



## Newcastle Elementary & Charter School 2021-22

### HEROES OF THE CASTLE

*All for One and One for All!*

### Week of 3/21/2022

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#### News:

**Spring Enrichment Classes Starting** - Last Call! If your student is interested in participating, sign up right away! Check out the incredible offerings [HERE](#). Sign-up and donations are taken through the school office. **Please note that the Lego Robotics session for Spring will begin on 4/4/22.** Students who have been participating will continue through March 28th.

**Track & Field Starts This Week!** All students in grades 5-8 are welcome to participate. All interested athletes need to complete a [Sports Packet](#) located on our school website. Practice begins on Tuesday.

**Kudos to Boys Volleyball!** A BIG THANKS to Mr. Kodet for stepping in to coach the Boys Volleyball team! Due to Mr. Kodet's chivalrous act, our season was able to continue! Our athletes worked hard and gained some valuable experience during the season.

**Open Enrollment Continues** - Visit the [NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION PAGE](#) 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!** We are getting lots of calls so please share this important deadline with your family and friends. **Students currently enrolled at Newcastle do not need to re-enroll!**

**The 1st Annual Knight's Color Run is on April 1st!** Our fabulous PTC is hosting this free and fun event for all our students and staff. Donations received through this fundraiser will support student activities for this year and beyond. **See the attached flyer to register your student to participate in this fun event!** [Color Run Flier](#). Please watch for even more information from the PTC coming soon!

**2021-22 Yearbook** - Yearbooks are \$30 through April 3, 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. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**Grades 7 & 8 Sexual Health Curriculum** - The state required unit of study will begin on April 18th. Parent preview of the instructional materials used to teach this unit will be available at the district office between 8 am - 2 pm, 3/28 - 4/7. More information, including a parent's right to opt their student out of this unit, can be found [HERE](#).

**Openings** - Join our Team! The Newcastle Elementary School District is currently hiring. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**March 2022**

**Women's History Month**

<b>Monday, 3/21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Release 1:30</li> <li>• Lego Robotics (winter session group still going) 1:45 - 3:30 pm, RM 205</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, 3/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pacer County Sheriff Cyber Safety Presentation - Mrs. Addison grade 7 - 10:15 -12:15</li> <li>• Track &amp; Field Practice 2:30 - 3:15 pm (more information <a href="mailto:mel@bkwld.com">mel@bkwld.com</a>) upper track</li> <li>• Afterschool Enrichment (Intervention) Grades 3-5 w/Bales</li> <li>• Multimedia Arts &amp; Crafts 2:40 - 3:30 pm,</li> <li>• Textile Exploration 2:40 - 3:30 pm, RM 203</li> <li>• Newcastle Naturalists 2:40 - 3:30 pm, RM 602</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, 3/23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety (Fire) Drill 8:30</li> <li>• Dance and Creative Movement 2:30 - 3:30 pm, RM 205</li> <li>• Fly Casting 2:40 - 3:30 pm, Newcastle Pond</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, 3/24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pacer County Sheriff Cyber Safety Presentation - Mr. Wells grade 7 - 10:15 -12:15</li> <li>• Track &amp; Field Practice 2:30 - 3:15 pm (more information <a href="mailto:mel@bkwld.com">mel@bkwld.com</a>) upper track</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, 3/25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Happy Friday!</li> </ul>

**Our Stellar Knight Winners are:**

**Gia D. Georgia L. Kaleb W. Josi H. Rocco D. Henry F. Cameron B. Camryn B. Cristian C. Olivia B. Luke H. Knox G. Zephram P. Owen D. Dylan S. Sierra M. Payton J. Holly M. Annelies F. Evie D. Lumina B. Tessa L.**

**Upcoming Events:**

- 3/31 - New Charter Student Registration Deadline
- 3/31 - SOTM Assembly
- 4/1 - PTC Color Run
- 4/1 - Charter Enrollment Lottery
- 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 (Sponsored by 7th grade parents)  
5/25 - 8th Grade Graduation Trip - Sunsplash  
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' - [March 2022](#)**

**COVID Safety - It is imperative that students DO NOT come to school if they are exhibiting COVID symptoms including:** 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

In the event of a Close Contact, Newcastle will enact a Group-Tracing Approach to Students Exposed to COVID-19 in a K-12 setting.

Exposures that occur in the home are significantly higher risk than exposures in the school setting. This means the likelihood that the student exposed at home will become infected is very high. For this reason, students exposed at home should follow the standard CDPH guidance for Isolation and Quarantine – which has differences based on a person's vaccination status.

If you have additional questions, please refer to the PCOE COVID-19 Response Protocol, updated March 12, 2022, [HERE](#).

**Absences - 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](#).

**Campus Traffic** - Please follow the car pick up guidelines [HERE](#)

**PTC News** - Volunteer or join our PTC board at <https://www.ptcnewcastle.org/signup>

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



**GO KNIGHTS!**