



Week of May 17, 2021

Student Assessments Update - All students in grades 3-8 have completed their state testing. We are VERY PROUD of the effort our students put in on these assessments! This week all students in grades K-8 will be taking their final iReady diagnostic assessments in both reading and math. The data we receive from the iReady assessments and from state testing will help us determine how best to support our students as they transition to the next grade level. With all of the educational impact from COVID, we are working diligently to address how we can provide the maximum amount of support to our students. More information will be coming soon.

HELP NEEDED! We are currently seeking a part-time Noon Duty Supervisor for the remainder of the school year. The hours are 10:30-1:00. If you are interested, please contact Diane or Pat at the district office for more information (916) 259-2832.

Yearbooks - Yes, you can still order a yearbook [HERE!](#) The current price is \$36.00. The *tentative* date for distribution is June 1st.

For 8th Grade Families - Summer Bridge Program enrollment date has been extended to May21st! PUHSD is excited to offer Summer Bridge again to our incoming 9th graders. This year they are expanding their program to invite incoming freshmen (current 8th graders) who may have been impacted by the COVID-19. This program aims to provide students with additional academic support and enriching activities to help them transition to high school. If you plan to attend Placer High School - see attached [FLYER](#). If you plan to attend Del Oro High School - see attached [FLYER](#).

Placer Nature Center Summer Camp Flyer [HERE](#).

8th Grade Graduation - The graduation ceremony has been moved back to the amphitheater! Students will be receiving their graduation guest tickets as well as their dinner tickets on May 24th. Please see the revised NES Graduation 2021 letter [HERE](#).

May 2021

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

Monday, 5/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Classified School Employee of the Year Awards - Mrs. Berni
Tuesday, 5/18	
Wednesday, 5/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:30 Fire Drill
Thursday, 5/20	
Friday, 5/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8th Grade Tech Turn-in (Lower Campus Gym)

Upcoming:

5/25 - 8th grade trip to Strikes Bowling Alley

5/26 - TK-1 Tech Turn-In

5/27 - Grades 2-4 Tech Turn-In

5/28 - Grades 5-7 Tech Turn-In

5/31 - Memorial Day - No School

6/1 - (tentative) Yearbook distribution to students

6/1 - 8th-grade graduation dinner @ Newcastle Wedding Gardens 6pm

6/2 - End-of-Year Field Day/Activities for all grades

6/3 - 8th-grade graduation @ 6:00 pm followed by a student celebration 7:30 - 10 pm

6/4 - Cohort C Tech Turn-In

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

Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible & Chivalrous!

Be Patient is the character trait for May/June.

KNIGHT OF THE WEEK IS:

Cody V.

This Week's Stellar Knights are:

Townes C.
Trace R.
Max M.
Kristin K.
Izzy D.
Elyse D.

Jax K.
Hunter L.
Lucas F.
Ryan E.
Cooper H.
Holden R.

Chanel C.
Remi L.
Brinley L.
Ameya L.
Asher H.

Rayce C.
Aimi C.
Holly M.
Sophia D.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 5th Grade ROCK the Test Winners this week!

Castiel C.

Sophia T.

EmmaJane L.

Caleb C.

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.

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.
- [May/June Menu](#)
- [Food Services Information](#)

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.

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:

Emergency Rental Assistance for Placer County! [Rental Help Newsletter HERE](#)

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. Need help getting started, please contact Lisa Graham at lgraham@newcastle.k12.ca.us.

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Resources for Parents

BERKELEY PARENT SUPPORT DURING COVID

https://ggje.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

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!