

Nottingham Knightly News

April 1, 2020

Dear Nottingham Families,

I know I just communicated with you the other day, but I wanted to provide some additional information with you with regards to future distance learning and to share some of my thoughts on some other things. I wanted you to know that I share your concerns about the many things we do each year under normal circumstances when we are fully operational. I want you to know, however, that we as a staff continue to plan relative to next year's classroom groupings, providing orientation opportunities for families, and sharing our regular staffing updates. We are considering new and creative ways to these things and to honor our students when we move closer to the regular conclusion of this school year, particularly our 5th graders, prior to their transition from Nottingham to middle school.

APS's Department of Teaching and Learning will send you an communication on the **continuous learning plan the week of April 6**. I need to commend the staff for all they have done until this point relative to pushing out instructional materials and activities, including our special education teachers and related services providers who are continuing to check in with families. Finally, please visit the VDOE website's **[FAQ questions page](#)** for more information on related topics of interest during this difficult time.

Relative to next year's **APS and Arlington County budget**, adjustments will need to be made given the loss of income for these entities in many areas. I am uncertain on how this situation will impact Nottingham specifically.

I will continue to update you, at least weekly, with information that becomes available. Please continue to reach out, be in touch and let us know how we can support you and your children.

Thanks,

Eileen

From Our Student Support Staff

These days there are many challenges we all face with school buildings being closed and families socially isolating. To balance out the daily stresses, it can be helpful to take at least one moment in the day to focus on what is good in life. Try the GLAD technique to help each family members identify what is good.

GratITUDE- One gratitude that you have

Learned - One thing you learned today

Accomplished - One accomplishment in your day

Delighted - One thing that delighted you today

You can think it, say it aloud or journal it. More social and emotional resources can be found on the Counseling tab of the Nottingham website.

<https://nottingham.apsva.us/counseling/>

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.

For some more fun, follow us on Twitter. the handle **@KnightsAtHome** and **#DaysandKnights** to share what you're doing.

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. As of April 13, Key and Hoffman-Boston will also be meal distribution sites.

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](#).

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.

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](#)