



Nottingham Knightly News

February 5, 2019

Important Dates

8 February, Friday	Special Education Principal's Coffee, 9:15AM
13 February, Wednesday	Early Release 1:26 PM
14 February, Thursday	School Information Session, 12:45PM
18 February, Monday	No School, President's Day
25 February – 1 March	Knight Take Notes
7 March, Thursday	Early Release, Parent-Teacher Conference
8 March, Friday	Parent Teacher Conferences- No School

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,

Our **Sensory Path** is open! We now have a vinyl pathway for students to follow in order to get some **movement and sensory input** as they work their way through the path. It is placed along the back hallway between the gym and the cafeteria. Please check out the PTA website to view the [PTA Newsletter](#) for this week.

Eileen

Kudos and Appreciation

Thank you **Dilma, Noe, Anna and Rolando** for doing such an outstanding job keeping our sidewalks, driveways and walkways clear through all the uncertain and messy weather. We really appreciate it.

Thanks to our **SCA**, especially sponsors **Laura Moore and Rachel Benowitz** for raising tons of soups and nonperishable goods for our SouperBowl collection this week.

Announcements and Reminders

For **Rising 6th Grade Families**: This week fifth graders heard a presentation about their neighborhood middle school. They were given blue Course Request Forms and a yellow Program of Studies book. Please review this material with your fifth grader and complete the CRF in pencil (sign your name in ink). The CRF should be completed and returned to your child's teacher by Friday, February 22. If any students are accepted for transfer within Arlington and intend to transfer to another APS middle school, please let our counselor, Mark Jones, know this. If you have questions about the CRF form, Mr. Jones can be reached by phone (703-228-2302) or email (mark.jones2@apsva.us). Remember **Forms are due on 2/22**

The **APS Summer Activities Fair** will be held on **Friday, February 8, 2019 from 6 – 8 p.m.** at Kenmore Middle School (200 S. Carlin Springs Rd. Arlington, VA 22204). The summer activities fair features over 100 summer program exhibitors, including APS Summer School, Arlington Aquatics, and Arlington County Parks and Recreation. This is a great time to get ready for summer by exploring the available summer activity programs throughout the region and the various enrichment programs they offer to children of all ages.

Nottingham's Learning Lab: If your knight needs a little extra help to complete projects or assignments, or perhaps some encouragement on studying we're introducing The Learning Lab for students in grades 3-5. The Learning Lab is a study hall staffed by a Nottingham Teacher directly after school in the library from 3:45- 4:45. More information to follow on dates/ times.

School-based Results from Your Voice Matters Survey Now Available...

In October 2018, APS and the Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth and Families shared countywide data about school climate and child well-being gathered from more than 12,000 respondents, including APS families, students in grades 5-12, staff, and teachers, as part of the 2018 Your Voice Matters survey. The [online survey results dashboard](#) has been updated to include school-based data. For more information, visit www.apsva.us/planning-and-evaluation/evaluation/surveys/your-voice-matters/

On Friday, January 25 through Friday, February 1, Nottingham held our school-wide **Random Acts of Kindness Week**. All students and staff went above and beyond their usual kindness and perform various random acts of kindness throughout the week. Kindness notes, kindness videos, kindness in the hallways! It was great!

Reminder... Rising 6th grade families! Please join us on **Friday, February from 9:15-10:15 AM** for our next **Special Education Principal's Coffee!** **Bryan Boykin, Williamsburg Principal**, will be here to share information about special education services at the middle school level and to answer questions you may have for the general program.

We are working closely with Williamsburg to develop solid, strong transition IEPs so you will have ample opportunities to ask questions related to your child directly as we move toward the spring.

Reminder...Parents of 5th Graders. If your child is interested in participating in the 2019 **Nottingham Shakespeare Program**, please fill form (given this week in class to students) and have him or her submit the form in person between 8:30-9:00AM on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019** in the Nottingham Gym Lobby. There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, February 7 from 6:00-7:00PM in the library.

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... 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.