



## Week of April 12, 2021

**We are back to 5 days of in-person instruction** - This Wednesday all students with in-person learning will attend school from 8:00 am to 12:10 pm. **Lunches will be grab-and-go on Wednesdays.** Instructional times on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday remain 8:00 am - 2:30 pm. To help alleviate morning traffic congestion, student drop-off for grades 1-8 is now 7:35 am - 8:00 am. The first bell rings at 7:55 am. Students arriving after 8:00 am, either on the upper or lower campus, need to get a late slip from the office. Cohort C students will receive instruction from their assigned teacher and will continue to receive dedicated support from Mrs. Asay/Mrs. Meigs. This schedule should remain in place through the end of the year.

**HELP NEEDED** - Newcastle is looking for a (Long-term Substitute) Food Services Driver. This is a part-time, temporary position, Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am -12:30 pm. If interested, please contact Diane Gilbert at [dgilbert@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto:dgilbert@newcastle.k12.ca.us) or call (916) 259-2832 for more information.

**California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)** is an anonymous, confidential survey of school climate and safety, student wellness, and youth resiliency. **We will be administering it to students in grades 6 and 7 on April 22nd/23rd.** It enables schools and communities to collect and analyze data regarding local youth health risks and behaviors, school connectedness, school climate, protective factors, and school violence. The CHKS allows us to focus on improving the school climate and the student learning environment for overall school improvements. Copies of the CHKS are available in the school office for parent preview. All students in grade 6 (considered elementary school) will receive a permission slip next week to allow them to participate. All students in grade 7 (considered middle school) will participate unless a parent wishes to opt them out, in which case parents should email the teacher or the school to inform us that you do not want your child to participate in the survey. Please call the office if you have any questions.

**Emergency Rental Assistance for Placer County!** - Many families have been impacted this past year due to Covid, including possible loss of income or housing. Placer County has launched Rent Help Placer – an Emergency Rental Assistance Program that provides financial assistance to eligible low-income renters to pay for past due or current rent and utility payments. Applicants must show a loss in income or other related financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic to qualify. For more details and to start an application, please go to [RentHelpPlacer.com](http://RentHelpPlacer.com). Need help getting started, please contact Lisa Graham at [lgraham@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto:lgraham@newcastle.k12.ca.us).

## April 2021

## Updated In-Person Student Schedule [HERE](#)

<b>Monday, 4/12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 5-day/week in-person schedule begins</li><li>● 8th grade - high school math &amp; reading diagnostics beginning at 9:30 am</li><li>● Virtual Outdoor Skills Club (3:30 for Gr 1-4 / 4:00 for Gr 5-8)</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, 4/13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Last Class - Virtual Art Club (3:00 for Grades K-5)</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, 4/14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 11:00-12:10 Pre-Ordered Bulk Grab &amp; Go Meals available for pickup at the Cafe'</li><li>● <b>11:40-12:10 TK/K dismissal /12:10 - Grades 1-8 Dismissal</b></li><li>● 6:30 NESD Board Meeting</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, 4/15</b>	
<b>Friday, 4/16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Lockdown/Shelter-in-Place/Evacuation DRILL 1:20 pm</b></li></ul>

### Upcoming:

4/19 - Last Class - Virtual Outdoor Skills Class

4/22 or 23 - Grades 6 & 7 take the California Healthy Kids Survey

5/12 - Board Meeting

5/13 - Site Council Meeting

5/31 - Memorial Day - No School

6/4 - Last Day of School - 12:10 dismissal

★ 8th-grade graduation events are currently being explored - We are getting closer every day!

### Ongoing News:

**2021-2022 Enrollment Continues** - 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. Paper packets are also available at the school office.

**Absence Reporting** - If your student is going to be absent, please notify the school office to avoid having unexcused absences. You may call the office attendance line, or use the [absence reporting link](#) on our website. Please include the student's name, grade, and the reason for the absence.

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

### 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.
- [April Menu](#)
- [Food Services Information](#)

**Students Arriving Late/Leaving Early:** All students arriving after 8:00 am or leaving early must have a parent check them in/out through the school office located on the upper campus. Please call the office if you have any questions.

**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).

**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 the 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.**

**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!**