



Newcastle Elementary & Charter School 2021-22

HEROES OF THE CASTLE

All for One and One for All!

Week of 1/10/2022

News:

Important COVID Updates - The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority! With an increase in COVID cases, and with state and county guidelines changing, please know that we are making every effort to ensure the safety of our students and staff while still being able to provide quality, in-person education. As we become aware of cases and/or potential exposures, you will be notified via our school communication system IF your student has been directly affected. We understand that CDC and CDPH have released their quarantine guidance however, as a district we are working with the [Placer County Health Department](#) to determine our quarantine protocols. We thank you in advance for your patience as we work through the processes and guidance. Like you, we are anxiously awaiting clear and consistent implementation of the safety protocols.

In the event of an exposure, you might consider registering your student in advance for school-provided COVID-19 Rapid Testing. **Only students that have opt-in registration will be able to access the school-provided COVID Rapid Test. This is optional for our school families and no student will be tested without the consent and registration by their parent/guardian. To pre-register in the event you'd like your child tested, click the following link and select "Student Registration"** <https://my.primary.health/l/newcastle-elementary>. All questions included in registration are required for California State public health reporting. This program is free for all participants.

Enrichment Classes Starting! - See the flyer [HERE](#) for details. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Video Production class however we hope to hold it in the spring.

Performing Arts Enrichment Opportunity! One more try... In conjunction with *McLaughlin Studios of Music, Dance, and Theater Arts*, we are exploring the possibility of offering interested students the experience of working with the McLaughlin staff and parent volunteers to perform **Shrek Jr.** **If you are interested in this, please attend the meeting or contact Mrs. Giove directly. If we do not have enough interest we cannot offer the program.** Click [HERE](#) for an overview of the program including the schedule. **Mrs. Giove is holding a brief VIRTUAL informational meeting on Wednesday, January 12th at 5 pm. Please use [THIS LINK](#) to join the meeting if your student would be interested in participating.**

Free Online Reading Resource - This opportunity is available now through January 31st. Click [HERE](#) for details.

January 2022

Monday, 1/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Release Monday @ 1:30
Tuesday, 1/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TENTATIVE Girls Volleyball Game @ HCP 8th 3:15/7th 4:15
Wednesday, 1/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performing Arts VIRTUAL Enrichment Info Meeting - Meet Link HERE• Board Meeting - Open Session begins @ 7 pm
Thursday, 1/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TENTATIVE Girls Volleyball Game @ Newcastle 8th 3:15/7th 4:15
Friday, 1/14	

Reminder that Monday, 1/17/22 is a school holiday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Our Stellar Knight Winners this week are:

Quinn W. Trent R. Adrian Camryn R. Bryan B. Zoey W. Jack L.
Aubrey B. Kai M. Darrin B. Charlotte N. Sierra M. Bo W.
Nathan V. Holly M. Izzy J. Jaemi V. Brianna D. Mason J.

December's Character Trait of the Month was: Be Accepting Congratulations to our December Character Trait of the Month Winners:

Audrey B. Kaleb W. Asher D. Avery R. Noah F. Sutter B. Teagan B. Uziel B. Jaira R. Evita B.
Zoey V. Mia W. Jaxon S. Weston P. Jackson P. Calvin C. Leah D. Cayden P.
Overall Class Winner: Mrs. Percival's class!

January's Character Trait of the Month is: Be Cooperative

Upcoming Events:

1/17 - Holiday - NO SCHOOL
1/20 - Safety Drill - Lockdown & Shelter-in-Place
1/27 - SOTM Assembly TK-3
2/7 - iReady Diagnostics Begin
2/9 - NESD Board Meeting 7 pm
2/18 - Safety Drill
2/17 - 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:

2021-2022 Student Schedule

Knights Cafe' - January MENU

Yearbook Information - [HERE](#) Yearbooks are \$30 through April 30, 2022. *There will be limited quantities available for purchase at an increased price during the last week of school.* Please visit [ybpay.com](#) to order and enter our school's yearbook ID code: 14526722.

PUHSD Open Enrollment - 2022-23 OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR PLACER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (PUHSD) Open Enrollment/Intradistrict applications for Placer Union High School District are being accepted between January 4th and January 31st, 2022. The District's Open Enrollment/Intradistrict Transfer policy may allow students to attend a school outside their normal area of attendance provided there is space available and the deadline is met. TO APPLY: The parent/guardian of the pupil must complete and submit the application, along with the most recent copies of grades, attendance, and notice of any behavior issues to their school of residence and request an appointment with the principal. The completed form MUST be turned into the District Office no later than January 31, 2022, by 3:59 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS. Applications can be found on our [website](#). Parents can contact Placer Union High School District Office at 530-886-4454 or email transfers@puhsd.k12.ca.us for more information regarding Open Enrollment/Intradistrict Transfers.

7th & 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Schedule- [Here](#)

Boys Volleyball Coach Needed! If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact our Athletic Director, David Liebert, at dliebert@newcastle.k12.ca.us.

Visitor and Volunteer Updated Guidelines [HERE!](#)

Mid Placer Little League - Click [HERE](#) for registration information.

Spanish & PE Grading Rubrics Grades 6-8 - [HERE](#)

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 updated their contact information, 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](#).

Enrichment - If you are interested in volunteering to provide after-school or lunchtime enrichment activities for our students, please contact Mrs. Giove at cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us. Music, theatre, or any other ideas are welcome and will be considered!

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.
- Lower Campus - PCOE has asked us to put out a reminder for parents to please NOT drive or park on the lawn areas (lower campus road and oof the side of the parking lot) while waiting during pickup.
- Upper Campus - Parents please DO NOT drop off students in the Placer County Office of Education Medical Therapy Unit (MTU) parking lot by the TK/1st classrooms. This is NOT a designated drop-off area for students as these parking spots are for the employees/patrons of the PCOE MTU.
- Again, please DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY for pick-up as it causes unnecessary traffic backup

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!