



Newcastle Elementary & Charter School 2021-22

HEROES OF THE CASTLE

All for One and One for All!

Week of 5/16/2022

News:

Thank you one and all who were able to attend OPEN HOUSE!

Volunteers Appreciation This Friday! Anyone who has volunteered this year is cordially invited to join us at 7:30 am for a light breakfast in honor of your generous donation of your time, talents, and dedication to our children.

8th Grade Graduation Dance is FRIDAY! Continuing with the Newcastle tradition, our 7th grade parents have worked very hard to create a very special evening for our graduates. The dance is from 7:00-10:00 pm in the lower gym. All 7th graders are invited to attend from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. 8th grade only will attend from 9:00 - 10:00 pm.. Parents, please plan to pick up your students promptly at the appropriate time. Information about all 8th grade graduation activities can be found [HERE!](#)

Attention Incoming 7th graders!- This is a reminder for all current 6th grade students. It is a state requirement that all students entering 7th grade must be fully vaccinated, including a Tdap booster, 2 MMR vaccinations and 2 Varicella (chickenpox) vaccinations. Please provide verification from your healthcare provider to the school office as soon as possible. Students will not be allowed to attend school if their vaccinations are not up to date prior to the start of school in August.

Grades 4-6 Family Life/ Sexual Health Curriculum - Students in grades 4-6 will begin their Family Life / Sexual Health (FLASH) unit this week. Preview the complete scope of the Family Life and Sexual Health curriculum (FLASH) online at [Kings County FLASH Lesson Plans](#).

Washington DC Club - If you would like to find out more about the non-school sponsored trip to Washington DC for current 7th graders, click [HERE](#).

New Scout Troop Information Nights - Come be a founding member of the newest Scouts BSA Troop for girls, ages 11-18*! May 17th at 7:00 pm in the amphitheater. Click [Here](#) for more information.

Placer High School Girls Volleyball Summer Schedule/ Kids Camp. [Here](#) for more information.

Lost and Found - It is overflowing with clothes, water bottles, and lunch pails from our TK-8th graders. Please come by the racks outside of the office to claim your child's belongings. All unclaimed items will be donated after June 3rd.

May 2022

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| Monday, 5/16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final iReady Diagnostics • Early Release 1:30 • Lego Robotics 1:45 - 3:30 pm RM 205 - LAST CLASS |
| Tuesday, 5/17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| Wednesday, 5/18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Drill - Earthquake / Fire Evacuation |
| Thursday, 5/19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| Friday, 5/20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Appreciation Celebration 7:30 Office Courtyard • TK-1 Wild Things Assembly • 8th Grade Graduation Dance 7:00 - 10:00 Lower Gym (7th graders may attend from 7:00 - 9:00 / 8th grade ONLY 9:00 - 10:00) |

Our Stellar Knight Winners: **Brinley L. Sophie A. Josi H. Camber L. Kono P. Quinn D. Kharis O. Kaitlyn W. Ashley T. Zoey W. Taylor D. Greysen S. Alex B. Xavier C. Bo W. Dallas J. Cash K. Julia P. Tripp L. Evie D. Kaiden V.**

May's Character Trait is Patience

Upcoming Events:

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 - 5/6/7/8 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 pm

6/1 - All Grades Field Day

6/2 - 8th Grade Graduation (PM) 6 pm in the amphitheater

6/3 - TK/Kinder Family Celebration (am)

6/3 - End of Tri 3 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 12:10 DISMISSAL

Ongoing:

[2021-2022 Student Schedule](#)

Knights Cafe' - [May 2020](#)

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!