



## Week of November 23, 2020

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

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### **Important Update:**

Dear Newcastle families,

Regrettably, due to COVID-19 staff-related health concerns, Newcastle Elementary and Charter will begin a two-week pause from in-person learning and return to full at home distance learning starting Monday, November 23rd and November 24th and continue for the week of November 30th - December 4th.

On December 7th, our students will return to their same Cohorts, same Cohort days, and Wednesday remains an at-home learning day for all students. The school day will be from 8 am to 2:30 pm. Students will eat lunch at school, Spanish, PE, and Music programs to resume a modified schedule.

As positive COVID-19 cases increase around our county, state, and country, we all need to be ready to transition in and out of in-person learning for the next several months. It is essential that families have alternative plans in place for when distance learning is at home. We will continue to work diligently to keep in-person learning operational.

The pause and return to distance learning are not negotiations related. The District and teachers group continue to negotiate in good faith on the impact and effects of the November 5th Board adopted return to school plan. The pause in in-person learning required us to push the start date out one week. We will continue to monitor current health and safety issues and adjust plan dates as necessary.


We are all anxiously awaiting the end of the pandemic and return to normal. Thank you for your support, grace, and understanding as we put student, family, and staff safety at the forefront of every decision.

In your service,

Denny Rush, Superintendent

### **November**

Monday, 11/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Distance Learning (at home) instruction begins <b>Distance Learning Schedule</b> <a href="#">LINK</a></li></ul>
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Tuesday, 11/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distance Learning instruction continues</li> <li>12:00-1:00 Pre-Ordered Bulk Grab &amp; Go Meals available for pickup at the Cafe'</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 11/25 NO SCHOOL	
Thursday, 11/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Day</li> </ul>
Friday, 11/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break</li> </ul>

**11/30-12/4** - Distance Learning instruction continues

### December

**12/7** - Extended Day Schedule begins [LINK](#)

**12/10** - Site Council Virtual Meeting 2:30pm - [Open to the public](#)

**12/14** - Board Meeting at 6:00pm

**12/18** - Minimum Day

**12/21-1/1** - Winter Break

### Pick-Up & Drop-Off

In order to streamline student pick up for 1st through 5th grade, please write your child's LAST NAME in BOLD BLACK LETTERING AND GRADE LEVEL on the school rearview mirror placard and display it so that we can call out your child's name as you approach the pick-up area. Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of pick-up guidelines. Placards are available in the school office. Also, please let grandparents or other caregivers know to bring a sign with your student's name on it if they don't have a placard. Thank you for your support as we continue to improve our process.

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### News:

**1st Trimester Report Cards:** As we mentioned last week, We will **not** be mailing report cards. They were sent home with your student or you can access your child's grades/report card through the Aeries Parent Portal. Please click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to view your child's grades and report card(s). Please note that there will be no grades shown for PE, Music, Spanish at this time.

**Stellar Knights:** We are so proud of **ALL** our Knights! The Stellar Knight prize program will resume the week of November 30th. Thank you for your understanding!

### Reminders:

**iReady:** Parents, please remember that students should be using iReady for at least 20-minutes each day to further help them meet their learning goals.

**Monday & Thursday** - 20 minutes of iReady reading

**Tuesday & Friday** - 20 minutes of iReady math

**Wednesday** - 20 minutes of iReady (math OR reading - whatever is most needed)

**KNIGHTS CAFE NEWS:** *One Free Breakfast/Snack meal and One Lunch meal is available for our students through December 2020!*

[Free School Meals Flyer](#)

[November Menu](#)

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

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

**Yearbook:** To order today, click [HERE](#).

**Face Covering FAQs:** Please see the attached document for [Placer County Health Face Covering FAQs](#).

**Reporting Student Absences:** If your student is going to be absent from school (virtually or in-person) due illness, appointment, etc.), please remember to call the attendance line to report the absence at 916-663-3307.

**Technology Assistance:**

For assistance please contact our support team at [support@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto:support@newcastle.k12.ca.us).

**Important Resources:**

[Placer Health Department Q&A](#)

[COVID Response Scenarios](#)

[COVID Response Scenarios - Spanish](#)

[COVID Symptoms](#)

[Testing Matrix for staff and students](#)

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

[NES Student Health Screening Form](#)

[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!**