



Week of October 26, 2020

- **Every Monday from 7:45am - 6:00pm families can pick-up/return student work**

October

10/26 - Grades 6-8 begin hybrid instruction!

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR [UPDATED](#) HYBRID SCHEDULE for TK-8

- **All 6-8 students returning to in-person instruction MUST complete a Student Health Screening Form before entering class. Parents - please send the completed form with EACH child.**

Click [HERE](#) for the Student Health Screening Form

Pick-Up & Drop-Off

You have been doing a FANTASTIC JOB. THANK YOU! In order to make things even safer and faster, please do the following:

1. Put the last name of your student(s) DARK INK on a piece of 8½ x 11" paper and display it in the back passenger seat window of your car. This will help us call out student names and have them ready for you sooner.
2. Please stay in line. Please do not go around or cut in front of parked cars to get into the cue.
3. Please remember that all students need to be dropped off and picked up at their school designated locations:
 - a. TK/K @ flagpole
 - b. 1-5 upper campus car drop-off/pick-up
 - c. 6-8 lower campus car drop-off/pick-up

Halloween:

10/27 - Cohort A Halloween - activity - see below

10/29 - Cohort C Halloween - any student interested in sending a picture of themselves in costume must submit the picture to cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us BY Thursday, 10/29 so that these pictures can be included in the slideshow.

10/30 - Cohort B Halloween - activity - see below

While we cannot have our traditional Halloween parade, we will still have a Spirit Day. **On your child's cohort day, they are encouraged to wear an appropriate costume.** Students must be able to sit, walk, breathe, see and hear. Only masks that cover the nose/mouth due to COVID are permitted. Costumes cannot promote use of drugs, alcohol or weapons of any kind. No pretend "prop" weapons such as water pistols, knives or swords. All school rules will be enforced. Students will take socially distanced pictures by cohorts. Pictures will be put into a school slideshow to be shared with families. **If you DO NOT want your child's picture included, print the attached opt-out form and send it to your child's teacher BY Monday, 10/26.**

[HERE](#) is the permission slip for those parents who **DO NOT** want their student's picture to be taken as pictures will be shared with our school community and pictures *may* appear on our website and/or Facebook page.

10/31 - Halloween Fun Fact - Halloween night will be extra spooky this year, as a rare lunar event is set to light up the night sky — and it only happens "once in a blue moon." Full moons generally rise in the sky once a month, but October 2020 will have two—once on October 1 and the other on October 31.

11/1 - Daylight Savings ENDS

Upcoming Events:

11/6 - End of First Trimester

11/11 - No School - Veteran's Day

11/16 - Monday - Friday are MINIMUM DAYS

Fall Conferences - Teachers will be reaching out to schedule conferences

11/25-27 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

12/18 - Minimum Day

12/21-1/1 - Winter Break

News:

[Newcastle Elementary and Newcastle Charter Safe Reopening Plan](#)

This plan is subject to change as new guidance is provided by the CDE, CDPH, and/or local health authority and Placer County Office of Education.

Cohorts:

Cohort A: In-person instruction on Mondays and Tuesdays

Cohort B: In-person instruction on Thursdays and Fridays

Cohort C: 100% distance learning instruction. All families who let us know that they will remain in distance learning are in Cohort C. *For planning purposes, all children were placed in either Cohort A or Cohort B for if/when they return to school.* Families will alert the school if/when they will come out of Cohort C to re-enter school for in-person instruction in their assigned cohort. Cohort A or B assignments may be changed to ensure we are providing maximum safety protocols.

While we would prefer families to stay in either the hybrid cohort model or the distance learning model, families may make arrangements through the office to change from one model to the other as appropriate for your family's needs. We will work together on a smooth transition.

Immunizations: Please remember that prior to students returning to school they MUST have all required immunizations. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

Music, PE and Spanish Instruction UPDATE - Our incredible teachers, Ms. Aday, Mr. Allen and Ms. Wagner, who have been providing engaging lessons in these three subjects are now also supporting our students and instructional staff as we return to in-person instruction. Due to the amount of time it requires to create engaging online (asynchronous) lessons, they will be reducing the length of their lessons and/or combining grade spans as appropriate. They will continue to provide outstanding content for our students in support of all of our distance learners. We are working towards a schedule where they will provide both in-person and asynchronous instruction as soon as practicable.

Student Activities: We are so proud of our Knights! Student prizes will be with their packets that are being picked up on Monday. If there is not a packet for the student, the prize will be mailed to the student's residence.

Stellar Knights of the Week

<p>Adrian M. - TK, Landry Trace R. - 1st, Nelson Sara S. - 1st, Roseman Landon R. - 2nd, Clifton Aubree S. - 3rd, Erickson Braddon L. - 3rd, Hansen Lottie S. - 4th, Bales Dylan S. - 4th, Dufour</p>	<p>Hudson L. - 6th, Percival Siena A. - 7th, Cunningham Lucas F and Mikayla F. - PE, Allen Lillie C. - Music, Aday Caleb C. - Sra. Salud</p>
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Super Knight of the Week

Lottie S. - 4th Grade, Bales

School Spirit Wear: Please see [order form](#) for your Newcastle Knights Spirit Wear! DEADLINE to order is Friday, November 6th!

Halloween Costume Contest: If you wish to participate in the contest, simply submit a picture of your student(s) in costume to newcastlenewscast@gmail.com no later than October 24th! *Please note: If you submit a picture, it may be included in the school newspaper!*

Yearbook: While we may have started slow, we are working to make this year's yearbook amazing! Yearbooks can be ordered NOW for \$28. Prices will increase as the year progresses so get yours now. To order today, go to:

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1005646/Newcastle-Elementary-School/2021-Yearbook/2020081204235675077/CATALOG_SHOP/

Data Confirmation: If you have any changes to your phone, residence or email, please make sure you make the changes in the Aeries Parent Portal or contact the school office. It is important to have three (3) emergency contacts for your student's Aeries account.

Absences: If your student is not going to be (virtually) in class (due to an absence, illness, appointment, etc.), please remember to call the attendance line to report the absence at 916-663-3307.

Tutors: Del Oro has a list of student tutors available. If you would like more information, please contact Del Oro (916) 652-7243 or call the Newcastle school office.

Child Nutrition:

Lunch Meals are available for students when on campus. Please have your student notify their teacher during attendance if they'll be purchasing lunch. Students will be able to grab their lunch meal from the Knights Cafe before departing school. Lunch is only \$3.00 and includes entree, fruit, veggie and milk.

Now Featuring...Bulk PRE-ORDER Grab and Go Meal Pickup on Wednesdays from 11:00am-1:00pm! During the transitioning of our hybrid school schedule and for distance learners, the Knights Cafe is taking pre-orders for bulk meal pickup. You may phone or email Cirbie Krslovic to place your order. We are offering a 3-day or 5-day breakfast and lunch box of delicious and nutritious meals for students! Orders must be placed by Tuesday night for Wednesday pickup. Please specify: Student Name(s) and whether it's a 3-day or 5-day meal box. Eligible students receive meals at reduced or free pricing. Click [here](#) for a flyer! If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Knights Cafe 916-663-3307, Ext. 2217

[Food Services Information](#) [Menu](#) [Free and Reduced School Meal Application](#)

All eligibility information received is protected by privacy laws and kept confidential.

Technology Assistance:

For assistance please contact our support team at support@newcastle.k12.ca.us.

Cub Scouts: Hey friends! If any of you are looking for social enrichment for your kiddos (boys and girls, grades K -5), Come say hello at our next den meeting! Contact Sarah with any questions at sarahgillmore@gmail.com or at <http://beascout.org/>

6:00 pm Thursday, November 4th, 2020

Newcastle Elementary School - Upper Campus Basketball Courts.

Other Resources to Stay Connected:

211Placer.org for support with housing, mental health, food, employment, healthcare, transportation, and beyond.

[Newcastle School Website](#)

[Newcastle PTC Website](#)

Thank you for your partnership, trust and support.

GO KNIGHTS!