



Newcastle Elementary & Charter School 2021-22

HEROES OF THE CASTLE

All for One and One for All!

Week of 5/2/2022

News:

Celebrating our Staff! This week we celebrate all of our incredible staff members who make a difference in the education of our students. On Thursday, 5/5, we want to say, "Thanks a bunch" to our staff. **We are inviting our students to show their teacher, or any other staff member, their appreciation by bringing one flower to school.** If you don't have a fresh flower to bring, consider making one out of paper. Our fabulous PTC will have vases prepared for the flower bouquets.

Dance News - We are holding a dance for grades 5, 6 & 7 this Friday! Please check out the dance flyer [HERE](#). The theme for the dance is Hawaiian/beach. All students attending are encouraged to wear school appropriate beach attire and be ready to have fun! Tickets will be sold Monday - Friday. 5th grade students should see Mrs. Palin for tickets, and students in grades 6-8 should see the ASB officers at the tables near the fenced playground on the lower campus at recess to buy tickets.

8th Grade End of Year Activities [HERE!](#) 8th grade parents/guardians, the permission slip and payment for Sunsplash must be returned by Tuesday, 5/2. The payment for the Graduation Dinner is due Friday, 5/6, along with the completed list of attendees. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Sarkisian, Mrs. Ferrera, or Mrs. Giove.

Grades 4-6 Family Life/ Sexual Health Curriculum - Students in grades 4-6 will begin their Family Life / Sexual Health (FLASH) unit beginning the week of 5/18. The binder with all the lessons is available for parent preview at the District Office beginning Tuesday, 5/3/22. We encourage you to preview the complete scope of the lessons for the Family Life and Sexual Health curriculum (FLASH) online at [Kings County FLASH Lesson Plans](#)

May 2022

Monday, 5/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Staff Appreciation Week</i>• Track practice 7:20 am• Early Release 1:30• Lego Robotics 1:45 - 3:30 pm RM 205
Tuesday, 5/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Staff Appreciation Week</i>• CAASPP Testing grades 3-8• Track Loomis Basin Athletic League - Track and Field• Multimedia Arts & Crafts 2:40 - 3:30 pm - NO CLASS THIS WEEK (returns next week)• Textile Exploration 2:40 - 3:30 pm RM 203
Wednesday, 5/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Staff Appreciation Week</i>• CAASPP Testing grades 3-8
Thursday, 5/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Staff Appreciation Week - Students bring a flower to school today</i>• CAASPP Testing grades 3-8• Newcastle Naturalists 2:40 - 3:30 pm, RM 602• Track Loomis Basin Athletic League - Track and Field
Friday, 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Staff Appreciation Week / Lunch Heros Day</i>• CAASPP Testing grades 3-8• Grades 5, 6 & 7 Dance 6-8 pm 600 Bldg - Hawaiian Theme

Our Stellar Knight Winners:

*Camber L. James J. Rose B. Finn M. Kollins B. Reid D. Riley W.
Landon R. Ryno G. Avery M. Henry P. Jack B. Peyton P. Nicholas M.
Drew B. Beckett C. Caitlyn B. Abbie A. Chloe R.*

April's Character Trait Winners for displaying FAIRNESS are:

*Joseph P. Hazel O. Rylee S. Trent R. Murphy R. Jackson P. Althea E.
Camryn R. Natalie K. Lucie S. Olivia B. Kaycee J. Max M. Aubrey B.
Joshua S. Kollins B. Jax K.*

Class Character Trait Winner is Mrs. Roseman's Class!

Upcoming Events:

5/11 - 7th Grade Roller King Field Trip

5/12 - Open House 6 - 7:30 pm

5/13 - 4th Grade Coloma Trip

5/16 - iReady Diagnostic #3 Opens

5/18 - Safety Drill

5/20 - Volunteer Appreciation Celebration 7:30 am Office Quad!

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 - 5/6/7/8 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)
6/3 - 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](#)

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!