



Nottingham Knightly News

January 16, 2019

Important Dates

21 January, Monday	MLK Jr Birthday, NO SCHOOL
23 January, Wednesday	Geo Bee, 2:00PM
25 January, Friday	Sock Hop, K-2 6:30-8:00PM; 3-5 8:00-9:30PM
28 January, Monday	Grade Prep Day, NO SCHOOL
28 January, Monday	Kindergarten Information Night, 7:00PM W-L
30 January, Wednesday	Winter Concert 2:00PM and 7:00PM

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

From the Principal

Hi Everyone,

We see that everyone enjoying sledding on "Nottingham Hill" out back. I hope you enjoyed the extended weekend with your family. Please remind your child(ren) to dress appropriately for outdoor recess as often as possible. Please check out the PTA website to view the [PTA Newsletter](#) for this week.

Eileen

Kudos and Appreciation

Kudos to our Nottingham Knight **Hannah Allard** who received third place for her artwork entered to the MLK Jr. Visual Arts Contest. Congratulations Hannah, we are very proud of you.

Thank you, **PTA**, for the delicious Red Robin Burger Bar Lunch. Thanks to all of our **5th grade volunteers** for shoveling the ice coated blacktop. You did a great job! Finally, thanks to **Dilma Reyes and her crew** for the hard work and extra hours clearing our sidewalks and pathways of snow. It is truly appreciated.

Announcements and Reminders

The Lost & Found has moved to the front of the building – near the front entrance – between room 110 and 108, just before the stairs/ramp. Please tell your knight to check for lost coats, gloves, hats, and sweaters!

Attention third, fourth and fifth grade families: Author Sarah Wassner Flynn will visit with third, fourth and fifth grade teachers and students on **Tuesday, February 26th**. Book order forms will be coming home this Friday.

Reminder...Nottingham has family resource packs that cover specific social and emotional topics. Each topic has a bag of books for adults and children, as well as articles and other information to help parents support their children. Topics cover a wide range of issues from anxiety, to social skills, to grief and ADHD. If you are a Nottingham parent or guardian and would like to check out a packet, please contact our school counselors, Mr. Jones or Ms. Bisbee. A list of topics is identified in the linked document.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Dxnoa9o102biUCCnyprXPuSc3dUhe28BGQU2ZDfxwSA/edit?usp=sharing>

Reminder...Planning is under way for **Crossing Guard Appreciation Day**, the annual **Virginia Safe Routes to School** event that recognizes the role of crossing guards as a critical link in the Safe Routes to School network. Schools across Virginia will celebrate Crossing Guard Appreciation Day 2019 on **February 13**. In Arlington, we will honor our 26 APS elementary and middle school crossing guards for the entire week, from February 11-15. Click [here](#) for more information.

Reminder...Parents of Rising Sixth Graders: On-line applications are being accepted from now until **January 18 at 4 p.m.** for middle school neighborhood transfers and middle school option transfers (HB Woodlawn). If your child will attend his/her neighborhood middle school, you do not need to fill out this on-line form. This year, neighborhood transfers are available to all middle schools. On January 10, APS will announce the number of transfers available to each middle school. An acceptance lottery will be held on January 29, notifications will occur on Feb. 5 and families have until February 22 to confirm or decline transfer.

Information sessions for **Williamsburg will be held January 17 at 7:00 p.m.** Information sessions for **Swanson will be held January 16 at 7:00 p.m.** The information sessions for other middle schools can be found at this link:

<https://www.apsva.us/schooloptions/middle-school-choices/school-information-sessions/> . More information about transfers can be found at the APS website <https://www.apsva.us/schooloptions/middle-school-choices/>.

Reminder...As the fall turns toward winter, I wanted to remind everyone about school closures. Decisions **to close school or delay school opening** are made after consulting local agencies. When there is no change in operations, the APS

Web and Hotline message will say that the status for APS is unchanged. Decisions are usually announced and posted no later than 5 a.m. Notices about changes in APS operations can be found at:

- Online at www.apsva.us (it will be posted here first)
- APS School Talk (email, phone and text messages)
- APS Hotline: 703-228-4277 (for messages in English & Spanish)
- APS TV (AETV) - Channel 70/FIOS Channel 41
- Social Media: www.facebook.com/ArlingtonPublicSchools;
- www.twitter.com/APSVirginia
- APS Mobile App Notification
- All Local TV and Radio Stations

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.