



## Newcastle Elementary & Charter School 2021-22

### *HEROES OF THE CASTLE*

*All for One and One for All!*

**Week of 4/18/2022**

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### News:

**Spring Break** - We hope that all of our families had a restful and enjoyable break!

**Congratulations to Lilli Fjelstad and Kaylee Woodland!** We are thrilled for these two amazing 7th grade students who are the recipients of the American Association of University Women Tech Trek grant! Through hands-on problem solving and encounters with women role models in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), AAUW Tech Trek helps girls see their futures while having nonstop fun. This one-week summer camp, held at U.C. Davis, is backed by AAUW's research and designed to make STEM fields exciting and accessible to girls in middle school. Congratulations Lilli and Kaylee on this wonderful opportunity!

**California State Fitness Test** - Students in grades 5 & 7 will be participating in fitness testing this week.

**Earth Day** - Earth Day is a day that was created to promote awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment. The first Earth Day occurred in 1970. Earth Day occurs on April 22. It was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-Wisconsin) as an environmental teach-in for school children. [12 Meaningful Activities for Every Grade.](#)

## April 2022

<b>Monday, 4/18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Track practice 7:20 am</li><li>● Early Release 1:30</li><li>● Lego Robotics (SPRING Session BEGINS) 1:45 - 3:30 pm, RM 205</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, 4/19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Track Meet <a href="#">Loomis Basin Athletic League - Track and Field</a></li><li>● Afterschool Enrichment (Intervention) Round 2 Grades 3-5 w/Bales / Grades 6-8 w/Kohl or Larsen</li><li>● Multimedia Arts &amp; Crafts 2:40 - 3:30 pm,</li><li>● Textile Exploration 2:40 - 3:30 pm, RM 203</li><li>● <del>Theater Enrichment 2:40 - 3:30 Room Palin Room 302-Cancelled due to lack of interest</del></li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, 4/20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Dance and Creative Movement 2:30 - 3:30 pm, RM 205</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, 4/21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Safety Drill - Fire Evacuation</li><li>● Afterschool Enrichment (Intervention) Round 2 Grades 3-5 w/Bales / Grades 6-8 w/Kohl or Larsen</li><li>● Newcastle Naturalists 2:40 - 3:30 pm, RM 602</li><li>● <del>Theater Enrichment 2:40 - 3:30 Room Palin Room 302-Cancelled due to lack of interest</del></li><li>● Track Meet <a href="#">Loomis Basin Athletic League - Track and Field</a></li></ul>
<b>Friday, 4/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Earth Day!</li><li>● 5th Grade to Roller King</li></ul>

### Our Stellar Knight Winners:

**Bodie S. Landon C. Brianna M. Sutter B. Jonah W. Avery R. Isla P. Dawkins M. Camryn D. Rayce C. Jack L. Samuel M. Emily T. Weston G. Cash C. Maya A. Cade M. Hudson B. Isaias D. Peyton P. Daelynn P. Cassel B. Kaiden V. Beckett C.**

### April's Character Trait of the Month is *Fair*

#### Upcoming Events:

4/26 - CAASPP TESTING BEGINS Grades 3-8  
4/27 - Administrative Professionals Day  
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  
5/16 - iReady Diagnostic #3 Opens  
5/18 - Safety Drill  
5/20 - Volunteer Appreciation Celebration  
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 @ The Ridge  
6/1 - All Grades Field Day  
6/2 - 8th Grade Graduation (pm)  
6/3 - TK/Kinder Family Celebration (am)  
6/3 - End of Tri 3 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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

**Knights Cafe' - [April 2022](#)**

**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](#).

**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!**