



Newcastle Elementary & Charter School 2021-22

HEROES OF THE CASTLE

All for One and One for All!

Week of 3/28/2022

News:

Congratulations to Newcastle's Outstanding 8th Grade Athlete Awardees! The Placer Athletic Hall of Fame Achievement Award recognizes outstanding eighth-grade athletes from local TK-8, junior high, and middle schools. **We are excited to extend a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Jonah Briggs and Lumina Bertelli who will represent Newcastle.** Achievement Award winners will be introduced and recognized at the Placer Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on April 30th. WAHOO Jonah and Lumina!

1st Annual Knight's Color Run Friday! 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](#).

Track & Field - All students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to come out and participate. Complete a [Sports Packet](#), bring a water bottle, and be ready to have fun! More Track information can be found [HERE](#).

Our 1st Charter Lottery is Friday - New students, both in the district and beyond, interested in joining our learning community should register ASAP via the [NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION PAGE](#). *The DEADLINE for Charter Request for Admission forms is Thursday, March 31st to be eligible for our first lottery!* Students currently enrolled at Newcastle **do not** need to re-enroll!

State Testing is Coming - Annual Parent Notification [HERE](#).

2021-22 Yearbook Final Call - Yearbooks are \$30 through April 3, 2022. The website to take orders will close on 4/3 after which only a limited number of yearbooks will be available for purchase during the 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](#).

Monday, 3/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Release 1:30 • Lego Robotics (Winter session group still going) 1:45 - 3:30 pm, RM 205
Tuesday, 3/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track & Field Practice 2:30 - 3:15 pm • Afterschool Enrichment (Enrichment Support) Grades 3-5 w/Bales / Grades 6-8 w/Kohl or Larsen • Multimedia Arts & Crafts 2:40 - 3:30 pm, • Textile Exploration 2:40 - 3:30 pm, RM 203 • Theater Enrichment 2:40 -3:30 Room (Dubendorf sub for Palin) Room 201
Wednesday, 3/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance and Creative Movement 2:30 - 3:30 pm, RM 205 • Fly Casting 2:40 - 3:30 pm, Newcastle Pond
Thursday, 3/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TK-3 Student of the Month Assembly • New Charter Student Registration Deadline • Track & Field Practice 2:30 - 3:15 pm • Newcastle Naturalists 2:40 - 3:30 pm, RM 602 • Theater Enrichment 2:40 -3:30 Room (Dubendorf sub for Palin) Room 201
Friday, 4/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTC Color Run! • 1st Charter Lottery 2:30 pm

Our Stellar Knight Winners are:

**Landon C. Gia D. Joseph P. Luke Hudson F. Mia W. Weston P. Maddie C.
Kamden W. Shane W.W. Leah D. Sage B.
Braden L. Abram B. Adam C. Marissa M. Lewis B. Lillian F. Julian C. Lucca V.
Izzie D.**

Upcoming Events:

4/5 - Rock the Test Assemblies Grades 3-5 / 6-8
 4/6-4/7 - CAST (CA Science Test) Grades 5 & 8
4/11-15 - Spring Break
 4/21 - Safety Drill
 4/22 - 5th Grade Trip to Roller King
 4/22 - Earth Day
 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](#) [April 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!