



Newcastle Elementary & Charter School 2021-22

HEROES OF THE CASTLE

All for One and One for All!

Week of 10/25/21

News:

Spirit Week - This week we have dress-up days as we promote Red Ribbon Week and inspire our children to be happy, brave, and drug-free. Given that Halloween is on Sunday, we are hosting a Halloween parade on Friday morning, following our Student of the Month Assembly for grades TK-3. Dressing up for Halloween is optional. Our theme of Heroes/Superheroes is encouraged. *Students may not wear masks that cover their entire face or bring any type of fake weapon as part of their costume. Inflatable costumes are strongly discouraged as students cannot adequately move about the classroom, sit at their desk appropriately, and the fan to inflate it is a distraction in the classroom.* IF a student is going to wear an inflatable costume for the parade, they should wear appropriate clothing underneath to change into for the remainder of the day. The school dress code will apply.

PTC Pie Fundraiser - Newcastle PTC is hosting a fundraiser featuring The Pie Company. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for ordering information. Please visit [The Pie Company's website](#) for more information. If you have additional questions, please contact ptcnewcastle@gmail.com.

Destination Imagination (DI) Information Night - Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 in the lower campus gym we are hosting a DI informational meeting for both parents AND students. DI is a program that offers students hands-on, problem-solving experiences that inspire children to be outrageously creative. Using STEM, teams of students think outside the box and create unique solutions to a variety of different challenges culminating in a FUN, innovative competition. DI has 3 team levels: K-2 Rising Stars (non-competitive - they perform at the tournament but are not scored), 3-5 Elementary Level, and 6-8 Middle Level. Please join us to learn more about this enrichment opportunity.

Student Progress - The end of Trimester 1 is rapidly approaching. Parents of students in grades 6-8 should use the Aeries Parent Portal to check grades and view any missing assignments. As always, parents should contact their child's teacher with any questions regarding academic progress. Trimester 1 Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will be held the week of November 15th. Teachers will be sending out a sign-up notification on November 1st.

Inclement Weather & Traffic - We realize that the rain adds an extra layer of challenge with drop-off and pick-up. Please continue to do your best to have your child ready to exit the car quickly at drop-off and refrain from getting out of your car to assist them with umbrellas as it backs up the traffic. Please continue to arrive at or after dismissal time so that cars are not parked in the loading/unloading zones which again, backs up traffic. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

October 2021

[2021-2022 Student Schedule](#)

Monday, 10/25	Red Ribbon Week: Drug-Free Looks Like Me (wear sunglasses) Early Release Monday @ 1:30 pm 6-8 Lego Robotics Enrichment Class - Room 205, 1:45-3:30 pm
Tuesday, 10/26	Red Ribbon Week: Heroes Team Up Against Drugs (wear team/sports jersey) 3-5 Arts & Crafts Enrichment Class - Room 205, 2:40-3:40 pm Naturalists Enrichment Class - Room 602, 2:40-3:30pm Boys Basketball @ Newcastle 3:15/4:15
Wednesday, 10/27	Red Ribbon Week: Give Drugs the Boot (wear boots) ASB Representatives Luncheon with Mrs. Giove Destination Imagination Information Night - Students & Parents - 5:30 - 6:30 - lower campus gym
Thursday, 10/28	Red Ribbon Week: Wear red 1-2 Bee-Bots Enrichment Class - Room 205, 2:40-3:30 pm Boys Bball Game at Loomis 3:15/4:15
Friday, 10/29	Red Ribbon Week: Heroes Don't Use Drugs / Halloween Parade Day As always, no real or fake weapons, no full face masks, inflatable costumes are highly discouraged, and all costumes must be appropriate and follow the school dress code if students elect to participate in dressing up.

Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible & Chivalrous!

This Week's Stellar Knights are:

Hazel O. Sadie B. Soren P. Mckenna W. Presley P. Clark T. Joseph W.

Elyse D. Aurora P. Luke S. Braden L. Adam C. Lottie S. Beckett L.

Stephen K. Rene T. Zoe M. Emi S. Logan R. Brianna M. Braddon L. Lexi B.

Sam M.

Upcoming Events:

11/1 - iReady Diagnostic

11/5 - PTC Fundraiser Ends

11/10 - Board Meeting 7 pm

11/11 - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL

11/12 - End of Tri 1

11/12 - Tri 1 Awards Assembly 4-8

11/12 - Tri 1 Dance 6 - 8 pm

11/15-19 - Conference Week
11/22 - Safety Drill
11/24-26 - Thanksgiving Break
12/17 - Minimum Day 12:10 pm
12/20-1/3 - Winter Break - School resumes on TUESDAY, 1/4/22
1/12 - NESD Board Meeting 7 pm
1/17 - Holiday - NO SCHOOL
1/20 - Safety Drill
1/28 - SOTM Assembly TK-3
2/7 - iReady Diagnostics Begin
2/9 - NESD Board Meeting 7 pm
2/18 - Safety Drill
2/18 - SOTM Assembly TK-3
2/21-25 - February Break - NO SCHOOL
3/4 - End of Tri 2
3/4 - Trimester Awards Assembly 4-8

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.

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](#).

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!

Enrichment - See the [Enrichment Flyer](#) for details. Sign-up in the school office.

Get Involved - Contact your child's teacher or the school office for volunteer opportunities.

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>.

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.
- For the safety of all of our families, please do NOT make illegal u-turns, park in undesignated areas, and go the wrong way on the streets.

Employment Opportunities - Join our Team! The Newcastle Elementary School District is currently hiring Superheroes for a variety of positions. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Social Media - Follow us for the latest updates [Newcastle Website](#)



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!