



## Newcastle Elementary & Charter School 2021-22

### HEROES OF THE CASTLE

*All for One and One for All!*

### Week of 5/9/2022

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#### News:

**Thank you PTC & Families!** We humbly thank our amazing PTC for how they spoiled the staff each day last week in honor of Staff Appreciation! We are so very grateful for the generosity of our families, from your kind notes and flowers, to your ongoing show of support. We are a very fortunate community of learners!

**Dance News** - A BIG THANKS to Mrs. Ferrera and the ASB team for another successful dance. All students, especially the 5th graders, really enjoyed themselves.

**OPEN HOUSE THIS THURSDAY!** Please plan to attend this year's Open House from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Teachers are looking forward to seeing students and parents as we celebrate a very successful school year. Remember to stop by the Spanish room to meet with Señora Salud and also the Music room to talk with Mr. Liebert regarding PE. There will be a Robotics demonstration in the amphitheater so please be sure to stop by and see what our students have been creating. We look forward to seeing you!

**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 items remaining after June 3rd will be donated.

**8th Grade End of Year Activities [HERE!](#)** 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. Preview the complete scope of the Family Life and Sexual Health curriculum (FLASH) online at [Kings County FLASH Lesson Plans](#).

**Volunteers, Mark Your Calendars** - We could not do all that we do without our incredible volunteers. Please join us on Friday, May 20th beginning at 7:30 am for a light breakfast in honor of your generous donation of your time, talents, and dedication to our children.

**Join the Scouts** - Come be a founding member of the newest Scouts BSA Troop for Girls, ages 11-18\*! Starting June 2022. There is an information night on May 17th at 7:00. Click [Here](#) for more information.

## May 2022

<b>Monday, 5/9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Track practice 7:20 am</li><li>● Early Release 1:30</li><li>● Lego Robotics 1:45 - 3:30 pm RM 205</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, 5/10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Track Field Finals! <a href="#">Loomis Basin Athletic League - Track and Field</a></li><li>● Multimedia Arts &amp; Crafts 2:40 - 3:30 pm - <b>Last Class</b></li><li>● Textile Exploration 2:40 - 3:30 pm RM 203- <b>Last Class</b></li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, 5/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 7th Grade Roller King Field Trip</li><li>● Track Running Finals! <a href="#">Loomis Basin Athletic League - Track and Field</a></li><li>● Board Meeting @ 7 pm - See the school or district website for link</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, 5/12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Newcastle Naturalists 2:40 - 3:30 pm, RM 602 - <b>Last Class</b></li><li>● <b>OPEN HOUSE 6:00 - 7:30 PM - Go to your child's classes</b></li></ul>
<b>Friday, 5/13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 4th Grade Coloma Field Trip</li></ul>

### Our Stellar Knight Winners:

**Bodie S. Ben M. Sam N. Charlotte A. Cam M. Elia O. Mason O.  
Jackson P. Dalina K. Sam B. Garrison B. Sloane W. Riann S. Hadley Z.  
Braddon L. Henry P. Lauren P. Lucas F. Lexi B. Tyler D. Mallory M. Graycee B. Wyatt S. Amelia G.**

### May's Character Trait is Patience

#### Upcoming Events:

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) - 7th grade may attend from 7-9 pm; 8th grade ONLY 9-10 pm

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](#)

**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!**