
Newmark ESY K-8 Friday Backpack News - 7/17/26

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NEWMARK K-8 SCHOOL
ESY Friday Backpack News
Friday, July 17, 2026

Dear Newmark K-8 School Families,

We hope that your child is enjoying the Extended School Year (ESY)!

As always, we appreciate you checking your email every week for Newmark's **Friday Backpack News and Parent Alerts**. Feedback throughout the year has been very positive and we hope that we were able to provide our families with a convenient, concise update of school news and important information. You can always access past issues archived on our [website](#).

School News & Information

ESY Half Day : Friday, July 17 & Friday, July 24, 2026 - Early dismissal for K-8 students at 12:45 PM

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

ESY Assembly - Cirquetacular: Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Hot Dogs & Ice Cream Tuesdays: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 - Hot Dogs & Ice Cream/Italian Ice every Tuesday during ESY (no charge).

ESY Field Trip - iPlay America: Thursday, July 23, 2026 - Students can enjoy one of our nation's largest indoor amusement parks. Students can play arcade games, laser tag, bumper cars and watch an interactive 4D-theater. *Students will have lunch while at iPlay America. Students can bring their own lunch or pre-order bagged lunch through the Newmark Food Program.*

New! Extended School Year (ESY): Ends Monday, July 27, 2026. There will be an early dismissal for K-8 students at 12:45 PM

K-8 2026-27 School Year Calendar: [View](#)

Spotlight: Newmark K-8 2026 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 Lisa Graff 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.**

Lisa Graff is the critically acclaimed and award-winning author of *Far Away*, *The Great Treehouse War*, *A Clatter of Jars*, *Lost in the Sun*, *Absolutely Almost*, *A Tangle of Knots*, *Double Dog Dare*, *Sophie Simon Solves Them All*, *The Life* and *The Thing About Georgie*. Lisa Graff's books have been named to more than seventy state award lists and have been touted as best books of the year by booksellers, teachers and librarians. *A Tangle of Knots* was long-listed for the National Book Award in 2013. Her latest novel released in 2026 is *A Scar Like a River*.

[Learn More and View 2026 K-8 Summer Reading List](#)

Newmark K-8 School 2026-27 Extended School Year (ESY)/School Year (SY)

ESY Student Hours:

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

Fridays/Early Dismissal: 8:45 - 2:45 PM

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