



Week of May 3, 2021

CAASPP Testing continues this week! All students in grades 3-8 will continue taking the CAASPP test May 4th - May 7th from 8:00-10:15. This is an annual assessment that measures student achievement in language arts, math. Students in grades 5 & 8 will also take the California Science Test (CAST). Our PTC has graciously provided daily snacks. **We encourage students to get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast, arrive on time, and be prepared with a charged Chromebook if applicable.**

Warmer Weather is upon us! Please remember to have your child bring a refillable water bottle.

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 should have received correspondence from your child's homeroom/science teacher regarding the upcoming Growth, Development, and Sexual Health unit of study. The materials used to teach these standards are available for preview at the district office. Any parent not wanting their child to participate in this unit should contact their child's homeroom and/or science teacher to opt-out.

8th Grade Graduation Activities - A letter to 8th grade families was sent out via email last week with information about end of year activities and graduation. LINK IS [HERE](#) if you missed it! Please note, we have moved up the date for the in-person technology turn-in for our 8th graders to May 21st.

**8th grade parents, PLEASE COMPLETE [THIS SURVEY](#) TO INDICATE WHICH ACTIVITIES YOUR GRADUATE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN.
Due Wednesday, May 5th!**

May 2021

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

Monday, 5/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● NES/NCS Staff Appreciation Week! Feel free to give a shout-out to your child's teacher and/or support staff letting them know how they're doing!
Tuesday, 5/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● CAASPP Testing in grades 3-8 continues 8:15-10:15 am
Wednesday, 5/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● CAASPP Testing 8:15-10:15 continues● 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● 8th grade graduation activities survey due
Thursday, 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● CAASPP Testing 8:15-10:15 Continues
Friday, 5/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● CAASPP Testing 8:15-10:15 Continues

Upcoming:

- 5/12 - 8th-grade diagnostic testing in reading & math - PUHSD
- 5/12 - Board Meeting
- 5/13 & 5/14 - CAST testing for grades 5 & 8 ONLY
- 5/13 - Site Council Meeting
- 5/25 - 8th Grade Trip of Strikes Bowling Alley
- 5/31 - Memorial Day - No School
- 6/1 - (tentative) Yearbook distribution to students
- 6/1 - 8th Grade Graduation Dinner 6 pm
- 6/3 - Graduation 6 pm
- 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:

Izzy N.

This Week's Stellar Knights are:

**Quinn D.
Jonathan A.**

**Cameron B.
Penny D.**

**Ben R.
Lily M.**

Olive Z.

***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.

Yearbook: Yes! You can still order a yearbook [HERE](#). The current price is \$36.00. **Tentative** date for distribution is June 1st.

Students Arriving Late/Leaving Early and Absence Reporting: 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. If your student is going to be absent for the day, 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. If you have any questions, please contact 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://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!