



## Newcastle Elementary & Charter School 2021-22

### **HEROES OF THE CASTLE**

*All for One and One for All!*

### **Week of 1/31/2022**

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#### **News:**

**Now Enrolling NEW STUDENTS for the 2022-2023 School Year!** Open enrollment starts February 1st for NEW in-district and out-of-district students. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our community of learners, please be sure to reach out to let them know that we are accepting new enrollments. *Students currently enrolled at Newcastle do not need to re-enroll.*

**8th Grade Graduation Dance Planning Committee Forming** - 7th grade parents, we need your help to plan the 8th grade graduation dance. We are holding a quick **virtual meeting** this Tuesday @ 3 pm. The meeting link is [HERE](#) and in the calendar below. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Spirit Day on 2/2/22!** Show your school spirit by wearing a tutu for National Tutu Day. Other options for spirit wear include wearing a tie and/or mixed-up tennis shoes (2 different shoes). We are encouraging all of our Knights to participate in our spirit activity!

**7th & 8th Grade Boys Volleyball - Tryouts are on Monday, January 31st at the lower campus gym from 1:45-3:15.** Click [HERE](#) for tryout and season information as well as the required sports packet. All interested athletes must bring a completed sports packet to Coach Cirbie to participate.

**Free Online Reading Resource** - The Renaissance Gift of Literacy program has been extended through February 28th. Click [HERE](#) for directions on registering your child today.

## January/February 2022

<b>Monday, 1/31</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early Release 1:30 pm</li><li>• Boys Volleyball Tryouts 1:45-3:15 pm at the lower gym (7th - 8th grades)</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, 2/1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multimedia Art Enrichment Class 2:40 - 3:30</li><li>• Naturalists Enrichment Class 2:40 - 3:30</li><li>• Boys Volleyball Practice 2:45 - 4:15</li><li>• <b>Open Enrollment for NEW families begins today! Families already enrolled do not need to re-register.</b></li><li>• 8th Grade Graduation Dance Planning Committee Virtual Meeting for 7th Grade Parents @ 3 pm - Meeting Link <a href="#">HERE</a></li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, 2/2</b> <b>SPIRIT DAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>National Tutu Day - All students and staff should wear their favorite tutu, tie, or mixed-up tennis shoes today!</b></li><li>• 4th Grade Environmental Science On-Site Experience</li><li>• Girls 7th Grade Volleyball Playoff Game #2</li><li>• Boys Volleyball Practice 2:45 - 4:15</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, 2/3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bee-Bots Enrichment Class 2:40 - 3:30</li><li>• Girls Volleyball Championship TBD</li><li>• Boys Volleyball Practice 2:45 - 4:15</li><li>• Chess Club Meeting @ 4:45 in the lower gym</li></ul>
<b>Friday, 2/4</b>	

### **Our Stellar Knight Winners for the week of 1/24:**

**Luke O. Charlotte A. Braxton K. Adolfo M. Lilliana V. Emily T.  
Evita B. Jordyn O. Miles M. Nathan C. Luke S.  
Isaias D. Peyton P. Ayden L. Jacob C. Adam H. Kaylee H. Jonah B.  
Phoenix Y. Brooklyn P. Rose B.**

### **Our Stellar Knight Winners for this week are:**

**Piper J. Asher D. Teagan B. Silas H. Oona A. Aria M. Lakelyn M. Cash C.  
Jordyn O. Hudson B. Braden L. Lucas F. Lauren B. Callum Y. Alex R.  
Hector M. Zoe M. Abbie A. Siena C. Oliver A. Chase H.**

### **January's COOPERATIVE award recipients are:**

**Quinn W. Graydon P. Soren P. Rose B. Josi H. Grayce D. Rocco D.  
Weston G. Sophia L. Kaitlyn W. Delilah K. Lilliana V.  
Matias B. Joseph W. Zoey W. Maddie C. Sagan M.  
Congratulations to Mrs. Hall-Nicholas's class for being the most cooperative!!**

**February's Character Trait of the Month is: Be Caring**

## **Upcoming Events:**

2/7 - iReady Diagnostic #2 Begins  
2/9 - NESD Board Meeting 7 pm  
2/14-17 - Kindness Week  
2/17 - Assembly  
2/18 - Safety Drill  
2/17 - SOTM Assembly TK-3  
2/21-25 - February Break - NO SCHOOL  
3/3 - Chess Club Meeting 4:45  
3/4 - End of Tri 2  
3/4 - Trimester Awards Assembly 4-8  
3/4 - End of Tri 2  
3/4 - Tri 2 Dance Grades 6-8  
3/14-18 - Spring Conferences  
3/15 - TK/K Round Up 1 - 3:30  
3/22 - Safety Drill  
3/23-4/1 - ELPAC Testing  
3/31 - SOTM Assembly  
4/1 - Grades 3-5 Rock the Test Assembly  
4/6-4/7 - CAST Grades 5 & 8  
4/11-15 - Spring Break  
4/21 - Safety Drill  
4/26 - CAASPP TESTING BEGINS Grades 3-8  
4/28 - SOTM Assembly  
5/2-6 - Staff Appreciation  
5/11 - 8th Grade High School Diagnostic Test - Tentative Date  
5/12 - Open House  
5/13 - 4th Grade Coloma Trip - Tentative  
5/16 - iReady Diagnostic #3 Opens  
5/18 - Safety Drill  
5/20- 8th Grade Tech Turn In  
5/20 - 8th Grade Graduation Dance  
5/25 - 8th Grade Graduation Trip  
5/25 - TK/K/1 Curriculum & Tech Turn In  
5/26 - 2/3/4 Curriculum & Tech Turn In  
5/26 - SOTM Assembly  
5/27 - 5/6/7 Curriculum & Tech Turn In  
5/27 - Tri 3 Awards Ceremony Grades 4-8  
5/30 - Memorial Day  
5/31 - 8th Grade Graduation Dinner  
6/1 - All Grades Field Day  
6/2 - 8th Grade Graduation (pm)  
6/2 - Kinder Graduation (am)  
6/3 - End of Tri 3 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## **Ongoing:**

### **[2021-2022 Student Schedule](#)**

**Knights Cafe' - [February MENU](#)**

### **[Winter Enrichment Classes](#)**

**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](http://ybpay.com) to order and enter our school's yearbook ID code: 14526722.

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

**Visitor and Volunteer Updated Guidelines** [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](mailto: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!**