



Nottingham Knightly News

March 5, 2019

Important Dates

7 March, Thursday	Early Release, Parent-Teacher Conference
8 March, Friday	Parent Teacher Conferences- No School
10 March, Sunday	Daylight Savings Begins – Spring Forward!
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
1 April, Monday	No School - Grade Prep Day
3 April, Wednesday	5 th 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 7, March 13, June 5, June 12. Students will be dismissed at 1:26PM.

From the Principal

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are doing well. I hope you enjoy your parent-teacher conferences. Teachers are excited to share updates and progress with you about our wonderful students! **The Lost and Found is overflowing.** Please stop by to claim any misplaced items. Items that are left behind will be **donated on March 11**, the Monday after Parent/Teacher Conferences.

If your child is in **Mr. Katoen's class**, please remember to stop by **Thursday, March 7 between 2:30 and 3:30** for the open house and an opportunity to meet Ms. Smith.

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

Eileen

Kudos and Appreciation

This week is Social Worker Appreciation Week! We want to extend a special thanks to our fabulous **Social Worker, Matt Sims**. Matt spends three days a week at Nottingham supporting individual students, small groups and families. We'd be lost without him!

Congratulations Geography Bee winner **Jeffrey Chen**, for making it to the VA State Geography Bee in Farmville. We'll be cheering for you!

Thank you to **Renee Harber, Swanson Principal** and **Rana Luthra, Swanson Director of Counseling** for coming to our PTA meeting to talk about transitioning to middle school. We really appreciate your time.

Announcements and Reminders

Save the date! Planning is already underway for 5th 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.

Registration opens on Thursday, March 7, 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.

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

The APS World Languages Program will host a World Languages Celebration event tomorrow, March 6, from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the Career Center. There will be multicultural performances from a variety of individuals and schools representing all grade levels (K-12). A group of Nottingham student will perform two songs in Spanish. This is a fun multicultural and multi-language event. Come and enjoy!

Registration for **Summer School** begins on **Thursday, March 7**. Arlington Public Schools provides a variety of summer programs for students in Pre-K through Grade 12. Most classes begin on July 8.

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

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.*

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.

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.

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) 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...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

Reminder: The Committee for Children, the non-profit organization which spearheaded Second Step (the social-emotional learning curriculum implemented at Discovery and county-wide), has released a podcast which focuses on different SEL topics each month. Full episodes of the The Grow Kinder Podcast can be accessed [here](#). The "Strengthening Families" series is starting on **2/27** at Drew Model ES for students in 4th-8th grade and their parents/caregivers, and there are a few spots still available. Here is a brief summary: **Want to improve children's behavior and strengthen family bonds? Strengthening Families Program - Free** program for Arlington County **4th-8th graders** and their families to work together over 7 weeks on communication skills and stress management. Parents gain techniques in effective discipline while students learn to resist peer pressure, understand consequences, and solve problems constructively. Weekly sessions are highly interactive and include role-playing, discussions, learning games, and family projects. Dinner and childcare are included. Classes are in English and Spanish. [Register Online](#), visit www.StrengtheningFamiliesArlington.com or contact SFP Coordinator Lainie Morgan, Lmorgan@arlingtonva.us or 703-228-1529.

Reminder...Kindness Counts: Nottingham is an inclusive school where differences are embraced, and students treat each other with kindness and compassion. When thinking about extending that into our lives outside of school, you may consider stretching the social circle of your child and reaching out to make a class-wide, or grade-wide impact by planning play dates at local parks or playgrounds with other families. Some children in our classes may be on the social fringes and may not readily come to mind when putting together party invitation lists or play dates. However, for these children, being included in an event like a birthday party can be a self-esteem "game changer". Kindness counts, and inclusivity matters! Just something to think about as we wrap up our Kindness Initiative here at Nottingham.