



Nottingham Knightly News

May 14, 2019

Important Dates

16 May, Thursday	Instrumental Music Concert, 2:20 & 7:00PM
21 May, Tuesday	5 th Grade Reading SOL
22 May, Wednesday	4 th Grade Reading SOL
23 May, Thursday	3 rd Grade Reading SOL
27 May, Monday	Memorial Day, No School
29 May, Wednesday	5 th Grade Science SOL
30 May, Thursday	4 th Grade VA Studies SOL
4 June, Tuesday	5 th Grade Math SOL PTA Meeting, 7PM
5 June, Wednesday	4 th Grade Math SOL Early Release for Students 1:26PM
6 June, Thursday	3 rd Grade Math SOL
12 June, Wednesday	Field Day and Student Picnic Early Release for Students 1:26PM
13 June, Thursday	Spring Musical "Joust", 2:15 PM and 7:00PM
17 June, Monday	Spanish Assembly
18 June, Tuesday	5 th Grade Promotion, 10:00AM

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

From the Principal

Please check out the PTA website to view the [PTA Newsletter](#) for this week. Finally, see the attached letter pertaining to SOLs and let us know if you have any questions.

Getting plenty of rest and eating a healthy breakfast is important, especially now that students are beginning to take Standards of Learning (SOL) tests and other end-of-year exams. To help them do their best, APS Food and Nutrition Services will provide **free breakfast to all students** during the SOL testing beginning on Monday, May 13 through Friday, June 14.

Eileen

Kudos and Appreciation

Once again, we want to congratulate **Danielle Mascioli** and **Christine Schofield** on being honored as our Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year. We will have a staff celebration this afternoon and both Danielle and Christine will be honored tonight at the Celebration of Excellence at Washington-Lee High School. We are so proud of both women!

Announcements and Reminders

As we approach the end of the year, and begin planning for next year, I want to request that parents **refrain from making specific teacher requests**. A great deal of time and effort goes into class placement and consideration, including the social emotional needs of each child. We have a comprehensive plan in place as teams begin the grouping process. Instead, I encourage you to attend our **Rising Grade Level Parent Orientations** to become more familiar with the staff in the next grade level.

May 30	Grade 3	8:15-8:45 AM
June 4	Grade 1	8:15-8:45 AM
June 5	Kindergarten	2:15-3:15 PM
June 6	Grade 2	8:15-8:45 AM
June 11	Grade 5	8:15-8:45 AM
June 13	Grade 4	8:15-8:45 AM

Reminder...To best prepare and accommodate for **SOL testing**, student iPads in grades 3-5 will remain at school beginning **Monday, May 13th**. This will ensure that students have their devices and that they are adequately charged for each testing session. Additionally, the iPads will **not be sent home after the testing window** and will remain at school for the duration of the school year, as well as stored at Nottingham over the summer months. Rest assured, the devices will continue to be used academically in classrooms throughout the testing window and for the remaining instructional days of this year.

Reminder...Nottingham Elementary School would like the help of **3 or 4 parents** to identify and choose new features for the **Kindergarten** playground. We will be meeting **5/24/19, 5/31/19, and 6/7/19 from 3:00-3:41 PM**. We will discuss potential locations, equipment, costs, and completing required paperwork. If you would like to have a say in how we play- please email Megan.Lynch@apsva.us

Reminder...The warm weather has arrived! Please remember to **use sunscreen** and send in hats as needed for outdoor activities and recess. Teachers and **staff are not able to apply sunscreen**, so please make sure you apply it before sending your child(ren) to school.

Reminder...Our full-time school counselor, **Mark Jones**, is hosting our third **Coffee with the Counselor** on **Wednesday, May 15 at 8:10-8:45 AM**. The topic will be Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety. Mr. Jones will talk for the first 10-15 minutes to offer practical tips geared toward helping children who are anxious. Parents can then ask questions and share experiences as a group on how best to support their child. The coffee will be in the office conference room. Please sign up using the following link. <https://forms.gle/rmZVrH5PmurmVnSM9> If you wish to call in, please indicate that on the form and you will be provided a call-in number.

Reminder...The **Standards of Learning (SOL)** testing window is from **5/13-6/14**. Nottingham Elementary School will be administering tests on the dates below. Please refrain from scheduling doctor's appointments or travel during this window or on these dates.

3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Reading 5/23	Reading 5/22	Reading 5/21
Math 6/6	Math 6/5	Math 6/4
	Virginia Studies 5/30	Science 5/29