

Nottingham Knightly News

November 6, 2019

From the Principal

Check out the [PTA Newsletter](#).

Thanks to our Auction Committee, **Lizz Kauffman, Lauren Conklin, and Daniele Herndon** and the rest of the auction committee for organizing our **Knights Rock the 80s Auction** coming up **Saturday, November 16th from 6:30-10:00PM** at Knights of Columbus.

Thank you, **Ashley McNair** for coordinating our **Reflections Contest** and congratulations to all our winners. The judges had wonderful things to say about the entries, which were based on this year's theme, "Look Within." **Congratulations artists!** Artwork receiving the "Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme" award will be moving on next week to be judged at the county level of the contest.

Now that **Daylight Savings has ended**, it's a good time to remind our students to be safe walking through the neighborhood including:

- Always walk with a friend
- Always use crosswalks and obey traffic signals
- Be in touch with your family about your whereabouts

Is your child cold? Are you missing a jacket or two? Our **lost and found has 74 coats and jackets** just waiting to warm up our students. You may also find a water bottles, lunchbox, helmets, gloves and so much more! Please stop by to see what might belong to your child(ren). Anything left will be donated on **Friday, November 22**.

Come out for our next **PTA Meeting**, **Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00PM**. We will have a panel discussion on the topic of **Digital Parenting: Social Media and Mobile Devices in the Middle Grades**. The panel will be two parents of middle school students, the head of counseling at Williamsburg, and a private practice therapist who sees middle-school aged kids. They'll be discussing what they see in middle schoolers

in terms of use of mobile devices and social media and any issues that tend to arise, and how we can plan for it.

APS recently [unveiled two planning proposals](#) that explore moving some elementary schools in 2021-22 to address challenges before the **Fall 2020 Elementary School Boundary Process** begins. The proposals may be revised after staff reviews community input, and final proposal(s) will be presented to the School Board on Jan. 6, 2020, with a School Board Public Hearing on Jan. 30, 2020 and School Board action scheduled for February 9, 2020.

Community engagement for these proposals is underway now, and a new Online Information Session has been made available for community members. This session features a brief panel discussion and presentation by APS leaders to address initial questions we have received from the community to date. A Spanish version of this information session will be released soon. **Coming Soon:** A Community Questionnaire that will gather input, ideas and suggestions from stakeholders.

For more information, visit

www.apsva.us/engage/planning-for-2020-elementary-school-boundary-process/.

Have a rising 6th grader? Learn more about middle school options and transfers at <https://www.apsva.us/post/middle-school-options-transfers-information-for-sy-2020-21/>

Thanks,

Eileen

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Important Dates

11 November, Monday	Veteran's Day – No School for Students
12 November, Tuesday	PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
16 November, Saturday	PTA Auction 6:30-10:00PM
20 November, Wednesday	Picture Make-up/Retake

22 November, Friday	Report Cards Issued (electronically)
27-29 November	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
3 December, Tuesday	PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
11 December, Wednesday	Early Release, 1:26PM
18 December, Wednesday	5 th Grade Winter Chorus Concert, 7:00PM
23 December – 3 January	Winter Break

2019-20 Early Release Dates: December 11, January 15, February 12, March 11, June 3, June 10. Students will be dismissed at **1:26PM**.

2019-20 Parent Teacher Conference Dates: March 5-6

Reminders

Reminder... As we begin to wrap up the first quarter, we want to remind families that if you have not yet completed your online verification form, please do so. The first quarter **standards-based report cards** will be electronically sent on **Friday, November 22**.