



# **Nottingham Knightly News**

**January 29, 2019**

## **Important Dates**

30 January, Wednesday	Winter Concert 2:00PM & 7:00PM (snow date 2/7)
31 January, Thursday	Pyramid Meeting on Anxiety for WMS families
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,

On behalf of Megan and myself, thank you all for your notes, generosity and thoughtfulness during **Principal Appreciation Week**. We truly appreciate it. Thanks for your patience as we navigate the winter weather. Stay tuned for updates as they arise. Please check out the PTA website to view the [PTA Newsletter](#) for this week.

Eileen

## ***Kudos and Appreciation***

Congratulations to **Jeffrey Chin** on winning the **Nottingham Geography Bee**. Jeffrey will go to the county level next and we are planning to cheer him on to state! Thanks **Trish Zipfel, Susie Matthews** and **Samantha Baraynk** for all your support in coordinating, judging and moderating the event.

Were you here dancing the night away at the Sock Hop? Did you enjoy some pizza and a root beer float? What an outstanding turn out and a great time! Thank you to **Laurie Sinton** and **Carolyn Anderson** volunteered for putting the event together and thanks to all the volunteers to help set up, clean up and serve food! We'd be lost without you.

## ***Announcements and Reminders***

Parents of rising **Williamsburg 6<sup>th</sup> graders!** Please join Williamsburg and Yorktown staff and parents for an evening of discussion. A panel of parents and staff from several elementary schools, Williamsburg Middle School and Yorktown High School will entertain questions on transitions, supports, workload, and expectations. Find out how all three schools collaborate to ensure students reach their highest potential. The primary focus for this **THURSDAY, JANUARY 31** will be on helping students with anxiety. The meeting will be held at Williamsburg Middle School beginning at **7:00PM**. Hope to see many of you there.

**On Friday, January 25**, Nottingham kicked off its school-wide **Random Acts of Kindness Week** that continues through **Friday, February 1**. All students are being challenged to go above and beyond their usual kindness and perform various random acts of kindness throughout the week. There will be class discussions about what kindness means and how kindness impacts us all. Some classes will read books on the topic. The lower grades (K-2nd) will get bingo boards with suggestions for how to be kind. The upper grades will get a paper with a list of ideas to inspire them. There is even a separate staff challenge for teachers and other staff to perform random kind acts. We also encourage you to participate as a family and the link below provides you with ideas. There are no prizes, it is not a competition. It is just for fun and to help us all to be a little bit more focused and purposeful in being kind to one another. Link: <https://nottingham.apsva.us/kindness-challenge-for-families/>

Rising 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

It's time for our **SCA Souper Bowl!** At the end of the month, we are doing our Souper Bowl with AFAC (**Jan. 29-Feb. 4**). Please consider sending in canned goods to help support AFAC. See the attached flyer for more information.

**Reminder...**Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> 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...**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](https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonPublicSchools);
- [www.twitter.com/APSVirginia](https://www.twitter.com/APSVirginia)
- APS Mobile App Notification
- All Local TV and Radio Stations

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