



Week of May 10, 2021

HELP NEEDED! We are currently seeking a part-time Noon Duty Supervisor for the remainder of the school year. The hours are 10:30 - 1:00. If you are interested, please contact Diane or Pat at the district office for more information (916) 259-2832.

Public Hearing - Science Curriculum - A Public Hearing will be held to take comments on our proposed science curriculum adoption in grades 6, 7, and 8 on Wednesday, May 12th at the regularly scheduled board meeting. The proposed curriculum is Amplify Science and sample units and materials for grades 6, 7, and 8 are available for public review in the district office between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. For further questions, please contact Lisa Graham: lgraham@newcastle.k12.ca.us.

7th & 8th Grade Health Standards - All parents in grades 7 & 8 have received correspondence from your child's homeroom/science teacher regarding the upcoming Growth, Development, and Sexual Health unit of study. Any parent not wanting their child to participate in this unit should contact their child's homeroom and/or science teacher to opt-out. Instruction begins this week.

Yearbooks - Yes, you can still order a yearbook [HERE!](#) The current price is \$36.00. The **tentative** date for distribution is June 1st.

Summer Bridge Program at Placer High School - PUHSD is excited to offer Summer Bridge again to our incoming 9th graders. This year we are expanding our program to invite incoming freshmen (current 8th graders) who may have been impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. This program aims to provide students with additional academic support and enriching activities to help them transition to high school. **Please see the attached [FLYER](#)** outlining this year's program, along with a link to the online registration form. Keep in mind, enrollment is limited to 25 students.

Placer Nature Center Summer Camp Flyer [HERE.](#)

May 2021

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

Monday, 5/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher of the Year Awards - Mr. Erickson• Teacher Who Makes a Difference Awards - Mrs. Aday
Tuesday, 5/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Wednesday, 5/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8th grade diagnostic testing in reading & math by PUHSD• 6:30pm NESD Board Meeting
Thursday, 5/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• California Science Test (CAST) Grades 5• Site Council Meeting Meet LINK
Friday, 5/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• California Science Test (CAST) Grades 5

Upcoming:

5/21 - 8th Grade Tech Turn-In

5/25 - 8th grade trip to Strikes Bowling Alley

5/26 - TK-1 Tech Turn-In

5/27 - 2-4 Tech Turn-In

5/28 - 5-7 Tech Turn-In

5/31 - Memorial Day - No School

6/1 - (tentative) Yearbook distribution to students

6/1 - Graduation practice; **8th-grade graduation dinner @ Newcastle Wedding Gardens 6pm**

6/2 - End-of-Year Field Day/Activities

6/3 - 8th-grade graduation @ 6:00 pm followed by a celebration 7:30 - 10 pm

6/4 - Cohort C Tech Turn-In

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

Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible & Chivalrous!

Be Patient is the character trait for May/June.

KNIGHT OF THE WEEK IS:

Uzi B.

This Week's Stellar Knights are:

Camden M.
Jax K.
Max M.
Elyse D.

Lillie C.
Lanie L.
Laila B.
Holden R.

Kaitlyn W.
Kaelo S.
Cash C.

Matias B.
Calliope P.
Dylan F.

***CONGRATULATIONS to ALL our "ROCK the Test"
daily winners in 3rd - 8th grades!***

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.

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.
- [May/June Menu](#)
- [Food Services Information](#)

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! [Rental Help Newsletter HERE](#)

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://ggje.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!