



Nottingham Knightly News

December 4, 2018

Important Dates

7 December, Friday	Principal's Coffee, 9:15AM
12 December, Wednesday	Early Release 1:26PM
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.

From the Principal

Hi Everyone,

Please join me this **Friday, December 7 at 9:15 AM** for our second Principal's Coffee in the library. I'll be sharing information about services and interventions for our students (elaborating on ATSS, overview of 504s and sped services available through Nottingham). Hope you can make it!

The students are getting very excited about the holiday season and winter break! **Happy Hanukkah** to our families who celebrate. We are planning lots of fun activities for Friday, December 21 and hope to see many of you throughout the day. We will communicate a schedule of events to you next week and ask that you keep some of them a surprise for our students. If you would like to opt your child out of participating, please do so in by emailing me directly. We will have alternative options for all students throughout the day.

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

Thanks,
Eileen

Kudos and Appreciation

Thanks to **Lisa Solinger and Laurie Sinton** for all the comfort, words of encouragement and support for the Flu Clinic! We couldn't have done it without you. Also, thanks to Lisa for helping Laurie with our picture retakes!

Check out our marquee and then thank **Stacy Rosenthal** for coming up with the fabulous quotes and keeping it updated!

Announcements and Reminders

Safety in the Streets! Parents, please park in parking spaces when picking up your child(ren). Double parking with flashers has led to some near misses, especially along North Nottingham and North Ohio Street.

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...Dec. 6 School Board Meeting will Include Vote on Elementary School Boundaries: At the Dec. 6. School Board meeting, the School Board will adopt final boundaries for eight elementary schools that will take effect in September 2019. This meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the Syphax Education Center; please note the earlier start time to allow for more public commentary. For information about speaking, visit www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/sign-up-to-speak/. To view live online, visit www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/watchschool-board-meetings.

To view maps, data tables, community input and more for this boundary process, visit www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/.

Reminder...Acceptable Use Policy Tidbits: Mr. Crouse, our school's Instructional Technology Coordinator, in conjunction with Mrs. Gustafson, school librarian, teach a series of digital citizenship lessons and cover the [APS Acceptable Use Policy](#) with students. These classes are ongoing throughout the academic year. Below are some of the more essential components of the AUP that you can **help us to reinforce** with your child(ren). These are presented in language that elementary students likely understand.

- Follow the rules the school has in place to keep you safe. This is called the [Acceptable Use Policy](#) .
- Do not share your iPad or your passwords with others.
- You may not use your iPad during lunch, recess, or at Extended Day.
- You may not change the settings on your iPad. You may not add a passcode to your device or sign in to iCloud.
- You can only use apps from the *APS App Catalog*. Do not download things you should not. Installing apps not approved by APS is a violation of the Acceptable Use Agreement.
- Your iPad is for learning. Your family gets to decide if your iPad can be used at home, and how your iPad is used at home, including if and how it connects to a network.
- You will take care of your device and only use it appropriately for school-related work.
- Your family does not have to pay to fix your iPad if it stops working or if it is broken in a real accident. If something happens to your iPad, bring it to school. Don't take it to a repair shop.
- Your family might have to pay to fix or replace your iPad if you don't follow these rules and protect your iPad ("neglect") or if you do something on purpose to make the iPad stop working ("intentional act").
- Working together as a family is important to help you stay safe, and learn how to work online well. Your family can make a Family Media Plan, to help keep you healthy and happy. There is help to do this on the [APS Family Media Plan web page](#). Be sure to talk to your family any time you have a question about technology or what happens online.

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

Reminder... 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
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Arlington VA 22204

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.