



Newcastle Elementary & Charter School 2021-22
HEROES OF THE CASTLE
All for One and One for All!

Week of 10/18/21

News:

Volunteers & Field Trips Update - GREAT NEWS! We are moving forward with bringing volunteers back onto campus as well as preparing to participate in field experiences. We greatly appreciate the thoughtful efforts by our Board of Trustees and Superintendent Rush to safely reinstate these aspects of our educational program! Please watch your email this week for more information.

Student Portal Accounts for 6th, 7th and 8th Graders! Students in grades 6-8 can now view their grades and other student information using the Aeries Portal. Students should have received an email from Aeries. They can use this [LINK](#) to enter their Newcastle student email to access their grades. If they do not remember or know their password, they can select "forgot password" and reset it.

Enrichment Openings - Please email Principal Giove at cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us or call the school office at 916-663-3307 if your child is interested in either of these two enrichment programs.

Spike Legos Robotics - We have 5 spots available for Spike Lego Robotics for interested students in grades 3-5. This class is currently composed of 6-8 graders. Students interested in participating should have previous robotics experience and feel comfortable working with older students.

Naturalists Club - There are 6 openings left. Students in grades 3-8 are welcome to attend this incredible enrichment class that teaches about local birds and native flora, as well as pond ecology.

SHOUT OUT to Mrs. Hansen's class for meeting their reading goal of 100, 100% AR tests completed!

Traffic Kudos - Again, a BIG THANKS to all of our parents who are arriving at dismissal time and refraining from arriving early. Due to your actions, we are reducing the backlog of traffic at both the upper and lower campus pick-up locations. PLEASE keep up your efforts!

Picture Makeup/Retake Day is October 21st! Please see the flyer [here](#) for picture retake/makeup day information. **Students who were absent or who would like a retake should plan to have their picture taken on this day.** Even if you are not ordering at this time, the picture will be used for the yearbook, ID card, etc. If you are ordering for the first time, please complete the order form and have your student bring it on picture day. To order online visit mylifetouch.com and enter the Picture Day ID: EVT3TFZP2.



It's not too late to order pictures if you already had them taken! Please follow this [link to Lifetouch](#) and enter the Portrait ID# that was sent home with each student last week.

Red Ribbon Week / Halloween - October 25-29

Monday - Drug-Free Looks Like Me (wear sunglasses)

Tuesday - Heroes Team Up Against Drugs (wear team/sports jersey)

Wednesday - Give Drugs the Boot (wear boots)

Thursday - wear red

Friday - Heroes Don't Use Drugs / Halloween Parade Day – Students may wear Halloween costumes. The theme of Heroes/Superheroes is encouraged. As always, no real or fake weapons, no full face masks, and all costumes must be appropriate and follow the school dress code. True to Newcastle tradition but due to COVID, we are going to have a *modified* student parade. Unfortunately, we cannot have parents on campus to participate but we will take pictures to share.

PTC - Our PTC is hosting a Battle of the Books pumpkin decorating contest. Winning classes will receive a special class party hosted by the PTC. It is sure to be a spooktacular good time for all!

October 2021

[2021-2022 Student Schedule](#)

Monday, 10/18	Early Release Monday @ 1:30 pm 6-8 Lego Robotics Enrichment Class - Room 205, 1:45-3:30 pm
Tuesday, 10/19	3-5 Arts & Crafts Enrichment Class - Room 205, 2:40-3:40 pm Naturalists Enrichment Class - Room 602, 2:40-3:30pm Boys Basketball @ LBCS 3:15/4:15
Wednesday, 10/20	
Thursday, 10/21	Picture Retake Day Safety Drill - Great American Shakeout & Fire Drill 1-2 Bee-Bots Enrichment Class - Room 205, 2:40-3:30 pm PTC Meeting in Kindergarten Playground @ 3:00 pm Boys Bball Game at Franklin 3:15/4:15
Friday, 10/22	

Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible & Chivalrous!
Be Respectful is the character trait for the month of October.

This Week's Stellar Knights are:

*Luke Murphy R. Joel R. Mason O. Kaycee J. Calliope P.
Julienne G. Aurora Dominic Z. Jones N. Abram B. Sadi C. Sophia G.
Tyler D. Cassel B. Ameya L. Amelia G. Logan R. Hailey B. Jordyn O.*

Upcoming Events:

10/25-29 - Red Ribbon Week
10/29 - SOTM Assembly TK-3
10/29 - Halloween Parade
11/1 - iReady Diagnostic
11/10 - Board Meeting 7 pm
11/11 - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
11/12 - End of Tri 1
11/12 - Tri 1 Awards Assembly 4-8
11/12 - Tri 1 Dance 6 - 8 pm
11/15-19 - Conference Week
11/22 - Safety Drill
11/24-26 - Thanksgiving Break
12/17 - Minimum Day 12:10 pm
12/20-1/3 - Winter Break - School resumes on TUESDAY, 1/4/22
1/12 - NESD Board Meeting 7 pm
1/17 - Holiday - NO SCHOOL
1/20 - Safety Drill
1/28 - SOTM Assembly TK-3
2/7 - iReady Diagnostics Begin
2/9 - NESD Board Meeting 7 pm
2/18 - Safety Drill
2/18 - SOTM Assembly TK-3
2/21-25 - February Break - NO SCHOOL
3/4 - End of Tri 2
3/4 - Trimester Awards Assembly 4-8

Ongoing:

COVID Safety - We must continue to be diligent about the health and safety of our students and staff. **It is imperative that students DO NOT come to school if any of the following are true:**

Exhibiting COVID symptoms

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, and diarrhea

Per CDPH guidance, all persons regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear masks while indoors. This includes all school visitors. Masks are not required outside. Here is a CDC resource on how to properly wear, remove, and clean masks: [CDC Guide to Masks](#)

COVID Resources - Please know that we are working hard to understand the ever-changing guidelines while keeping student and staff safety at the forefront of our decision-making and communications. [HERE](#) is a resource from Placer County that may be helpful.

Absence Reporting: If a student is absent from school, the reason for the absence must be reported on the day of the absence. *When reporting an absence please provide the following information: student's name, date of the absence, the reason for the absence, and the relationship of the person reporting the absence.*

There are three (3) ways to report an absence to the school:

1. Call the office attendance line at (916) 663-3307 then press 3 and leave a message after the beep.
2. Email the school office staff.
3. Submit using our website [Absence Reporting Tool](#).

If verification of a student's absence due to illness has not occurred within three (3) school days, the unverified absence will be recorded as unexcused. Per state education code, after three days, an unexcused absence cannot be changed. If a student is absent for 3 or more consecutive days a doctor's note is required. Students with excessive tardiness, absences and/or habitual truancy may be referred to SARB. The following are the only legal excuses that will be accepted by the office for absences and tardies as outlined in Education Code 48205: 1) Personal illness; 2) Quarantine under the direction of the county or city health officer; 3) Medical, dental, optometric or chiropractic appointments, court appearance; 4) Attendance at funeral services; or 5) Participation in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction in accordance with district policy. *Family trips/vacations are unexcused absences unless an Independent Study contract is granted. Please contact your child's teacher or the school office at least five school days in advance of a trip, regarding Independent Study.*

Aeries Parent Portal Information - There are still some families that have not completed the Data Confirmation process or have questions about using the portal. Please click here for the [link to the Parent Portal Login page](#). Once you have logged in successfully, please see the attached information with [guidance for navigating the Parent Portal](#).

Donations - We are looking for clothing donations! Sometimes our students have slips, rips, or accidents and need a change of clothes while at school. If you have any children's clothes to donate, please bring them to the school office. *(Items that would be helpful at this time are: t-shirts, shorts, pants, in sizes that will fit TK - 8th grade.) Donated items should be in decent condition, washed and clean. Please bring them in a plastic bag.* Thank you!

Enrichment - See the [Enrichment Flyer](#) for details. Sign-up in the school office.

Get Involved - Contact your child's teacher or the school office for volunteer opportunities.

PTC News - PTC is so happy to be back celebrating our Knights and we need your help! Sign up today to be an event volunteer or join our PTC board. Turn in the PTC membership form to the office or sign up online at <https://www.ptcnewcastle.org/signup>.

Campus Traffic - Please follow the Car Pick Up Guidelines below:

- **Do not arrive before 1:30 on Mondays and 2:30 T-F into the school parking lot.** This will allow the TK/K families with no other children to enter the upper parking lot by the flagpole, pick up their child(ren), and exit before the regular dismissal time.
- **ONLY TK/K parents with no other students may arrive early on campus.** TK and Kindergarten parents who do NOT have upper-grade students (grades 1-5) should arrive AT 2:10 and depart BEFORE 2:30. Again, do not arrive early and park in the pick-up line as you also back up traffic.
- Families with TK/K students AND upper-grade students (grades 1-5) should pick up ALL of their children in the lower circle at 2:30 or after (1:30 on Mondays).
- Our neighbors are respectfully asking that you do not block their driveways for extended periods of time so that they can also get in and out.
- For the safety of all of our families, please do NOT make illegal u-turns, park in undesignated areas, and go the wrong way on the streets.

Employment Opportunities - Join our Team! The Newcastle Elementary School District is currently hiring Superheroes for a variety of positions. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Social Media - Follow us for the latest updates [Newcastle Website](#)



IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

[Student/Parent Handbook](#).

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Resources for Parents: [BERKELEY PARENT SUPPORT DURING COVID](#)

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) for Families: [Supporting Families with PBIS](#)

GO KNIGHTS!