

# **Nottingham Knightly News**

**December 3, 2019**

## **From the Principal**

Check out the [PTA Newsletter](#).

We are pleased to announce that **Mike Giusto is our Nottingham Teacher of the Year**. If you or your children would like to write letters of recommendation for him to be Arlington Public Schools Teacher of the Year, please email them to [Megan.Lynch@apsva.us](mailto:Megan.Lynch@apsva.us) or bring them in directly so we can add them to the nominating packet. Congratulations to Mr. Giusto!

It's SNOW secret, we're a great school.... **random acts of kindness**: pile them up like snow! If you would like to help an Arlington Public Schools family in need, please **consider grabbing a 'Kindness Snowflake'** from the bulletin board in our entry hallway. The snowflakes are marked with items that could help make the holiday season a little more joyful for a family in need. You can **bring in your contribution to the front office by December 18th** and we will distribute them accordingly. If your family has any needs for the holiday season, please contact Maggie Ryan, our school social worker. Thank you for your generosity!

If you are looking for another option to be charitable this season, our Nottingham community is participating in **"Seats and Feets" drive** (see attached flyer) to support families in the Arlington community who need a little extra help from Santa this year.[seats and feets.pdf](#)

The **Hour of Code** is coming to Nottingham! This month, Nottingham will be joining millions of students in more than 180 countries around the world in celebrating the Hour of Code. The Hour of Code takes place each year during Computer Science Education Week and strives to introduce all students to computer science through coding activities. At Nottingham, a **variety of plugged and unplugged activities will take place in the library during the whole month of December** for all students in grades Pre-K through 5. Want to learn more? Visit <http://hourofcode.com>.

**Learning Lab** is coming soon! On **Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45** in the library, students who need some extra support or homework help can drop by and work with of our teachers. If you would like to enroll your child in this drop-in support program, please use the link below to register.[bit.ly/learninglabregister](http://bit.ly/learninglabregister)

Thanks,

Eileen

## ***Upcoming Events and Opportunities***

### ***Important Dates***

3 December, Tuesday	PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
11 December, Wednesday	Early Release, 1:26PM
18 December, Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Chorus Concert, 7:00PM
23 December – 3 January	Winter Break
24 January, Friday	Sock Hop
30 January, Thursday	Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00PM

**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***

The **Martin Luther King Jr. Literary and Visual Arts Contest** is happening now. For more information about how your child can participate, please visit <https://www.apsva.us/mlk-contest/>

**There's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing.** We go out for recess unless it's really raining or if there's a weather advisory. While some snowflakes are falling today and it probably won't amount to anything, it's a good time to remind everyone to have a **plan for inclement weather**. The APS Winter Weather Procedures can be found here

<https://www.apsva.us/post/get-ready-for-winter-weather-2/>

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 and community input. 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/](http://www.apsva.us/engage/planning-for-2020-elementary-school-boundary-process/).