



## Week of May 31, 2021

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### Transitions -

**Mrs. Kat Ballew** - We want to wish Mrs. Ballew the very best on her upcoming retirement! Mrs. Ballew has been a teacher at Newcastle for 20 years. She has made a BIG impact on our school and the hundreds of students she has positively impacted over the years!

**Nathan Allen, Michele Cunningham and Kelly Dufour** - We wish these teachers the very best as they embark on new opportunities. We have appreciated the many contributions they have made to our school!

**We are excited to have an outstanding group of teachers joining our Newcastle team next year and we know you will help us give them a warm welcome!**

**Brooke Addison** comes to us from the Auburn Union School district where she possesses 10 years of experience in middle grades Language Arts and social studies. Brooke will serve our school as the new 7th grade ELA/social studies teacher.

**Jessica Dubendorf**, who has been serving as a long-term substitute last year in 4th grade and this year in 7th grade ELA/social studies, joins our team in grade 4.

**Amber Kohl**, Auburn resident, comes to us with three years of experience in 6th grade ELA/social studies from the Yuba City School District. We welcome Amber as our new 6th grade ELA/social science teacher.

**Katie Palin**, entrepreneur and new teacher, joins our team in 5th grade.

**Gary Wells** also comes to us from Auburn Union with over 20 years of elementary and middle school teaching experience, with a special emphasis in science instruction. Gary is joining us as the new 7th grade math/science teacher.

We are also excited to announce that **Mr. David Liebert** has enthusiastically taken the position of PE teacher! He will also be serving as our Athletic Director.

**Yearbooks have been delayed.** Unfortunately, our yearbook shipping is delayed. We're waiting for our vendor to update us on the ETA. We will update you as more information becomes available.

**End of Year Tech Turn-In** - Thank you to all our students and families for ensuring that all school technology has been returned! **Tuesday, June 1st is the 5th grade tech turn-in.** **Cohort C UPDATE - students MUST turn in their equipment on Friday, June 4th ANYTIME BEFORE 2 PM in the school library located on the upper campus.** Any student who still has a school-issued Chromebook, charger, or hotspot, needs to return them to the school by 2:00 pm on Friday, June 4th.

**8th Grade Graduation - Activities** [HERE](#)

**Lost and Found** - Please check the Lost and Found for any items your child may be missing. All unclaimed items will be donated on Monday, June 14th.

**Distance Learning Option for the 2021-22 School Year** - The district is committed to providing family-friendly learning opportunities for all students. To this end, we will be providing a distance learning experience for interested families. At this time, we are waiting for guidance from the state legislature as to new requirements that are currently being discussed before we can finalize our plans. We will continue to keep you informed on this educational option.

**Summer Learning Opportunities** - Optional summer learning activities will be posted to our website beginning the week of June 7th! All currently enrolled students will have access to iReady reading and math for the entire summer. **We will be holding a special July Challenge and we will be rewarding those students who elect to participate.** All summer learning is optional but encouraged.

**2021-22 School Year Planning** - Please notify Debby in the school office if you are moving or your child is not going to attend Newcastle for the 2021-22 school year. Debby can be reached at [dlaporte@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto:dlaporte@newcastle.k12.ca.us) or (916) 663-3307, Ext. 2200. Thank you!

## June 2021 Updated In-Person Student Schedule [HERE](#)

<b>Monday, 5/31</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day Holiday!</b>
<b>Tuesday, 6/1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8th-grade graduation dinner @ Newcastle Wedding Gardens 6:00 pm</li><li>*Tickets required to attend</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, 6/2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>End-of-the-Year Field Day Activities for All Grades</li><li>Special Grab &amp; Go lunch today - BBQ burgers or hot dogs!</li><li>Wednesday, 12:10 dismissal</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, 6/3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All curriculum returned by in-person students i.e. textbooks, novels, etc.</li><li><b>8th grade GRADUATION @ 6:00 pm in the Amphitheater. Tickets required for attendance. 4 tickets per graduate &amp; required to attend</b></li><li>8th grade after graduation celebration ~ 7:30 - 10:00 pm in the gym and on the outdoor blacktop</li></ul>
<b>Friday, 6/4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 12:10 pm dismissal</b></li><li><b>Cohort C technology &amp; curriculum turn-in 1:00-3:00 pm in the upper campus school library</b></li></ul>

**Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible & Chivalrous!**  
**Be Patient is the character trait for May/June.**

**KNIGHT OF THE WEEK IS:**

**Luke Hurtado**

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

**Adrian M.  
Ashley T.  
Griffin B.  
Ryel L.  
Claire B.**

**Kharis O.  
Jacob M.  
Dallas J.  
Evie D.  
Ella T.**

**Lanie L.  
Weston G.  
Jack B.  
Anton B.  
Lillie H.**

**Jack L.  
Braden L.  
Layla M.  
Jonah B.**

**Ongoing News:**

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

**Kidz Community Flyer [HERE](#) (Spanish [HERE](#))**

**2021-2022 Enrollment Continues** - Enrollment 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. ***Students currently enrolled at Newcastle, DO NOT need to re-register.***

**Knights Cafe': Free Meals through June for ALL students!** 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.

- Click [HERE](#) to complete a School Application for Free and Reduced-Priced Meals.
- [May/June Menu](#)
- [Food Services Information](#)

**Technology Assistance:**

For Chromebook issues and assistance, please contact our support team at: [support@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto: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](http://RentHelpPlacer.com). Need help getting started, please contact Lisa Graham at [lgraham@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto: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](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](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://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!**