



Week of 8/23/21

News:

Thank you for your participation in our virtual Back to School Night. We appreciate you helping us put safety first. Learning comes in many forms as we discovered how quickly we can max out access to a Google Meet. I'm sorry if you were unable to join my welcome address or the presentations by Mrs. Wagner (Spanish) and Mr. Liebert (PE). Thank you for your patience and support as we navigate through this journey together.

[Principal Giove's Welcome](#)

[Spanish Presentation](#)

[PE Presentation](#)

COVID Safety - We must continue to be diligent about the health and safety of our students and staff. **It is imperative that students DO NOT come to school if any of the following are true:**

Exhibiting COVID symptoms

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, and Diarrhea

Absence Reporting: If a student is absent from school, the reason for the absence must be reported on the day of the absence. Parents/guardians should be prepared to provide their student's name, date of the absence, the reason for the absence and relationship of the person reporting the absence (e.g. mom, dad).

There are three (3) ways to report an absence to the school:

1. Call the office attendance line at (916) 663-3307 then press 3 and leave a message.
2. Email the school office staff.
3. Submit using our website [Absence Reporting Tool](#).

If verification of a student absence due to illness has not occurred within three (3) school days, the unverified absence will be recorded as unexcused. Per state education code, after three days, an unexcused absence cannot be changed. If a student is absent 3 or more consecutive days a doctor's note is required. Students with excessive tardiness, absences and/or habitual truancy may be referred to SARB. The following are the only legal excuses that will be accepted by the office for absences and tardies as outlined in Education Code 48205: 1) Personal illness; 2) Quarantine under the direction of the county or city health officer; 3) Medical, dental, optometric or chiropractic appointments, court appearance; 4) Attendance at funeral services; or 5) Participation in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction in accordance with district policy. *Family trips/vacations are unexcused absences unless an Independent Study contract is granted.*

Please contact your child's teacher or the school office at least five school days in advance of a trip, regarding Independent Study.

ASB/Leadership Election Time! It is time for our Associated Student Body Leadership Elections to begin. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students that are interested in running for office can pick up an ASB/Leadership Packet from their homeroom teacher. 8th grade students can run for all positions. 7th grade can run for Director of Student Activities, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of School Publicity, and Director of Student Affairs. 6th grade students can run for the two 6th grade class representative positions. Interested students must complete an application packet. All applications are due by Wednesday, September 1st to Mrs. Ferrera in room 604. No late applications will be accepted. Our elected officers help our school put on amazing events in addition to learning valuable leadership skills that will follow them throughout their academic career. Interested students need to pick up a packet from their homeroom teacher beginning on Friday, August 20, 2021.

Community Partnerships - Cub Scouts - An all access pass to amazing adventures for K-5th graders. Thursday, 8/26 at 6:30 pm there is an informational meeting in the Newcastle Amphitheater. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Get Involved - Contact [Cindy Giove](#) if you are interested in any of the below opportunities:

- **Promotion Committee** - We are putting together a committee of students, staff, and parents to review our 8th grade promotion requirements.
- We are currently looking for volunteers for an upcoming **Gardening Club** (associated with 4-H).
- Share your talent and passion through an **after-school enrichment experience**.

PTC News - PTC is so happy to be back celebrating our Knights and we need your help! Sign up today to be an event volunteer or join our PTC board. Turn in the PTC membership form to the office or sign up online at <https://www.ptcnewcastle.org/signup>. PTC's first meeting of the year is scheduled for 9/9/2021. Join us!

SPIRITWEAR is coming and we are so excited! PTC was hoping to sell at back-to-school night so we have some in-stock items ready for delivery. Additional items and sizes will be pre-order and delivered in September. Google order forms will be available next week on our website and emailed to all teachers. We have some fun new options for our Knight families to show your school spirit!

School Site Council/District Advisory Committee/LCAP Committee Member - [VOTE HERE](#)

Thank you to those parents who have graciously offered to serve on this one, very comprehensive committee! **Please vote for 3 representatives for our school.** Thank you in advance for your time.

August 2021

[2021-2022 Student Schedule](#)

Monday, 8/23	Early Release Monday - TK/K @ 12:10; Grades 1-8 @ 1:30
Tuesday, 8/24	
Wednesday, 8/25	Safety Drills - Earthquake, Shelter in Place & Fire Evacuation
Thursday, 8/26	
Friday, 8/27	iReady Diagnostic #1 Closes grades 1-8

Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible & Chivalrous!
Be Friendly is the character trait of the month.

This Week's Stellar Knights are:

Audrey B.
Charlie F.
Knox G.
Peyton D.
Beckett C.

Amelia K.
Samuel B.
Grace N.
Piper W.
Nolan L.

Avery R.
Chase H.
Conner W.
Remi C.
Maria S.

Lanie L.
Lily M.
Piper Z.
Evie D.

Summer iReady Challenge Top Winners:

Camryn Belajic Sydney Belajic Ryker Easley Eva Gillmore Austin Godsey
Julienne Gularte Luke Hethcock Benning Roarty Thomas Schwindt Ella Villacorta

Our iReady winners will receive their prize on Monday, 8/23/21. Great job to everyone who participated!

Upcoming Events:

8/25 - Safety Drills

8/30 - Vision Screening grades K, 2, 5 & 8

9/6 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

9/8 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

9/9 - Picture Day

9/9 - Site Council Meeting 3 pm

9/16 - Safety Drill

10/4 - 10/8 - October Break - NO SCHOOL

10/13 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

10/17 - Picture Retake/Makeup Day

10/21 - Safety Drill

11/10 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

11/11 - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL

11/15-19 - Conference Week

11/24-26 - Thanksgiving Break

12/17 - Minimum Day 12:10 pm

12/20 - 1/3 - Winter Break

Ongoing:

Enrichment - Gold Country Chess Club 1st - 8th grade. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Knights Cafe' - Free Meals through June for ALL students! One breakfast meal and one lunch meal are free each school day; seconds can be purchased at full price. [August Menu HERE](#)

COVID SAFETY:

Per CDPH guidance, all persons regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear masks while indoors. This includes all school visitors. Masks are not required outside. Here is a CDC resource on how to properly wear, remove, and clean masks: [CDC Guide to Masks](#)

IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

[Student/Parent Handbook](#).

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Resources for Parents: [BERKELEY PARENT SUPPORT DURING COVID](#)

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) for Families: [Supporting Families with PBIS](#)

GO KNIGHTS!