

# Nottingham Knightly News

**November 17, 2020**

Dear Nottingham Families,

I know everyone is looking forward to Thanksgiving next week. I hope you all have a great break and that you enjoy the family time! I will not post a weekly on November 24, but the Knightly News will post again on Tuesday, December 1.

**Support our Online Book Fair: November 13 – 22, 2020:** Support Nottingham while finding the perfect book or game for your child at our annual Nottingham book fair! This year's book fair will be on-line. Simply go [here](#) anytime between Friday, November 13 and Sunday, November 22. Books will be mailed directly to your house, and all proceeds from the book fair support Nottingham. If you have any questions, please email [Bookfair@nespta.org](mailto:Bookfair@nespta.org). You will also find this information through Canvas.

[Link](#) to Online Book Fair Flyer

**Report cards will be issued November 20 via ParentVue.** Nottingham uses standards-based reporting. If you are new to Nottingham, please refer to this [parent guide](#) for more information on standards-based reporting and how we report progress. This quarter, you may see more "insufficient evidence" for two possible reasons. First, it may mean that the teacher has not sufficiently covered the standard yet but continues to work on it with the class. This will be communicated through class newsletters or through the comments section on the report card. Second, a teacher will use "insufficient evidence" if the student has not demonstrated consistent performance. If it's the latter, your child's teacher either shared that with you already or will note it through comments.

**Curious about how your child is doing in music, art, or PE? Check out their SeeSaw or Canvas accounts to see teacher feedback on assignments or reach out to your child's teacher directly.**

**From our ITC, Ron Crouse**

Central IT will be pushing an Apple iPad iOS update to all student iPads at Nottingham. This update will take the operating system to version 13.7. There are a few things to keep in mind as you help your child with the update:

- It may take a few days for all devices to get the notice to update.
- The device must have at least 50% power to perform the software update.
- The update when downloaded will sit in the options under Settings > General > Software Update and await your permission to update manually.

- So long as the device is connected to power overnight, the update will auto-install and not require any intervention on your part.
- If the update fails, you may need to help your child remove any excess photos and videos from the device to create more storage for the installation.

### **Help Make the Holidays Happier for Some of Arlington's Most Vulnerable**

**Residents:** 2020 has seen more Arlington households in financial crisis than ever before. You can help Arlington families impacted by COVID and economic hardship - donate to the [Department of Human Services' Secret Santa Program](#)! Gift cards are distributed to clients engaged in Department of Human Services safety net programs and other programs for low-income residents, including COVID-impacted households, children in foster care, people with disabilities, seniors with low incomes, teen parents, and families with low incomes.

This year, the Secret Santa Program can accept gift cards and checks by mail, or online donations via secure credit card payments, any time before December 18. [Learn more or make a donation here!](#)

<https://publicassistance.arlingtonva.us/secret-santa/>

Be sure to visit our Nottingham PTA website for updates, [newsletters](#) and other information.

### **Some upcoming dates:**

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| • November 20 Friday  | Report Cards posted to ParentVue |
| • November 23 Monday  | Asynchronous Learning Day        |
| • November 24 Tuesday | Synchronous Learning Day         |
| • November 25-27      | Thanksgiving Holiday             |

Thanks,

Eileen

# Reminders

We know how much people love their pets and walks throughout the neighborhood. However, we've noticed that some of our friends and neighbors are bringing **pets on campus, which is against school board policy**. Sadly, we've also seen an uptick in evidence (ahem) left behind. With some of our students returning to school, we don't want them stepping in anything. Please help us by keeping pets off campus.

With more cars coming in and out of the parking lot, please remind your Knight to be **VERY careful when riding bikes, using scooters and walking**. We noticed a few

students today who breezed through the intersection at N. Ohio and Little Falls without looking! Scary.

The application process for **option schools and programs for middle and high school students opened this week**. Families interested in applying for a secondary option school or program can apply through the **online application portal**. Families can submit their application anytime during the application window. If families need assistance with completing applications, they should contact the APS Welcome Center at 703-228-8000 or **schooloptions@apsva.us**. Additional information and important dates, as well as links to watch the Middle and High School Information Night recordings, are **available online**.

**Instructional Schedule Update!** All of our grade levels are now using small group for instruction in language arts and math. There may be some adjusted schedule times that impact your child. These small groups will offer students more interaction with peers, differentiated instruction and additional teacher time. Please carefully **review communications from your homeroom teacher** to be sure your child is logging in on time.

Based on the **APS Dashboard** and the APS Hybrid/In-Person Model page for additional information. This is a fluid situation and things are frequently being updated. I encourage you to continue to visit the **APS Hybrid/In-person Model page** There you will find a very **helpful FAQ** which will help you answer any new questions.

**Teachers will take attendance each day.** As a reminder, we begin each day at 9:00 AM and conclude at 2:20 PM. Additionally, you are encouraged to email our **Attendance Line (attendance.ntm@groups.apsva.us)** when an absence is unexpected and prearranged notification was not possible. The following are generally considered excused absences: illness, quarantine of student, doctor or dentist appointments, death in the family, observance of a religious holiday, court appointments, inclement weather emergencies, connection issues while in virtual learning, and severe family emergencies. We need to note other absences as unexcused. Finally, we will contact families when a student has two absences or when absences, tardiness and early departures begin to accumulate.