



Week of December 7, 2020

- Every Monday from 7:45am - 6:00pm families can pick-up/return student work
- Wednesday from 11:00am - 1:00pm - Pre-Order Bulk Meal Pickup
- All students may receive one breakfast meal and one lunch meal for FREE each school day in December.

Important Update:

Extended Day Hybrid Schedule begins Monday, December 7th!

On Monday, December 7th we begin our Extended Day Hybrid schedule. Our instructional day is 8:00 am - 2:30 pm. [See schedule here](#). Students may either purchase a lunch from the cafeteria or bring their own lunch. Students will be eating, appropriately socially distanced, outside as long as the weather cooperates. If we need to move inside, we have prepared a safe, socially distanced lunch space for all classes. We have designated outdoor play areas for our students to engage in a variety of age-appropriate activities. Extended day in-person instruction includes students participating in PE, Spanish and Music.

We appreciate your continued commitment to ensuring that students who are symptomatic stay home and quarantine as appropriate. Information about COVID symptoms, wellness protocols, testing sites and other COVID related information can be found on the links at the bottom of this email. Please contact the school with updated student health information or if you have any questions.

December

Monday, 12/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cohort A - Extended Day Hybrid Schedule Starts ● Cohorts B & C will engage in live streamed instruction
Tuesday, 12/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cohort A - Extended Day Hybrid Schedule continues ● Cohorts B & C will engage in live streamed instruction
Wednesday, 12/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 - 8:30 am All Cohorts online morning meeting ● 8:30 - 2:30 pm All Cohorts Asynchronous Instruction ● 11:00-1:00 Pre-Ordered Bulk Grab & Go Meals available for pickup at the Cafe'

Thursday, 12/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cohort B - Extended Day Hybrid Schedule Starts ● Cohorts A & C will engage in live streamed instruction ● 2:30pm Site Council (virtual) Meeting - Open to the public
Friday, 12/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cohort B - Extended Day Hybrid Schedule continues ● Cohorts A & C will engage in live streamed instruction

Upcoming:

12/14 - Board Meeting 6:00pm

12/18 - Minimum Day - release time 12:10 pm

12/21-1/1 - Winter Break

1/18 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

2/15 - No School - February Break

News:

Beach towels: As students return to in-person instruction, students may benefit from using their beach towels as they sit outside for lunch and for PE.

Chip's for Kids Toy Drive: We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for the California Highway Patrol's Annual Toy Drive. Please bring your toy donations to either the upper campus school office or to the lobby in the lower campus. All donations must be received by December 14th.

Student Attendance: We know these times are challenging and truly recognize the unique hardships for families during hybrid and distance learning. Please remember though that attendance is still a critical part of education. **Students are expected to log on at the time set by their teacher(s), respond when called upon, turn on their camera when directed (unless there is a complication that has been communicated to the teacher), and complete assigned work and projects.**

If your child will be absent (virtually or in-person) for a legitimate reason (e.g. illness, appointment, etc.) please make sure you contact the attendance line or school office at (916) 663-3307 to report the absence. *If we do not hear from you regarding your student's absence, it will be considered unexcused.*

Calling 7th Grade Parents: It is hard to believe it but we need to begin forming the planning committee for this year's 8th grade promotion. It is a tradition that 7th grade parents create this special event for the outgoing 8th graders. Please contact our office or Cindy Giove at cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us if you would like to be on this committee. Thank you in advance for your support!

Yearbook: THANK YOU to those who have submitted photos! Our image library is growing which will help make a great yearbook. A couple of reminders:

1. Please only upload pictures from August 2020 and beyond - we want current pictures for our 2020-2021 book.
2. You CAN submit photos of your kiddo doing things other than school - this year is different from the usual! (*The Yearbook Team does not guarantee that every submitted photo will be published*).
3. Here's the portal link again: <https://images.jostens.com/415474203>

To order a yearbook (\$32.00) now, click [HERE](#). Price will increase to \$36.00 on Jan. 29th.

Spirit Wear: PTC appreciates everyone's patience with the spirit wear orders. Due to nationwide shipping delays and inventory issues, orders are slowly coming in. We will deliver orders that have arrived to the school starting Monday, December 7th.

Stellar Knights: We are so proud of **ALL** our Knights! Student prizes will be with their packets that are being picked up on Mondays. If there is not a packet for the student, the prize will be mailed to the student's residence. For those students who are attending in-person instruction, students may pick up their prize from the office.

Stellar Knights of the Week

<p>Cam M. - TK, Landry Cody V. - K, Erickson Brody M. - K, Ballew Jaira R. - 1st, Nelson Kamari A. - 1st, Roseman Lily M. - 2nd, Clifton Riann S. - 2nd, Hall-Nicholas Dillon M. - 3rd, Erickson Braddon L. - 3rd, Hansen Kiannah C. - 4th, Bales</p>	<p>Austin G. - 4th, Dufour Harper E. - 5th, Lacey Evangelin D. - 6th, Larsen Tim S. - 6th, Percival Brent J. - 7th, Stocks Ella T. - 8th, Ferrera Kate L. - 8th, Sarkisian Cooper H. - PE, Allen Dylan F. - Spanish, Sra. Salud Ryder S. - Music, Aday</p>
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Super Knight of the Week

Harper E. - 5th Grade, Mrs. Lacey

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](#)

[December Menu](#)

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

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

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

Technology Assistance:

For assistance please contact our support team at 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!