



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL  
**FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS**  
Friday, June 14, 2024

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

**Important Reminder:** Today is the last day to complete and submit your student's 2024-25 School Forms - [deadline is Friday, June 14, 2024](#) - see *details below*.

Stay connected! Keep checking your email every week for important Parent Alerts and Friday Backpack News. You can always access past issues archived on our [website](#).

### School News & Information

#### 2024-25 Newmark School Registration Forms - Due Friday, June 14, 2024

- **2024-25 Online Registration Forms:** Log on to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) Select School Forms (2024-2025) and follow instructions.
- **ESY/SY Checklist:** After completing the online forms, visit the [Newmark website](#) for to access additional medical forms, calendars and more resource.
- **Questions?** Contact [forms@newmarkeducation.com](mailto:forms@newmarkeducation.com)

*If your student is not returning to Newmark for the 2024-25 School Year, please disregard.*

**June Menu:** [View](#) Monthly Lunch Menus and Flexible Meal Packs options

**Parent Communication Survey Due:** Friday, June 14, 2024 - Your feedback is very important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete the [2023-24 Parent Communication Survey](#)

**2024 K-8 ESY Field Trips Registration Deadline:** Friday, June 14, 2024 - [Register](#) for July 2024 Field Trips

**Functional Living Skills Survey Due:** Friday, June 14, 2024 - Returning parents of rising 7th graders must complete a 2024-25 Functional Living Skills survey for your student - [Survey](#)

**8th Grade Graduation:** Monday, June 17, 2024 - 12:30 PM (*Plan to arrive at 12:00 PM with your guests.*)

**Last Day of School:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 - Early dismissal for K-8 students at 12:45 PM

**4th Quarter Report Cards:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 - Available to view on your PowerSchool Parent Portal after 3:00 PM

**Extended School Year (ESY):** Monday, July 1 - Friday, July 26, 2024 (*School Closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5, 2024*)

- [View](#) ESY K-8 Calendar
- [View](#) July 2024 K-8 Menu
- [Register](#) for K-8 ESY July 2024 Field Trips

**Be on the lookout for your Newmark K-8 Parent Alert on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 with important Year-End information, School Newsletter and more.**

## **Spotlight: Newmark K-8 2024 Summer Reading Program**

During the summer break, we encourage our students to continue developing their reading skills by engaging with books that are both enjoyable and inspiring. This allows students to explore their individual interests and needs through exposure to quality literature.

This year, ALL students, regardless of their participation in ESY, are *required* to choose at least one book from the provided K-8 reading list on our website by author Cynthia Lord:

- Students who are attending ESY will have their book in advance, and it will be available in their classrooms on the first day of ESY.
- Students who are not attending ESY can purchase their own book from any preferred bookstore.

Ms. Lord has crafted several well-loved children's books that often explore themes of friendship, acceptance and the challenges of growing up. Her debut novel, "Rules," published in 2006, received multiple awards, including a Newbery Honor and the Schneider Family Book Award.

**We are also excited to announce that Ms. Lord will visit Newmark School on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, to conduct a workshop for all our K-8 students.** In the first few weeks of the school year, students will have the assignment to write a letter to Ms. Lord, reflecting on their personal connection with the book they chose to read over the summer.

[Learn More and View 2024 Summer Reading List](#)

### **For Rising 9th Graders**

All rising 9th graders are required to participate in the 2024 Newmark High School Summer Reading Program. [Learn More](#)

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**[Newmark K-8 School 2023-24 School Year](#)**  
**Student Hours**  
**Student Hours - 8:45 AM – 2:30 PM**  
*(Early Dismissal: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM)*

**Newmark K-8 School**

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