
Newmark K-8 Friday Backpack News - 4/17/26

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NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL Friday Backpack News Friday, April 17, 2026

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

Your child's 3rd Marking Period grades will be available to view this afternoon after 3:00 PM on your PowerSchool Parent Portal. Report cards will not be sent home - *see below*.

The 2026 Newmark Art Show is coming up in one month! Please consider supporting our main fundraiser, **Newmark Celebrates the Arts on Friday, May 15, 2026**. *See important details below.*

Stay connected! Check your email every week for important Newmark School information. You can always access past issues archived on our [website](#).

School News & Information

3rd Quarter Report Cards: View your child's report card on your PowerSchool Parent Portal after 3:00 PM today:

- Login to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account
- Under Navigation menu, select Report Card

For any PowerSchool Parent Portal login questions, please contact forms@newmarkeducation.com

2026 Newmark Art Show: Final Ad deadline is no later than Monday, April 20, 2026 - Support the Arts at Newmark! How You Can Help:

- 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 April*)
- Support the Arts at Newmark with a [Donation](#)

April 2026 Menu: [View](#) Lunch Menu and Flexible 10 and 20 Meal Packs options

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!

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

Middle School Spectacular: Friday, May 1, 2026 - Special invite for 6th, 7th and 8th graders - [Register](#)

Teacher Appreciation Week: Monday, May 4 - Friday, May 8, 2026 - Send a kind word or message to your student's teacher!

Parent-Sponsored Staff Appreciation Luncheon: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 - The Newmark Parent Committee is planning a Parent-Sponsored Staff Appreciation Luncheon to celebrate the Newmark teachers & staff. Find out how you can help! Please contact Emily Marchese at emilyemarchese@gmail.com

School Nurse Appreciation Day: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 - Be sure to thank our School Nurse - Mrs. Carroll for all of her hard work keeping students and staff safe at Newmark!

Student Social - Kids Afternoon: Friday, May 8, 2026 - For students in Ms. Fagan/Mrs. Bain, Ms. Halma, Mr. Osiadacz/Ms. Mazzeo and Ms. Pantano's classes. *Activities begin* after dismissal from 2:45 until 4:00 PM. *Fee: \$25 per date. Individually wrapped snacks and water will provided to all participating students.* Parents need to provide transportation home promptly at 4:00 PM. [View](#) Permission Form

Community Connections PIN Nominations Deadline: Friday, May 8, 2026 - [View](#) Nomination Form

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 - Last Week To Register!

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 Mrs. Necci, Mr. Kerby, Mrs. Klier/Mr. S. O'Connor and Mr. Cebual/Ms. Kang'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

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

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

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