



## Week of October 5, 2020

- **Every Monday & Wednesday from 11-1pm families can pick-up their Grab & Go Meals from the cafeteria EXCEPT on Monday, 10/5 due to the October break**
- **Every Monday from 7:45am - 6:00pm families can pick-up/return student work**

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**10/5** - MODIFIED Instructional Day - Beginning at 8am (8:15am for TK), each teacher will meet with their students for 30 minutes of synchronous instruction with the remainder of the day as asynchronous instruction. The school office is OPEN to provide assistance

**10/6 - 10/9** - October Break - NO SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events:

#### October

#### **10/12 - TK-1 to begin Hybrid Instruction!**

- CLICK [HERE](#) FOR HYBRID SCHEDULE for TK-1
- ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 2-8 WILL REMAIN ON THE DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULE

**10/15** - Great American Shake-Out Earthquake Drill 10:17am

**10/19** - Grades 2-5 begin hybrid instruction!

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

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#### News:

**Newcastle is reopening!** We want to thank all of our families for their patience as we navigate a new hybrid instructional model. We realize that this plan is not the perfect solution for all of our community's needs however we will continue to work together towards additional phase-in plans extending the in-person school day and number of days in school of in-person instruction as we receive updated guidance from CDE, CDPH, and/or local health authority and Placer County Office of Education.

**Please read the reopening information below very carefully.**

**Safety:** As part of our safety protocols, staff will conduct daily health monitoring and communicate their health status as established by the district. To ensure student health, families are required to conduct daily health monitoring of their child/children prior to sending them to school. **FAMILIES MUST COMPLETE THE STUDENT HEALTH SCREENING FORM BELOW AND SEND THE COMPLETED FORM WITH EACH STUDENT ON THE FIRST DAY OF IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION.**

## [Student Health Screening Form](#)

### **Supplies for Hybrid Instruction:**

Due to COVID, we will not be sharing instructional supplies. Teachers are communicating the supplies needed for those students returning to in-person instruction. In addition to class supplies we are asking families to provide the additional materials:

- **2 personal face masks** (1 to wear and 1 as a back-up)
- **personal refillable water bottle** (water fountains are turned off but filling stations and class faucets are available)
- **beach towel** (for outside learning allowing students to socially distance)
- non-aerosol sunscreen (optional - students may not share sunscreen)
- hat for sun protection during outdoor learning + play (optional)
- Snack
- earbuds/headphones (as age appropriate and as directed by your child's teacher - not required by all grades)

### **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.

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. **To ensure student and staff safety, and to maintain the integrity of each cohort, we will not be making changes to your student's cohort placement.**

**[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.

**[Reopening Letter](#)** (Previously sent to all families)

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

**School Site Council:** Parents, we are looking for two more parent representatives to serve on our School Site Council. Our meetings are approximately 60 minutes in length, the second Thursday of each month. Due to the October Break, our first meeting will be October 15th. The Site Council provides input on school programs and compliance reports. This is a terrific opportunity to get involved! If you are interested, please email Cindy Giove at [cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto:cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us).

**Data Confirmation:** **With school starting to re-open**, it is extremely important that we have your updated phone number(s), email and three(3) emergency contacts. If you have not completed this, please contact the school!

**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. 916-663-3307.

**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**

<b>Orion P.</b> - TK, Landry	<b>Liam B.</b> - 5th, Lacey
<b>Jaxon S.</b> - K, Erickson	<b>Caitlyn B.</b> - 6th, Percival
<b>Tommy S.</b> - K, Ballew	<b>Robert S.</b> - 7th, Stocks
<b>Rayce C.</b> - 1st, Roseman	<b>Brianna M.</b> - 7th, Cunningham
<b>Elyse D.</b> - 2nd, Clifton	<b>Cami C.</b> - 8th, Sprouse
<b>Cash C.</b> - 2nd, Hall-Nicholas	<b>Annie M.</b> - 8th, Sarkisian
<b>Jade M.</b> - 3rd, Erickson	<b>Anastasia/Emma S..</b> - PE, Allen
<b>Griffin B.</b> - 3rd, Hansen	<b>Dylan F.</b> - Music, Aday
<b>Eli A.</b> - 4th, Bales	<b>Kylie C.</b> - Sra. Salud

### **Super Knight of the Week**

**Elyse D.** - 2nd Grade, Clifton

### **Child Nutrition:**

[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](mailto:support@newcastle.k12.ca.us).

### **Other Resources to Stay Connected:**

Placer County has a new resource called Placer 211. It addresses all issues such as housing, mental health, food, employment, healthcare, transportation, and beyond.

To access by phone: dial 211 (Interpreters available)

To access by text: text your zip code to 898211  
To access online: visit [211Placer.org](http://211Placer.org)

[Newcastle School Website](#)  
[Newcastle PTC Website](#)

Thank you for your partnership, trust and support..

**GO KNIGHTS!**