



Newcastle Elementary & Charter School 2021-22

HEROES OF THE CASTLE

All for One and One for All!

Week of 3/7/2022

News:

BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Newcastle Superintendent Denny Rush! Superintendent Rush received the Placer County Region 2 **Superintendent of the Year** award on Monday evening! We couldn't be more proud of our Superintendent!

Destination Imagination Team Kudos - Our three Newcastle DI teams did a fantastic job representing themselves and our school at the Regional competition held on Saturday. Congratulations to Tommy Schwindt, Camryn Belajic, Cody Villacorta, Lanie Lehr, Wyatt Lucero, Rowan Hogan, Kollins Ballou, Finn McCall, Matias Brodsy, Kharis Olsen, Sara Saylor, Olive Zay, Thomas Dorff, Hunter Lucero, Luke Hethcock, Dylan Fristensky, Braden Lehr, and Luke Saylor! We also thank Lisa Graham for all of her hard work to ensure our school had this opportunity and for being an official Appraiser for the competition.

Great Job ASB! We appreciate the awesome effort by our Associated Student Body for putting on a very successful dance last Friday night!

Spring Enrichment Classes Start Soon - Theater, fly casting, and textiles have just been added! Click [HERE](#) for information on the spring after-school enrichment experiences available. Sign-up in the office and remember, classes fill fast.

Calling 5th Grade and 7th Grade Parents - We are looking for 5th grade parents who will coordinate the planning for next year's 6th grade science camp. We are also looking for a 7th grade parent who will lead a group of students on a Washington D.C. trip in the summer of 2023. We must begin planning and fundraising soon to make these trips happen. Please contact Mrs. Giove at cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us if you are interested in learning more about these two trips and how you can help.

Modified Protocols Update - The Newcastle Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Friday, 2/25 to review our current COVID protocol regarding indoor masking. A letter was sent out to families with the newly adopted updated protocol. [HERE](#) is the letter for your review. After March 11, in schools and child care facilities, masks will not be required but will be strongly recommended.

Now Enrolling NEW STUDENTS for the 2022-2023 School Year! 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!* **Students currently enrolled at Newcastle do not need to re-enroll!**

Openings - Join our Team! The Newcastle Elementary School District is currently hiring Superheroes for the following positions:

Food Service Aide - 2.5 hours per day, Monday through Thursday during the school year. Share your powers by assisting with meal prep, serving snacks to students, and driving the district van to deliver meals to other schools that contract our services for their lunch program. *Please note that this is not a substitute position.*

Substitute Custodian – Work on an as-needed basis. Showcase your extraordinary abilities by helping to keep our campus in tip-top shape. Substitute custodians work in many different areas of the school, so there’s never a dull moment for these superheroes!

Substitute Classified Student Support – On an as-needed basis, you’ll be the champ as you lend your support to students in the classroom, during their lunchtime, and on the playground.

To apply, contact Pat McElvain, Human Resources, at pmcelvain@newcastle.k12.ca.us

March 2022

Women’s History Month

Monday, 3/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Release 1:30 pm • Lego Robotics Enrichment Class 1:50 - 3:30
Tuesday, 3/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Volleyball Game @ Placer Elementary 3:15 - 4:15 pm
Wednesday, 3/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meeting 7 pm
Thursday, 3/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Volleyball Game @ Newcastle 3:15-4:15 pm
Friday, 3/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy Friday! Have a great weekend!

3/13 - Daylight Savings

Our Stellar Knight Winners are :

Quinn W. Althea E. Kalinia B. Alaine L. McKenna W. Olivia W. Calvin C.
Holden R. Kai M. Kyndrie B. Ella V. Sadi C. Vaughn C. Drew B. Payton J.
Lillian M. Ryan E. Dylan W. Mason J.

4th - 8th Grade 2nd Trimester Awards

<u>Scholar</u>	<u>Special Effort</u>	<u>Code of the Castle</u>	<u>Turnaround</u>
Owen D.	Aubree S.	Hudson B.	Issac B.
Melinda P.	Sage B.	Sydney B.	Lincoln B.
Lucas F.	Dexter K.	Cori V.	Sadi C.
Dylan S.	Austin G.	Lauren B.	Jackson P.
Jacob G.	Melissa G.	Harper E.	Angel P.
Callahan L.	Marissa M.	Lillian M.	Daelynn P.
Evie D.	Landon T.	Graycee B.	Olivia M.
Noah K.	Brielle L.	Palina A.	Valerie N.
Amelia G.	Mason J.	Brianna M.	Oliver A.
Natalie G.			

Upcoming Events:

3/14-18 - Spring Conferences - Minimum Day Schedule
3/15 - TK/K Round-Up 1 - 3:30
3/22 - Safety Drill
3/23-4/1 - ELPAC Testing
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](#)

Yearbook Information - [HERE](#) 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.

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

Per CDPH guidance, all persons regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear masks while indoors. Masks are not required outside. [CDC Guide to Masks](#). [HERE](#) is a resource from Placer County.

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](#).

PTC News - Volunteer or join our PTC board 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](#)



GO KNIGHTS!