



Nottingham Knightly News

October 30, 2018

Important Dates

31 October, Wednesday	Halloween Parade, 2:15 PM
6 November, Tuesday	Grade Prep Day, No School for Students
9 November, Friday	Family Bingo Night
12 November, Monday	Veteran's Day (observed) NO SCHOOL
17 November, Saturday	Jennifer Bush-Lawson Friendship 5K
17 November, Saturday	Fall Social and Auction
19 November, Monday	Picture Retakes
21-23, November	Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL
30 November, Friday	Flu Shots at Nottingham, 11:50AM
24 December – 4 January	Winter Break NO SCHOOL

2018-2019 Early Release Dates: December 12, January 16, February 13, March 7, March 13, June 5, June 12. Students will be dismissed at 1:26PM.

In addition to the weekly newsletter, please check the PTA website, www.nespta.org (as well as our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) feed) and Nottingham's school website <https://nottingham.apsva.us/> to stay current with what is going on at school.

From the Principal

Hi Everyone,

We are super excited for the Halloween Parade and parties on Wednesday! The weather report looks fantastic. As noted on Friday's message, the following should help you plan and prepare for the day.

The schedule:

- **2:00-2:15:** Students prepare for parade; parents line up outside door 10 and along sidewalk to cheer our students along
- **2:15-2:45ish:** Halloween Parade around the block with the Yorktown Drumline leading us around the parade route. We will gather on the blacktop at the end of the parade for a quick performance before heading back into the school
- **2:45ish:** Halloween Parties in the classroom (remember, we are food free)
- **3:41:** Regular dismissal. (Please make sure Extended Day knows if you are taking your child home)

Obvious No-Nos

- Masks that would scare anyone (please use your best judgement)
- Full-face make-up that makes it difficult to recognize someone
- Actual weapons

You may, however..

- Wear costumes to school
- Use your masks and costume props during the parade only

Remember, our goal for the day is to have a great time! If you would rather your child not participate, please let us know. See you Wednesday.

Eileen

Kudos and Appreciation

I am so excited to announce that **Danielle Mascioli** is this year's **Nottingham Teacher of the Year**. **Christine Schofield** has been named our **Nottingham Support Employee of the Year**. Please submit any letters of support for these fine educators to Megan Lynch as soon as possible.

Thank you all for coming in and meeting with your teachers for parent-teacher conferences. And, thanks for your continued support in helping your child(ren) succeed at Nottingham! A special thanks to **Lisa Solinger and the PTA** for the soup and chili lunch on Thursday and the grab and go treats on Friday. We really appreciate it.

Announcements and Reminders

Department of Student Services Survey: APS is conducting an **evaluation of services** for students with special needs. Staff, as well as parents of students with IEP's and 504's are invited to participate in an anonymous online survey. The surveys take about 10 minutes to complete, and can be completed via computer, tablet or smartphone. Topics covered include services and supports your child receives, and support you receive as a parent or guardian. The surveys are open from **October 23-November 9**. Results will be used to improve programs and services offered by APS to students receiving special education and 504 services. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey (available in English and Spanish): <http://www.apsva.us/survey>

Engage with APS! There are multiple opportunities for **community engagement** in October and November. Please click [here](#) for more information.

From Chorus teachers Ms. Rhodes and Mrs. Simonetti... Hi Everyone, This is our first e-mail of the winter season! **E-mail is our primary form of communication**. If you know of any parent/guardian who doesn't receive this e-mail and their child is in chorus please let us know so they can be added. We have had several great rehearsals so far and look forward to our upcoming concert. Please take a moment to mark your calendars and to make sure your child has joined our chorus group on Google Classroom...

Chorus Concert: Wednesday, January 30th. There will be a 2pm (for the school) and 7pm concert in the multi-purpose room.

Google Classroom Code: zb6kgz . All students need to join so they can access lyrics and sound files as well as receive announcements.

If you have any questions or need anything please e-mail! Have a great week!

Reminder... APS has entered into an MOA agreement with **Healthy Schools, a CareDox Company that provides flu shots for school age students**. Nottingham will be delivering flu shots to students on **November 30 at 11:50AM** in the teacher's lounge.

Reminder...Introducing the Nottingham Green Team. Interested in making a positive environmental impact at Nottingham? Then consider joining the **Nottingham Green Team!** Nottingham's **Green Team** is looking for interested 3rd through 5th graders to join us in...

- Promoting efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle at school and at home
- Learning about environmental conservation
- Developing an appreciation for the outdoors
- Helping Nottingham celebrate Earth Day
- Raising up new Planet Partners through outreach to grades K - 2

Most activities will happen during monthly meetings before school on Tuesdays from 8-8:45am. All interested students must complete and return [the permission slip](#) by Friday, October 26th to greenteam@nespta.org. The first meeting will be announced via email so be sure to include your email address.

If you would like more information about Nottingham's **Green Team**, please feel free to contact Green Team Leaders Mimi Shah and Melody Reis at greenteam@nespta.org. Parents are encouraged to participate in Nottingham's **Green Team** meetings and events.

Reminder...Family Bingo Night is Back: Looking for some Friday night fun? Come to Nottingham's Bingo Night on Friday, November 9 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the multi-purpose room. Bring small games, books, puzzles, toys, etc. to donate as prizes. The other bingo nights will be held on January 18 and February 22, 2019. If you would like to help with Bingo nights, please reach out to [Courtney Holmes](#) at familynights@nespta.org.

Reminder...KNIGHTS IN MOTION IS BACK! For those unfamiliar with this student favorite, Knights in Motion is a running program for 1st-5th graders that takes place every Friday during recess. Knights run laps, earning tokens and punches on mileage cards attached to personalized running necklaces.

Because of the huge level of student participation, we need parents to volunteer to help punch mileage cards, distribute tokens and cheer on their Knights as they achieve fun, fitness goals with their friends. There is a huge need for **1st, 2nd and 3rd grade parent volunteers** as these grades have an enormous level of participation. It is great fun; your kids would love to have you there!

Visit the [Sign Up Genius link](#) to join your Knight in this great fitness adventure. Also, please remember to send your child(ren) to school in running shoes and with a water bottle on Fridays. Thanks! Questions? Contact Amy Balkema at knightsinmotion@nespta.org

Location: Nottingham Baseball Field (Ohio and 29th Street)

Recess Times

1st Grade:	11:30-12:00	(Volunteers 11:20-12:05)
4th Grade:	12:00-12:30	(Volunteers 11:50-12:35)
5th Grade:	12:30 -1:00	(Volunteers 12:20-1:05)
3rd Grade:	1:00 - 1:30	(Volunteers 12:50-1:35)
2nd Grade:	1:30 - 2:00	(Volunteers 1:20-2:05)

Reminder...Please Sign-Up - NTM Knights Parent Community Text Message Group

New this year, we are starting a **Remind** text message group for dissemination of critical, time-sensitive information for our parent and guardian community. We envision sending text messages that relate to delayed or disabled buses, weather delays or emergency school closings, notice of lock-down and safety drills, and any other urgent notifications that relate to school operations and the safety of our students.

To join this alert group, please send a text message to the number **81010** with the message **@ntmparents**, or you can also sign-up through the web at: <http://www.remind.com/join/ntmparents>

Reminder... Fall Social & Auction is Saturday, November 17 -- Tickets On Sale

Now! Join the Nottingham Elementary School PTA for an evening of barbeque, bluegrass, and country cocktails at the Fall Social & Auction on **November 17, 2018** at the Columbus Club of Arlington. Blazing hot auction items, games of chance and skill, a liquor bottle pull, blue ribbon bake sale, and live music by local bluegrass band Hollertown will round out the fun at this not-to-miss hoedown! Visit nespta.org to buy tickets!

- **Help Round Up Some Unusual Suspects! We are looking for a wagon load of liquor to make our Bottle Pull a real humdinger!** Will your donation make someone hoot with glee or holler with aguish? That's right -- we're looking for brand new bottles of all kinds of liquor. Deliver it to the front porch of 6219 26th Rd N and get ready for the Bottle Pull at the Fall Social & Auction. You might just catch a unicorn! Questions? Contact fallsocialandauktion@nespta.org

- **Sign up for the Blue Ribbon Bake Sale: Do you have a blue ribbon recipe for pie, cake or cookies? Bakers, start your mixers! [Sign up here](#)** to bring your best sweet treat to Bluegrass and Boots. We'll sell them in a good ole fashioned bake sale, and a panel of staff judges will select the best. The winner receives a blue ribbon and sweet prize!

Reminder...A Note on Attendance...We encourage everyone to be at school on time each day. As a reminder, we **begin each day at 9:00 AM and conclude at 3:41 PM**. The following are generally considered excused absences: illness, quarantine of student, doctor or dentist appointments, death in the family, observance of a religious holiday, court appointments, inclement weather emergencies, and severe family emergencies. We need to note other absences as unexcused. Finally, we will send a letter home when absences or tardies and early departures begin to accumulate.

If your child does need to miss school, please email the homeroom teacher and the main office attendance email (attendance.ntm@groups.apsva.us). Teachers will work with students to make up any missed assignments. If there is a **last-minute change for pick-up, please call** the main office at 703-228-5290 as emailing the teacher may not get the message to your child in time.

APS SPECIAL EDUCATION LIAISONS INTRODUCTION: The Arlington Public Schools' Parent Resource Center (PRC) and the Arlington Special Education PTA (SEPTA) work together to provide Special Education Parent Liaisons to each school in APS. **Janet Pence** JANET.PENCE@cbp.dhs.gov and **Wendy Pizer** wpizer@gmail.com are the Liaisons for Nottingham this year.

Liaisons are trained parent volunteers who serve as points of contact for families who are interested in accessing resources, who have questions about the 504 or IEP process, or who would like to connect with other parents. Liaisons can also facilitate communication between the school community, the APS Office of Special Education <https://www.apsva.us/special-education/>, the Arlington Special Education Advisory Committee (ASEAC) <https://www.apsva.us/special-education-advisory-committee/>, and SEPTA <http://www.arlingtonsepta.org/>. Please feel free to reach out to either of us at any time, whether your child has an IEP, a 504 plan, is otherwise receiving interventions, or is not currently receiving any interventions. We look forward to hearing from you!

From the PTA President

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather...fingers crossed it lasts more than a week! I am looking forward to Halloween tomorrow (and then quickly donating our candy to Treats for Troops – collection bins will be in the Nottingham lobby from November 1-7).

Family Bingo Night returns on November 9 at 6:30pm in the Multi-purpose room. Bring your own dinner, a small unused/lightly used game, book, or toy for the prize table and your keen bingo skills for a casual, easy-going and FUN evening. It has traditionally been

engaging for all ages and some clever rivalries between grade levels have been known to take place 😊

Our November PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00pm in the Nottingham library. We will be joined by Kathleen Donavan and Kelly Mountain from the Parent Resource Center www.apsva.us/prc. In addition to outlining what the Parent Resource Center provides to families, I have asked the focus of the discussion to be on ADHD. Topics I would like to be included are:

- what are some of the professional development opportunities staff receive about ADHD (and different types of learners);
- how does ADHD present itself in the school setting and impact learning;
- when should a 504 be established;
- when should the special education path be introduced vs. a 504;
- how is ADHD different in girls and boys

I hope you are able to attend on November 13. A reminder, we provide childcare at all our PTA meetings.

As always, I welcome your comments, questions and feedback at president@nespta.org.

Thank you,

Stacy Rosenthal
PTA President 2018-19

Community News

Family Fun Night Carnival: The Arlington County Therapeutic Recreation Office is hosting a Family Fun Night Carnival on **Friday, November 2, 2018** from 6:30-8pm. Families of children with disabilities ages 4-17 can drop by for self-guided activity stations including gross motor, sensory, art, large games, a quiet room and more. Each month features a different specialty activity. Learn more at parks.arlingtonva.us/therapeutic-recreation or sign up for our TR e-News for this and other fun programs.

Please send newsletter submissions to newsletter@nespta.org by 7pm on Sundays.

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