



# **Nottingham Knightly News**

**March 12, 2019**

## **Important Dates**

13 March, Wednesday	Early Release 1:26PM
18-29 March	Waste Free Lunch
23 March, Saturday	Discovery/Nottingham Friendship 5K
27 March, Wednesday	SCA Spirit Day – stay tuned
28 March, Thursday	Book Swap/Ice Cream Social, 6:30-8:00PM
1 April, Monday	No School - Grade Prep Day
3 April, Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade visits to middle schools
4 April, Thursday	School Information Session, 9:15AM
11 April, Thursday	STEAM Night, 6:00-8:00PM
15-19 April	Spring Break

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

## ***From the Principal***

Hi Everyone,

It looks like we are finally heading to spring weather! Please remind your child(ren) about being safe in coming to and going home from school. With the change in daylight, there may be a need to adjust.

The third quarter ends on March 29 and we have a teacher workday on April 1 (no joke!). We will put out information about specific SOL dates shortly, but the window is May 13-June

14. Please avoid traveling, doctor's appointments and other absences as much as possible during this time.

Please check out the PTA website to view the [PTA Newsletter](#) for this week.

Eileen

## ***Kudos and Appreciation***

Thank you to our **FABULOUS PTA** for the snacks, treats and caffeine during conferences last week. And, thank you parents for taking the time to meet with our **FABULOUS teachers**.

Kudos and congratulations to our fine artists who were featured at the Ed Center art show last week. Thanks **Sarah Zoller** for being there to support them.

Thanks to our families who came out to represent the World Languages Celebration at the Career Center last week. **Ofelia McKenzie** led the charge and it was a fantastic performance.

## ***Announcements and Reminders***

March is **Arts in the Schools Month**. For more information visit <https://www.apsva.us/post/march-is-arts-in-the-schools-month/>

As you may have heard, we are piloting a preschool program next year. Please see the attached for more information.

**Reminder...Tornado Drill...**The information below comes from APS regarding a system-wide Tornado Drill. On March 19, we will have a school-wide Tornado Drill. All National Weather Service and emergency notification systems will alert at 9:45 AM on March 19, 2019 signaling the start of the tornado drill.

1. An announcement will be made to the school stating that the tornado drill is taking place.
2. Employees should move students to identified 'safe' areas (interior corridors, bathrooms, interior classrooms with no windows, etc...) and instruct students to sit facing the wall with their arms over the head.
3. Schools should allow 10 minutes to participate in the tornado drill and record their participation.

We ask that you encourage staff to have fun with the drill (e.g., take selfies, tweet, etc...) to show their participation. If individuals wish to post to twitter, please feel free to include @APSReady and #schoolsafety to your tweets. If you have any questions, please let me know.

**Reminder...Waste Free Lunch: March 18-29...**For two weeks, Nottingham Knights will be trailblazers within APS and attempt to go waste free at lunch! Please help your kids try to avoid using such items as packaged snacks, juice boxes, straws, plastic utensils, paper napkins and ziploc bags. Not sure how to do it?

Visit <http://nottingham.apsva.us/wastefreelunch> for ideas. Thanks for your support as we couldn't do it without you! - Nottingham's Green Team.

**Reminder...Learning Lab...Update on Procedures...**Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 who need assistance completing assignments, projects, or studying for tests and quizzes are welcome to come to Nottingham's Learning Lab. The Learning Lab is a study hall in the library that is staffed by Nottingham teachers from 3:45-4:45 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Transportation must be provided or arranged by families. If your student can walk home, they may walk. Bus riders must have a parent pick them up.

Procedures:

1. Register to attend the learning lab at <http://bit.ly/learninglabregister> each time you plan for your student to attend. Parents, teachers or students can register at this link. This will create a centralized list of everyone who attends on which day. This is to account for space, and staffing.
2. Please register by noon of the day you want your student to attend.

**Reminder...**We wanted to remind all of our families that when you have to call your child out, please remember to email the teacher, the attendance line ([attendance.ntm@groups.apsva.us](mailto:attendance.ntm@groups.apsva.us)) and extended day if your child attends. This helps make sure we get the message and you don't get a robo call! Thanks.

**Reminder...Make and show your film APS!** Free and unlimited entries for all APS students to enter the 7th annual Arlington School Film Festival which will be the biggest yet! The 6-week countdown to deadline has begun! Have fun!  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMg884XPIIdKBbgT6da8R6o3ST2PPvaC1Ma6Ss1X6HPSZK1tg/viewform>

**Reminder...Save the date!** Planning is already underway for 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion. We are excited to celebrate and bid farewell to our fabulous fifth grade class by having promotion **here at Nottingham on Tuesday, June 18 at 10:00AM**. More information to come.

**Reminder...Registration opens for APS summer enrichment options**, including: Global Village, Laureate, Fun with Coding, and Summer Math Academy is now open. Please **see the attachment** for more information. Registration for **Summer School** is also open. Arlington Public Schools provides a variety of summer programs for students in Pre-K through Grade 12. Most classes begin on July 8.

**Reminder...**On **Wednesday, April 3**, fifth graders will visit their future APS middle school (Williamsburg or Swanson). Buses will take the students in the morning after they arrive at Nottingham and they will stay through lunch, then return to Nottingham in the early afternoon. Fifth graders can bring their lunch to the middle school or purchase a lunch using their school account. No parent chaperones are needed because teachers and other staff will serve chaperones. Students will get a tour of the school, look in on classrooms and learn more about the middle school experience. Students planning to attend HB Woodlawn or a non-APS school will tour their neighborhood middle school (Swanson or Williamsburg).

There is no option to stay at Nottingham while the rest of the grade and teachers are gone. A **field trip permission form** will be sent home this week. Please sign it and return it to your child's teacher by the following week. If you have any questions, please contact school counselor **Mark Jones at 703-228-2302** or [mark.jones2@apsva.us](mailto:mark.jones2@apsva.us)

**Reminder...**Do you have neighbors with **rising kindergartners**? Please remind them to come in to register for the 2019-2020 school year as soon as possible. We have our next **School Information Session in April** and hope to see many new faces and families then! Kindergarten registration is now open. Please encourage your neighbors to come in and pick-up a registration packet. Spread the word, we will accept partially completed packets. There is no need to wait until after you've completed the physical to return components. Getting students registered now helps us with determining our staffing needs. Our second Kindergarten Information Session will be April 4, at 9:15 AM. All the dates for the coming **school information sessions** for the 2019-20 School Year follow:

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

9:15 – 10:45 a.m. – Arlington Traditional, Barrett, Claremont, Key, Montessori Public School of Arlington\*, Randolph, Taylor

12:45 – 2:15 p.m. – Abingdon, Arlington Science Focus, Ashlawn, Barcroft, Carlin Springs, Discovery, Drew, Glebe, Hoffman-Boston, Long Branch

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

9:15 – 10:45 a.m. – Arlington Science Focus, Carlin Springs, Drew, Hoffman-Boston, Jamestown, Key, Long Branch, McKinley, Nottingham, Oakridge

12:45 – 2:15 p.m. – Arlington Traditional, Barrett, Campbell, Claremont, Fleet (Henry), Montessori Public School of Arlington\*, Randolph, Tuckahoe

**The following countywide option schools will offer additional information sessions on the dates listed below:**

**Arlington Traditional School**

Monday, February 25, 2019 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Friday, April 12, 2019 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

**Campbell Elementary School**

Thursday, February 21, 2019 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 14, 2019 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

**Key Immersion School**

Thursday, March 14, 2019 6-7 p.m.

*\*The Montessori Public School of Arlington information session will take place at Drew Model. For additional information or questions, please contact the APS Welcome Center at 703-228-8000 or [schooloptions@apsva.us](mailto:schooloptions@apsva.us).*

**Reminder...Parent to Parent (P2P) Family Training on ADHD will occur on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to noon from February 27 to April 10.** P2P provides parents with a comprehensive understanding of ADHD as well as strategies to improve life at home and school. Designed by parents for parents, this training provides information from the parent' perspective. Throughout this course, you will learn what ADHD is, its probable causes, the process of diagnosis and assessment, components of a multimodal treatment approach, complementary and alternative treatment options, strategies for creating an ADHD-friendly home environment and how to support a child with ADHD at school. This free 6-week session is open to all Arlington parents but registration is required and space is limited. Attendance at all 6 sessions is required. [Register online now](#) or call the Parent Resource Center at 703-229-7239. **The schedule is follows:** February 27:  
An overview of ADHD: Myths/Definition/Characteristics

March 6:	Assessment/Diagnosis/Multimodal Treatment
March 13:	ADHD-Impact on Family
March 20:	ADHD-Impact on School
March 27:	Navigating School Supports and Educational Rights
April 3:	Building Resilience for the Future/Supports for Teens
April 10:	Make up session if needed for inclement weather