



Week of April 19, 2021

CAASPP Testing: All students in grades 3-8 will be taking the CAASPP test April 27 - May 7 from 8:00 - 10:15. This is an annual assessment that measures student achievement in language arts, math, and science in grades 5 and 8. C Cohort students in grades 3-8 will receive communication from Mrs. Graham to review testing options. Students have been preparing for the past few months and are comfortable and familiar with the process. This assessment will be shorter in length than previous years due to COVID. Classrooms will be ready with snacks and incentives. We encourage students to get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast, arrive on time, and be prepared with a charged Chromebook if applicable.

California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) is an anonymous, confidential survey of school climate and safety, student wellness, and youth resiliency. **We will be administering it to students in grades 6 and 7 on April 29th (date moved back).** It enables schools and communities to collect and analyze data regarding local youth health risks and behaviors, school connectedness, school climate, protective factors, and school violence. The CHKS allows us to focus on improving the school climate and the student learning environment for overall school improvements. Copies of the CHKS are available in the school office for parent preview and also on the school website. **6th & 7th-grade parents, please check your email for details.** Please call the office if you have any questions.

Pick-Up/School Traffic SAFETY Reminders - 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 until 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 rearview mirror.**
- DO NOT drive on the wrong side of the road.
- Respect our neighbors - DO NOT use side streets as a shortcut.
- Respect the speed limit through the neighborhood.

Thank you for your patience and for following our reminders!

April 2021

Updated In-Person Student Schedule [HERE](#)

Monday, 4/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Last Class - Virtual Outdoor Skills Class
Tuesday, 4/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">●
Wednesday, 4/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 11:00-12:10 Pre-Ordered Bulk Grab & Go Meals available for pickup at the Cafe'● 11:40-12:10 TK/K dismissal /12:10 - Grades 1-8 Dismissal
Thursday, 4/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">●
Friday, 4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">●

Upcoming:

4/27 - CAASPP Testing Begins for grades 3-8

4/29 - CHKS 6th/7th grades

5/7 - CAASPP Testing Ends

5/12 - 8th-grade diagnostic testing in reading & math - PUHSD

5/12 - Board Meeting

5/13 - Site Council Meeting

5/31 - Memorial Day - No School

6/4 - Last Day of School - 12:10 dismissal

★ 8th-grade graduation events are currently being explored - We are getting closer every day!

Ongoing News:

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. Paper packets are also available at the school office.

Absence Reporting - If your student is going to be absent, please notify the school office to avoid having unexcused absences. You may call the office attendance line, or use the [absence reporting link](#) on our website. Please include the student's name, grade, and the reason for the absence.

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

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.
- [April Menu](#)
- [Food Services Information](#)

Students Arriving Late/Leaving Early: All students arriving after 8:00 am or leaving early must have a parent check them in/out through the school office located on the upper campus. Please call the office if you have any questions.

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.

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 the 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.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

Emergency Rental Assistance for Placer County!

Many families have been impacted this past year due to Covid, including possible loss of income or housing. Placer County has launched Rent Help Placer – an Emergency Rental Assistance Program that provides financial assistance to eligible low-income renters to pay for past due or current rent and utility payments. Applicants must show a loss in income or other related financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic to qualify. For more details and to start an application, please go to RentHelpPlacer.com. Need help getting started, please contact Lisa Graham at lgraham@newcastle.k12.ca.us.

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!