
Newmark K-8 Friday Backpack News - 4/3/26

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NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL **FRIDAY BACKPACK NEWS** Friday, April 3, 2026

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

We wish all of our Newmark Families a very happy Spring Recess!
School resumes Monday, April 13, 2026.

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

April 2026 Lunch: [View](#) menu

School Closed - Spring Recess: Friday, April 3 - Friday, April 10, 2026. School resumes Monday, April 13, 2026..

Roots For America/Scholastic Book Fair: Friday, April 24, 2026 - Special K-8 event will highlight our students' learning, creativity and research centered around American history and culture. Parents are invited to attend between 9:30-11:00 AM and between 12:30-1:50 PM. Special Bonus: Book Fair!

Save The Date! Middle School Spectacular: Friday, May 1, 2026 - *details coming soon!*

NJSLA Testing For ELA and Math: Begins April 27, 2026 - For grades 3-8. [Read more](#)

2026 Newmark Art Show: Friday, May 15, 2026 - Support the Arts at Newmark! How You Can Help. *Final ads must be submitted by Monday, April 20, 2026:*

- Become an Art Show [Sponsor](#)
- Ask your company, friends or family to be an Art Show [Sponsor](#)
- Send your child an [Artist Shout Out](#)
- **Attend the Art Show** with friends & family (*tickets go on sale in late April*)
- Support the Arts at Newmark with a [Donation](#)

Community Service / FBLA

- **School Store Military Drive:** Ends Friday, April 17, 2026 - Students will be able to use their School Store points to "purchase" Military Drive items from the School Store. All donations will go to the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park in Edison

Spotlight: After School Clubs - Session IV

Registration is Open

Newmark K-8 School is excited to offer Session IV After School Clubs and Programs specifically designed to meet the age interests and needs of our students.

How To Register:

- **Register online** to pay by credit card (\$3.00 fee), check payable to Newmark School (Checks/cash can be sent in to Main Office).
- **Register early** - space is limited!

Session IV: Begins week of April 20 through May 28, 2026

ARTS CLUB | \$100 per session | TUESDAYS | ONSITE

Session IV: 4/21/26, 4/28/26, 5/5/26, 5/12/26, 5/19/26, 5/26/26

Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms. Pantano's classes. Min 6 participants; max 12 participants

Description: Open to all lower school students, Art Club focuses on building fine art skills through fun, hands-on projects. Students will explore drawing, painting, clay and other creative activities while reinforcing skills learned in art class. **The club runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Questions: Mr. Sykes - jsykes@newmarkeducation.com

LEGO CHALLENGE | \$100 per session | TUESDAY | ONSITE

Session IV: 4/21/26, 4/28/26, 5/5/26, 5/12/26, 5/19/26, 5/26/26

Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms. Pantano's classes. Min 6 participants; max 12 participants

Description: In this club, students will build on creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking skills and cooperation in order to use Legos to build solutions to various engineering design challenges. Lego Challenge is designed to reinforce STEM concepts, encourage innovative thinking and cooperation/collaboration. **Lego Challenge runs Tuesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Questions: Ms. Finelli - jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com

GAMER'S GUILD CLUB | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE

Session IV: 4/22/26, 4/29/26, 5/6/26, 5/13/26, 5/20/26, 5/27/26

Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. Min: 6 participants

Description: Gamers' Guild is designed to introduce and build concepts of collaborative and imaginative play within a group setting as students are introduced to fantastical worlds within tabletop games such as Dungeons & Dragons and Daggerheart. Students will work alongside each other to overcome challenges, create strategies and learn improvisation. **The Club runs Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Questions: Ms. Finelli - jfinelli@newmarkeducation.com

INTRAMURALS | \$100 per session | WEDNESDAYS | ONSITE

Session IV: 4/22/26, 4/29/26, 5/6/26, 5/13/26, 5/20/26, 5/27/26

Open to all K-8 students. Min: 10 participants

Description: The Intramurals Club is designed to allow all students to participate in a variety of activities with their friends, while learning game fundamentals in a fun and lightly competitive environment. **Intramurals is offered on Wednesday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM. Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.**

Questions: Mr. C. O'Connor – coconnor@newmarkeducation.com

MINECRAFT EDUCATIONAL CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | VIRTUAL

Session IV: 4/23/26, 4/30/26, 5/7/26, 5/14/26, 5/21/26, 5/28/26

Open to students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms. Pantano's classes. Min: 6 participants; max: 15 participants

Description: Microsoft Minecraft is an educational, game-based learning platform that promotes creativity, collaboration and problem-solving in an immersive digital environment. It enhances self-direction and other life skills. Virtually, Microsoft Minecraft complements reading, writing, math and even history learnings. Importantly, Minecraft also instills business principles, STEM knowledge and a global perspective. Before registering, please understand participating students must own the Minecraft and have it downloaded.

Minecraft is offered virtually on Thursday afternoons and will run from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

Questions: Mr. Osiadacz - posiadacz@newmarkeducation.com

COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | ONSITE

Session IV: 4/23/26, 4/30/26, 5/7/26, 5/14/26, 5/21/26, 5/28/26

Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. Min: 6 participants; max: 15 participants

Description: The Computer Science Club offers students the opportunity to delve into engaging topics like game design and web development, fostering creativity and critical thinking in a fun and supportive environment. Students will benefit from targeted instruction as they explore the exciting world of coding and technology. Participants can look forward to hands-on projects, collaborative learning experiences and the chance to unleash their potential in the field of computer science. **Computer Science Club runs Thursday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM.**

Parents are responsible for picking up their child promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Questions: Mr. Rose - trose@newmarkeducation.com

CHARACTER DESIGN CLUB | \$100 per session | THURSDAYS | ONSITE

Session IV: 4/23/26, 4/30/26, 5/7/26, 5/14/26, 5/21/26, 5/28/26

Open to students in Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebula/Ms. Kang's classes. Min 6 participants; max 12 participants

Description: The Character Design Club welcomes students who enjoy creating and drawing characters. The Club will focus on the fundamentals of character design including anatomy, expressions and storytelling. Each Thursday, participants will have instructional time to work on drawing techniques, followed by opportunities to develop ideas and collaborate with fellow peers. Join us to develop your artistic skills, unleash your creativity and bring your characters to life! **Character Design Club is offered on Thursday afternoons immediately following dismissal and will end at 4:00 PM.**

Parents are responsible for picking their child up promptly at 4:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Questions: Ms. Kang – jkang@newmarkeducation.com

[Register for Session IV](#)

Newmark K-8 School 2025-26 School Year (SY)

Student Hours: 8:45 AM - 2:30 PM

Early Dismissal: 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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