



Newcastle Elementary & Charter School 2021-22

HEROES OF THE CASTLE

All for One and One for All!

Week of 2/7/2022

News:

Thank you to all the students and staff who participated in our 2/2/22 Spirit Day!

Congratulations to Mrs. Landry's TK class for winning the prize for being the most spirited!

Boys Volleyball is ON! Thanks to the generosity of Casey Kodet, the team will resume practice and play! As soon as all the required paperwork is submitted, Coach Kodet and Athletic Director David Liebert will notify the players and their families regarding the schedule.

Now Enrolling NEW STUDENTS for the 2022-2023 School Year! Please visit the [NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION PAGE](#) on our website for updated information and announcements regarding in-district and out-of-district student registration. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our community of learners, please share this information. *The DEADLINE for Charter Request for Admission forms is Thursday, March 31st!* **Students currently enrolled at Newcastle do not need to re-enroll!**

February 14th - 18th is Kindness Week! Students and staff will be participating in a variety of kindness activities throughout the week. On Wednesday, 2/16, all students will enjoy the '*Rhythm Magic*' assembly which emphasizes teamwork, harmony, communication, self-esteem, confidence, and caring through music, math, and science. This assembly is sponsored by our fabulous PTC. Please see Upcoming Events for each day's spirit activity.

Looking towards Spring - As we look forward, we are beginning our planning of Spring Enrichment classes. Cooking, art, theater, STEM, Underwater Rovers, ASL, origami, and reading are just a few of the endless possibilities we could provide through parent volunteers. If you or anyone you know would like to offer an after-school enrichment class to our students, please contact Mrs. Giove.

Monday, 2/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Release 1:30 pm • iReady Diagnostics #2 Opens • Lego Robotics Enrichment Class 1:50 - 3:30
Tuesday, 2/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multimedia Art Enrichment Class 2:40 - 3:30 • Naturalists Enrichment Class 2:40 - 3:30
Wednesday, 2/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NESD Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Thursday, 2/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bee-Bots Enrichment Class 2:40 - 3:30 - LAST CLASS • School Site Council 3:00 pm, Room 604
Friday, 2/11	

Our Stellar Knight Winners for this week are:

Hazel O. Logan K. Rowan H. Althea E. Mason O. Rylan H. Johnny A. Lyla L. Kayleen V. Hunter L. Darrin B. Griffin B. Lucie D. Lauren B. Roland W. Julia P. Paige D. Zoe M. Lily M. Natalie G. Beckett L. Phoenix Y. Dalina K. Payton F.

February’s Character Trait of the Month is: Be Caring

FUTURE FRESHMEN! Please read the information below for **8th grade families** from Placer High and Del Oro regarding freshmen registration:

Dear Future Hillmen Students & Parents,

We are excited that you will be joining us on the hill in the fall! We are disappointed to postpone our in-person Future Hillmen Night, but are hopeful that we can have an in-person event in the very near future this spring. The staff at Placer has been working hard to put together information so that you can start to think about what you want your Freshman year to be like!

By visiting our [Future Hillmen Website](#), you can learn all about what Placer has to offer and find registration information! The webpage includes videos about our various electives, general school information, and information about clubs and athletics, etc.

When you visit, start with the video from our Principal, Mr. Ittner. Then, feel free to explore everything that Placer has to offer. Some classes might not be available to freshmen yet, but you can get a sneak peek into all the things you have to look forward to during your time at PHS. Click the "Register and Choose Your Classes" button to find everything you need to enroll students, select courses, and meet your counselors.

Thank you so much for being flexible with our in-person event, we can't wait to have you on the hill with us as soon as possible!

Del Oro Information 2022/2023:

- [New Student Enrollment](#)
- [Future 9th Grader Information - Class of 2026](#) - Open Feb. 2nd - Feb. 28th (Priority deadline) for Enrollment and Course Selection.
- There will be **no Future 9th Grade Night** this year.

Upcoming Events:

2/14-17 - Kindness Week

- 2/14 - Valentines Day! Dress in RED and/or PINK
- 2/15 - Make Joy Happen - Dress as your favorite Disney character (no costumes necessary, t-shirts or keeping it simple great)
- 2/16 - Random Acts of Kindness Day - Wear your favorite KINDNESS shirt
- 2/17 - Crazy Sock Day - Rhythm Magic Assembly
- 2/18 - Wear a Cardigan Day - "It's Such a Good Day" - Mr. Rogers Day

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 - PTC Color Run

4/4 - Rock the Test Assembly Grades 3-8

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 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. 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!