



NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
Friday Backpack News
Friday, July 18, 2025

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

Stay connected! Check your email every week during ESY, and then again starting mid-August for important Newmark School information.

All communication is sent via SchoolMessenger so be sure to check your Junk folder or contact forms@newmarkeducation.com if you haven't received any emails. You can always access past issues archived on our [website](#).

School News & Information

ESY Half Day: Friday, July 18, 2025 - Early dismissal for K-8 students at 12:45 PM

July 2025 Menu: [View](#) Lunch Menu and Flexible 10 and 20 Meal Packs options

ESY Assembly - Hooked on Science: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 - Students will discover the science behind Pokémon, as participants touch a Pikachu lightning bolt, help capture Charizard in a jug, launch Poké Balls and more.

Hot Dogs & Ice Cream Tuesdays: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 - Hot Dogs & Ice Cream/Italian Ice every Tuesday during ESY (no charge).

ESY Field Trip - Iron Peaks: Thursday, July 24, 2025 - Students will enjoy their favorite field games in a spacious 20,000-square-foot indoor dome, including rock climbing, duckpin bowling and playing arcade games. *Students will eat lunch during the trip. Students can bring their own bagged lunch or pre-order a bagged lunch through the Newmark Food Program. A waiver is required and can be completed here ([Iron Peak General Waiver](#)). Parents must complete and submit the waiver prior to the trip. Students will not be able to participate in activities on the day of the trip if the waiver is not complete*

Last Day of ESY/Half Day: Friday, July 25, 2025 - Last day of ESY and early dismissal for K-8 students at 12:45 PM

2025-26 School Year Calendar: [View](#)

Spotlight: Newmark K-8 2025 Summer Reading

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 ESY participation, are *required* to read at least one book by author Sarah Weeks from the provided K-8 reading list available on our website.

- Students attending ESY will receive their selected books in advance, and these 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.

Sarah Weeks is an award-winning author of more than sixty books for young readers. Her work spans early readers, picture books, chapter books, and novels. Her acclaimed young adult novel *So B. It* was a *New York Times* bestseller, earned the 2004 Parents' Choice Gold Award and was adapted into a feature film starring Alfre Woodard and Talitha Bateman. Her books have sold over three million copies and have been translated into multiple languages.

[Learn More and View 2025 K-8 Summer Reading List](#)

Newmark K-8 School 2025-26 Extended School Year (ESY)

Student Hours:

Mondays-Thursdays: 8:45 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays - Half Days: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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