



Week of 9/27/21

News:

Aeries Parent Portal Information - There are still some families that have not 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](#).

Enrichment - Enrichment classes begin after the break! **Newcastle Naturalists** for grades 3-5 has just been added. See the [Enrichment Flyer](#) for more details. Sign-up in the school office.

October Break - Just a reminder that there is **NO SCHOOL October 4th - 8th**. We hope that all of our families have a restful and enjoyable fall break. Due to the break, there will be no Parent Week Ahead/Knight's Herald on October 3rd. The next call and newsletter will be on October 10th.

Tik Tok - Parents, there is a new list of proposed Tik Tok Challenges that are **very disturbing**. Not being a Tik Tok expert, I have been unable to verify these upcoming challenges, but in speaking to local law enforcement they also believe that these are real. Please click [HERE](#) to see a screenshot of the list I received from a community member. **PLEASE speak to your child(ren), as appropriate, to ensure that they do not participate in any of these activities**. Any student who participates in such activities will face appropriate consequences including possible suspension, restitution, criminal charges, etc.

Vacancies - 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.

Substitute Food Service Aide - 4 hours a day, Monday-Friday, until one of our in-house Superheroes returns. You'll flex your creative superpowers helping in the kitchen with meal prep, serving delicious meals to the students, and other food service duties.

Substitute Custodian – On an as-needed basis. Showcase your amazing 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 find out how to apply and put your superpowers to work, please contact Pat McElvain, Human Resources, pmcelvain@newcastle.k12.ca.us

September 2021

[2021-2022 Student Schedule](#)

Monday, 9/27	Early Release Monday @ 1:30 pm
Tuesday, 9/28	Girls BB Game @ Newcastle 3:15/4:15 pm
Wednesday, 9/29	
Thursday, 9/30	TK-3 Student of the Month Assembly - September Focus: Friendly & Responsible
Friday, 10/1	

No School October 4-8 - Fall Break

Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible & Chivalrous!
Be Friendly & Responsible is the character trait of the month.

This Week's Stellar Knights are:

Piper J.	James J.	Felicity S.	Kollins B.	Kharis O.	Jack L.
Addison S.	Sophia L.	Cayden P.	Jaxon A.	Hudson B.	Zach F.
Jack B.	Emilio V.	Grace R.	Lillian P.	Chloe R.	Melinda P.
Kaylee W.	Piper Z.				

Super Knight of the Week is: *Aimi Culmer*

Upcoming Events:

10/4-8 - October Break - NO SCHOOL

10/13 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

10/14 - Site Council Meeting 3:00-4:00 pm

10/21 - Picture Retake/Makeup Day

10/21 - Safety Drill

11/10 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

11/11 - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL

11/15-19 - Conference Week

11/24-26 - Thanksgiving Break

12/17 - Minimum Day 12:10 pm

12/20-1/3 - Winter Break

Ongoing:

COVID Safety - We must continue to be diligent about the health and safety of our students and staff. **It is imperative that students DO NOT come to school if any of the following are true:**

Exhibiting COVID symptoms

Exposure to a positive COVID-19 person

Exposure to a person waiting for test results

Exposure to a person experiencing ANY COVID symptoms

Symptoms include: 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. This includes all school visitors. Masks are not required outside. Here is a CDC resource on how to properly wear, remove, and clean masks: [CDC Guide to Masks](#)

COVID Resources - Please know that we are working hard to understand the ever-changing guidelines while keeping student and staff safety at the forefront of our decision-making and communications. [HERE](#) is a resource from Placer County that may be helpful.

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.*

Get Involved - We are currently working on how we can bring volunteers back on campus. At this time we are reviewing safety guidelines including vaccination status and COVID testing requirements. We are hopeful that we will be able to move forward with volunteers soon!

Knights Cafe' - Free Meals through June for ALL students! One breakfast meal and one lunch meal are free each school day; seconds can be purchased at full price. [September Menu HERE](#)

Donations - We are looking for clothing donations! Sometimes our students have slips, rips, or accidents and need a change of clothes while at school. If you have any children's clothes to donate, please bring them to the school office. *(Items that would be helpful at this time are: t-shirts, shorts, pants, in sizes that will fit TK - 8th grade.) Donated items should be in decent condition, washed and clean. Please bring them in a plastic bag.* Thank you!

PTC News - PTC is so happy to be back celebrating our Knights and we need your help! Sign up today to be an event volunteer or join our PTC board. Turn in the PTC membership form to the office or sign up online at <https://www.ptcnewcastle.org/signup>.

Social Media - [Newcastle Website](#)



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.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

[Student/Parent Handbook](#).

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Resources for Parents: [BERKELEY PARENT SUPPORT DURING COVID](#)

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) for Families: [Supporting Families with PBIS](#)

GO KNIGHTS!