8:45 am

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

3/29-4/2 - Spring Break

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:**

***Griffin B.***

### **This Week's Stellar Knights are:**

**Lillie C.**

**Charlotte J.**

**Lyla L.**

**Rory S.**

**Bailey K.**

**Harper E.**

**Mallery M.**

**Lily M.**

**Bryan B.**

**Braysin O.**

**Eleanor S.**

**Henry P.**

**Sophie A.**

**Ayden W.**

**Noah K.**

## Ongoing News:

### **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 deadline was February 26th. All lottery applicants will be notified by March 5th. *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.

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

**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.
- [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](mailto: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](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](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](https://www.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!**