



## Week of March 8, 2021

**2nd Trimester Report Cards!** We will not be mailing report cards. Report cards will be sent home by the teacher with your student on Friday or you can access your child's grades/report card through the Aeries Parent Portal *after Wednesday, March 17th*. Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to view your child's grades and report card(s). There will be no grades shown for PE, Music, Spanish at this time.

**Spring Conferences begin next week (March 15th-19th)** - Please ensure that you have scheduled your conference with your child's teacher(s). Please call the school office if you have any questions or need additional support to schedule your conference.

**Student Attendance:** **Students may not switch back and forth between in-person and distance learning.** If your student is **not** physically at school (and the in-person learning option was selected), they will be marked absent. A call to the office/attendance line is necessary to clear the absence even if they log in for distance learning that day. If your child is currently designated in Cohort C and is not logged on when the teacher expects them, they will be marked absent. Again, a phone call to the office/attendance line is necessary to clear the absence. Attendance calls go out at 10:45 am each day. If you have any further questions regarding attendance, please contact the school office.

**Congratulations Ms. Berni & Mr. Erickson!** We are very excited to share that Ms. Michele Berni has been named the Newcastle Classified Employee of the Year and Mr. Steve Erickson is the Newcastle Teacher of the Year! Both Michele and Steve will be honored at a special recognition program by the Placer County Office of Education in May. Please be sure to share your congratulations with them when you see them. They both truly exemplify outstanding educators, supporting student academic achievement and fostering a positive learning experience for all!

**Pick-Up/School Traffic** - Thank you for your continued support in helping us reduce traffic.

- Please come on time (not early)
- Please respect our neighbors by driving the speed limit, refraining from cutting through the side streets, and staying on the correct side of the road
- Please have your student placard visibly displayed in your car's rearview mirror
- Students in grades 1-5 with siblings on the lower campus, upon release from class, may go directly to the stairs and then head down to the lower campus. We have provided supervision at the stairs to assist younger students. Please communicate with your child's teacher(s) if they will be heading to the lower campus to ensure that we support this transition.

**PTC Read-a-Thon Fundraiser continues!** Please help us reach our fundraising goal. Read-a-Thon Information [HERE](#). Thank you for your support!

**March 2021**

**4 Day/Week Extended Day Hybrid Schedule [LINK](#)**

<b>Monday, 3/8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual Outdoor Skills Club starts (3:30 for Gr 1-4 / 4:00 for Gr 5-8)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, 3/9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual Art Club (3:00 for Grades K-5)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, 3/10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 - 8:30 am All Cohorts online morning meeting</li> <li>8:30 - 2:30 pm All Cohorts asynchronous instruction</li> <li>11:00 - 1:00 Pre-Ordered Bulk Grab &amp; Go Meals available for pickup at the Cafe'</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, 3/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 Earthquake and Fire Drills</li> <li>Site Council 2:45 <a href="#">Meeting Link</a></li> </ul>
<b>Friday, 3/12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Report Cards will be sent home with students</b></li> </ul>

**March is Women’s History Month**

**Upcoming:**

- 3/15-3/19 - Minimum Days (12:10 Dismissal) - Spring Conferences
- 3/16 - TK/K Round-Up (1:00-2:30)
- 3/18 - TK/K Round-Up (1:00-2:30)
- 3/29-4/2 - Spring Break
- 3/31 - PTC Fundraiser ends
- 4/2 - Deadline for second Charter Lottery
- 4/14 - Board Meeting
- 4/8 - Site Council Meeting
- 5/12 - Board Meeting
- 5/31 - Memorial Day - No School
- 6/4 - Last Day of School
- ★ 8th-grade graduation events are currently being explored

***Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible & Chivalrous!***  
**Be trustworthy is the character trait for March.**

**KNIGHT OF THE WEEK IS:**

***Adam C.***

**This Week’s Stellar Knights are:**

**Noah F.  
Maddie C.  
Kasen A.  
Drew B.  
Taylor H.**

**Braylee F.  
Emersyn F.  
Kylie C.  
Olivia M.  
Ella T.**

**Ben R.  
Kaia S.  
Annie G.  
Jaemi V.  
Samson A.**

**Calvin C.  
Melinda P.  
Remi C.  
Sophia D.  
Rocco D.**

## **Ongoing News:**

**Virtual Art Club and Virtual Outdoor Skills SIGN-UP! There is still room in each session. Please sign up through the school office. Click [HERE](#) for club details.**

## **2021-2022 Open Enrollment!**

Registration information can be found on our school website <https://nec.newcastledistrict.org/>. Click [HERE](#) for the NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION. If you reside outside of the Newcastle District you will need to complete a [Request for Charter Admission Form](#) as the first step. Charter enrollment is by lottery. **The next lottery deadline is April 2nd.** This is only for NEW Charter students. Paper packets are also available at the school office.

**Yearbook:** You may still order a yearbook [HERE](#). The current price is \$36.00. **Please upload a couple of photos to <https://images.jostens.com/415474203>.**

**Bus Transportation** - For the past 5 years, we have had no cost to families afternoon only transportation. To provide this service to families, Newcastle has contracted out for our bus service. At this time we do not have a contract for bus services and may not for the remainder of this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. We are in discussions with the service provider at this time for possible future service. We will keep you informed.

**Earbuds/Headphones** - Please send your student with personal earbuds or headphones to use while at school.

**Students Arriving Late/Leaving Early:** A gentle reminder, if your child arrives late to school they MUST head directly to the school office located on the upper level of the campus to receive a tardy slip to provide to their teacher. Additionally, in the interest of student safety, all students leaving early will need to be picked up from the school office on the upper level of the campus. Parents must sign students in and out from the school office. Thank you for your understanding as we implement a consistent policy and ensure student safety.

## **Knights Cafe':**

Qualified meal applications positively affect our community and have the potential to increase education funding. All eligibility information received is protected by privacy laws and kept confidential. If you're unsure whether you qualify for Free or Reduced Priced Meals, feel free to contact Cirbie Krslovic at (916) 663-3307 Ext. 2217. **Free Meals Through June for ALL students!**

- Click [HERE](#) to complete a School Application for Free and Reduced-Priced Meals.
- [March Menu](#)
- [Food Services Information](#)

## **Reminders:**

### **COVID SAFETY:**

Please review the COVID expectations listed below as we all work together to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and larger community. Here is a CDC resource on how to properly wear, remove, and clean masks: [CDC Guide to Masks](#)

**It is imperative that students DO NOT come to school if any of the following are true:**

- 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.**

**iReady:** To improve student academic achievement, all students in grades K-8 should be engaging in iReady learning for at least 20-minutes each day. Monday & Thursday - reading; Tuesday & Friday - math; Wednesday - math OR reading based on student's greatest area of need.

#### **Technology Assistance:**

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

#### **IMPORTANT RESOURCES:**

##### ***Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Resources for Parents***

BERKELEY PARENT SUPPORT DURING COVID

[https://ggie.berkeley.edu/school-challenges/supporting-learning-and-well-being-during-the-coronavirus-crisis/#tab\\_\\_2](https://ggie.berkeley.edu/school-challenges/supporting-learning-and-well-being-during-the-coronavirus-crisis/#tab__2)

CDC PARENT SUPPORT

<https://www.cdc.gov/parents/index.html>

CDC CHILD MENTAL HEALTH

<https://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/>

CDC COPE WITH STRESS

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/stress-coping/index.html>

##### **Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) for Families**

[https://assets-global.website-files.com/5d3725188825e071f1670246/5e83b41b7df0210d47588d12\\_Supporting%20Families%20with%20PBIS%20at%20Home%20FINAL.pdf](https://assets-global.website-files.com/5d3725188825e071f1670246/5e83b41b7df0210d47588d12_Supporting%20Families%20with%20PBIS%20at%20Home%20FINAL.pdf)

#### **Other Resources**

[Placer Health Department Q&A](#)

[Placer County Health Face Covering FAQs.](#)

[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](#) (housing, mental health, food, employment, healthcare, transportation, etc.)

[Newcastle School Website](#)

[Newcastle PTC Website](#)

Thank you for your partnership, trust, and support.

**GO KNIGHTS!**