



Week of 8/16/21

News:

Back to School Night - Come meet the teachers. This event is for parents only.

- 6:00 - 6:05 Welcome and Introductions - All TK-8 parents meet in the Amphitheater
- 6:05 - 6:15 Spanish Enrichment & PE Presentations
- 6:20 - 6:45 Classroom presentations
- 6:50 - 7:15 Classroom presentations (If you have siblings)
- 7:15 Wrap-Up with teachers & departure
- **School Map [HERE](#) Teacher Classroom Numbers [HERE](#)**

COVID Safety - 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
- Diarrhea

Please call the school office if you have any questions about whether your child should come to school, before leaving home.

Enrichment Opportunities - See below for updates on after school school enrichment and community engagement opportunities. We are adding more all the time!

Pick Up & Drop Off -

- **TK/K** - All TK/K students should be dropped off and picked up by the flagpole. IF any Kindergartener also has a sibling in grades 1-5, families *may* choose to drop their Kindergartener off with the older siblings in the circle by the field. We apologize for any confusion you experienced this week.
- Students in grades 1-5 with siblings in grades 6-8 *may* be dropped off and picked up at the lower campus. Or, 6-8 students *may* be picked up at the upper campus to assist with younger siblings. Parents, please ensure your students know your meeting location.
- After school traffic congestion is always a challenge. **Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before dismissal to pick up your student.** Please use or make a rear view mirror placard with your child's name and grade on it to help us speed up the pick-up process. Please carpool if possible.

With Gratitude - We would like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to our incredible Newcastle PTC for all of their generous support as we welcomed back students and staff! They really spoiled us!! We also want to thank Urban Dreamer Farm and Vineyard and The Daily Grind for their generous contributions to our staff as we started a new school year. We are extremely lucky to have such wonderful community partnerships!

August 2021

2021-2022 Student Schedule

Monday, 8/16	Early Release Monday - TK/K @ 12:10; Grades 1-8 @ 1:30 Technology & Curriculum distribution TK/K iReady Diagnostics begin Girls Basketball TRYOUTS BEGIN - Info HERE
Tuesday, 8/17	
Wednesday, 8/18	Cross Country grades 4-8 BEGINS - Info HERE Newcastle Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Thursday, 8/19	Back to School Night 6:00 - 7:15 pm
Friday, 8/20	Safety Drills (Postponed to 8/25)

Upcoming Events:

8/25 - Safety Drills

8/30 - Vision Screening grades K, 2, 5 & 8

9/6 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

9/8 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

9/9 - Picture Day

9/9 - Site Council Meeting 3 pm

9/16 - Safety Drill

10/4 - 10/8 - October Break - NO SCHOOL

10/13 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

10/17 - 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:

Athletics Information - Go to the STUDENT tab on our website for all sports schedules (Loomis Basin Athletics League link) or contact information. Please contact David Liebert, Athletic Director, at dliebert@newcastle.k12.ca.us for additional information.

Community Partners -

Mid-Placer Little League (MPLL) is gearing up for the 2021 Fall Ball season. We are looking for T-Ball and baseball players to join our teams. Please visit our [website](#) for more information and sign-up. We look forward to serving our community. Any questions please reach out to Cara Schwindt, Registrar. (360) 448-0067 [Tee Ball LINK](#) [Little League LINK](#)

Enrichment - Gold Country Chess Club 1st - 8th grade. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Independent Study Option - We are excited to offer Independent Study to our families. Please contact Lisa Graham at lgraham@newcastle.k12.ca.us if you would like additional information.

How you can get involved! Please contact the school office if you are interested in any of the following opportunities:

- Parent/parents to help from 7:40 - 8:00 and for ~15 minutes after school as a Crossing Guard
- Volunteering in your child's classroom (email the teacher) - *Volunteer Clearance Packets will be available in the office starting Monday, August 23rd.*
- Two (2) INTERVENTION AIDES (paid positions) whose only responsibility is to work directly with students in small groups and/or 1:1 to assist them with their grade level academic skills,
- Lead or supervise an **after-school enrichment experience**. We are currently looking for volunteers for an upcoming **Gardening Club** (associated with 4-H).
- **Site Council** - We are looking for two (2) parents to join. Email [Cindy Giove](#)
- **Classified Substitutes** (paid position) - Email [Pat McElvain](#)

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. [August Menu HERE](#)

Technology- All Technology documents need to be completed online through the Data Confirmation on our [school website](#) prior to any student using/receiving a Chromebook device from NESD. **6-8 grades** - Insurance is available for student Chromebook devices through our 3rd party vendor. If you are interested in purchasing insurance, please complete this [FORM](#) and mail or visit [Worth Ave. Group](#) and complete the necessary information online.

COVID SAFETY:

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](#)

IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

[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!