



# Nottingham Knightly News

*January 8, 2019*

## ***Important Dates***

08 January, Tuesday	PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
16 January, Wednesday	Coffee with the Counselor
16 January, Wednesday	Early Release 1:26PM
21 January, Monday	MLK Jr Birthday, NO SCHOOL
23 January, Wednesday	Geo Bee, 2:00PM
25 January, Friday	Sock Hop, Time TBD
28 January, Monday	Grade Prep Day, NO SCHOOL
28 January, Monday	Kindergarten Information Night
30 January, Wednesday	Winter Concert 2:00PM and 7:00PM

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

## ***From the Principal***

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back from what we hope was a restful and enjoyable break. The New Year promises lots of new activities, fun and learning. Please check out the PTA website to view the [PTA Newsletter](#) for this week.

We had some excitement today and you may have already seen my message about our fire department visit today. At approximately 12:20PM, there was a strong smell of gas in the multi-purpose room. We determined it was safest to evacuate, call the Fire Department and Washington Gas to investigate. The Fire Department and Washington Gas determined it was safe to resume regular operations. Students returned to the building at approximately 12:45. We want to thank the Arlington Fire Department and Washington Gas for the quick response.

Eileen

## ***Kudos and Appreciation***

Thank you to **Megan Lynch** and **Andrea Kaplowitz** for all your work in coordinating **Andy's Lawn Service** to come and rework the **courtyard**. Please take a few minutes when you can to check it out.

## ***Announcements and Reminders***

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...Our full-time school counselor, Mark Jones, is hosting our second **Coffee With The Counselor** on **Wednesday, January 16 at 8:10-8:45 a.m.** The topic will be Helping Your Child Develop Social Connections. Mr. Jones will talk for the first 10-15 minutes to offer practical tips geared toward helping children who are quiet, socially insecure or otherwise need help forming and sustaining peer relationships. Parents can then ask questions and share experiences as a group on how best to support their child. The coffee will be in the office conference room. Please sign up using the following link.

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZkfQ8ckycD1qRRIm1> If you wish to call in, please indicate that on the form and you will be provided a call-in number.

If you have questions, feel free to email Mr. Jones at [mark.jones2@apsva.us](mailto:mark.jones2@apsva.us) or call 703-228-2302.

**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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonPublicSchools);
- [www.twitter.com/APSVirginia](http://www.twitter.com/APSVirginia)
- APS Mobile App Notification
- All Local TV and Radio Stations

**Reminder...LAST CHANCE** Please remember to send in your **letters of support** for Danielle Mascioli, Teacher of the Year and Christine Schofield, Support Employee of the Year to Megan Lynch. Letters can be addressed to

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Acting Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
2110 Washington Blvd.  
Arlington VA 22204

In addition to the weekly newsletter, please check the PTA website, [www.nespta.org](http://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.