

Nottingham Knightly News

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Dear Nottingham Families,

I happened to stop by the school the other day to grab a few things and change the marquis. I realized how much I miss seeing everyone in the mornings and saying hello in the hallways. I keep encouraging my own boys to reach out to teachers, friends and family to stay connected. I hope you are doing the same. At my house, we've been enjoying the daily challenges on Twitter. Use the handle [@KnightsAtHome](#) and [#DaysandKnights](#) to share what you're doing.

Last week I spent lots of time talking to teachers and parents. It was good to even see some faces on the screen and I look forward to the chance to see students on screen soon. By the way, [APS continues to work with the Virginia Department of Education](#) to determine the next steps relative to student learning. More to come on that. This week continue to access the great materials provided by your teachers and APS. By grade level, teachers are developing a more structured schedule for your student(s) to follow. This should help provide more clarity and direction about what work should be completed each day. We hope this is helpful to all of you.

[APS expanded Grab-and-Go meal sites to five locations](#) to better reach families. Meals will be set up outside the building for distribution from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday-Friday, at: Kenmore, Randolph, Barrett, Campbell, and Drew. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

The following provides information regarding [Extended Day registration](#) for next year. The online registration process for 2020-21 Extended Day Program will open on April 1, as previously announced. Registration will begin April 1- 15 for families whose children were enrolled in Extended Day as of February 3, 2020. Children registered during this period will be guaranteed enrollment for the fall. On April 16 registration opens to all families. For more details on registration, please visit the [Extended Day Program webpage](#). If you have additional questions, please contact the Extended Day office at extended.day@apsva.us or 703-228-6069.

Be sure to tune in [each day at 9:00 AM on the air or online @ABC7News, for Outside the Classroom](#), with [Washington-Liberty Environmental Systems teacher, ABC-7 on your side meteorologist, and McKinley parent Ryan Miller](#). This week's theme is Relationships. If you have a homegrown clever idea to share you can be on the

air, here is the information on Twitter,

<https://twitter.com/apsvirginia/status/1241811503449362437?s=21>

Want to learn something new or pass some time with a good book, but don't know where to start? You can [live chat with a librarian](#) and get more information about the [eCollection](#).

Relative to our community, the [Arlington Solid Waste Bureau](#) is encouraging residents to be mindful of the quantity of waste we are throwing away so as not to overwhelm the collection system. Although all regular weekly curbside collection services are currently available, collection resources are beginning to show signs of strain.

APS launched its triennial APSGo! Travel Survey of families, students and staff. The survey was last conducted in 2016 and a lot has changed since then—we have new schools and others have moved, scooters are everywhere, and drop-off lines are longer. Information from the APSGo! survey helps us identify transportation challenges and work toward safe solutions. Look for an APS School Talk message on Monday inviting you to participate in this important survey. More information about APSGo! [is available online](#).

We have no playbook for what we are about to embark upon and while I'm missing all of you, I could not be prouder to be your principal and to have your support, understanding and patience. Please continue to reach out, be in touch and let us know how we can support you and your children.

Thanks,

Eileen

Reminders

If you are looking for a way to help the Arlington community, please consider food, cleaning supplies, toilet paper or monetary donations to [AFAC](#), which is supporting many families during this time. You can donate in person or online and they are looking for additional support.

Should you have more questions or need additional assistance, visit the APS Coronavirus page at <https://www.apsva.us/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/> or <https://www.apsva.us/engage/> or email APS at engage@apsva.us.

Take a peek at these [Ted Talks](#) or

<https://www.weareteachers.com/ted-talks-students/> for teens and kids.