

Nottingham Knightly News

April 20, 2021

Dear Nottingham Families,

Tomorrow is **Administrative Professionals Day**. I wanted to give a shout out to Mardi, Laurie, and Nora for all they do to keep us up and running. And they do it with a positive, can do attitude! We would be lost without them.

As we begin the 4th quarter, I want to thank you again for all your support. I know everyone is tired and our students have done so well in the virtual, hybrid and concurrent models. On virtual days, encourage your child to turn their cameras on and engage by seeing others and having others see them. You would be surprised at how uplifting it is for students and staff to SEE each other.

Thank you all for hanging in there with us! Take some time to talk with your child(ren) about how things are going and remind them of the positives they have mastered including:

- technology skills far advanced for their ages
- created ways to stay in touch with others virtually and with social distancing
- outdoor lunches and recess

Nottingham's Mental Health Team's parent tip of the week: If your child is feeling discouraged and worn down by the challenges of this year, perhaps engage them in a conversation about their strengths. For instance, ask who is their hero and how they are like that person. "Whom do you admire? Why? What advice would that person give you? How are you like that person?"

Please see the attached flyer from the **APS Sustainability Advisory Committee** for our **Earth Week campaign April 19-24th**. Take part in activities or initiatives to Go Green!

[Earth Week Social Media Flyer.pdf](#)

Please see **[Dr. Duran's message](#)** this week that includes information the **Family Survey 2021-22 and summer school**.

Speaking of **summer school**, all families who have a student eligible were notified via **ParentVue on Friday, April 16**. Please check your account and let us know if you plan for your student to attend.

Our **SOL schedule** is listed below. Please avoid appointments and absences on SOL testing dates. Virtual students will test with grade level and subject listed below. Virtual

5th graders will test on Tuesdays/Wednesdays. Please contact Megan with any questions (megan.lynch@apsva.us).

[SOLs by Grade Level](#)

3rd grade Reading May 25

3rd Math June 1

4th Reading June 4

4th Math June 11

5th Science June 9-10

5th grade Reading May 26-27

5th Math June 2-3

CALLING NEW KNIGHTS:

Families are now able to register kindergarten students for the 2021-22 school year by using the **Online Registration Process**. Families unable to complete the registration process online are able to register by using the **Student Registration Document Drop Off Process**. Families can determine their neighborhood school by using the **Boundary (Attendance Area) Locator** and are encouraged to register before the end of the current school year to help schools prepare and plan for incoming kindergarten students.

Upcoming dates:

- May 2, Sunday Mayfest (virtual)
- May 4- May 14 PALS Testing, grades K-2
- May 11-May 21 DIBELS Testing, grades 3-5
- May 4, Tuesday PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
- May 17-June 11 SOL Testing Window
- May 31, Monday Memorial Day, No School

Thanks,

Eileen

Reminders

APS will begin providing **free testing for students and staff who are symptomatic**, or who have been exposed to COVID-19. Walk-up testing sites will be located at three schools, in addition to the case-by-case in-person testing already available in the hybrid model. APS is providing the free testing in partnership with [ResourcePath](#). Parental/guardian consent will be required in advance of student testing, and additional information will be shared with staff and families via School Talk later this week.

A few folks have asked about applying for **Extended Day** for next year. We continue to await information on how the program will be structured going forward. Please visit <https://www.apsva.us/extended-day/> to see the most current information about the program. This information could change, however.

Our staffing is always based on enrollment. If you, or your neighbors, have **plans to newly enroll (or re-enroll) at Nottingham for the 2021-22 school year, please encourage them to do that now!** See below for [registration information](#). This will mean we have the staffing that matches the needs of our students. If you are a current Nottingham family, please complete this [Intent to Return](#) form.

This spring, Nottingham will join every other elementary school in the school district to become a **No Place for Hate school**. The goal of No Place for Hate is to inspire a national movement led by students and educators who are committed to using the power of positive peer influence to **build inclusive and safe schools in which all students can thrive**. No Place for Hate organizing framework **aligns very closely to Responsive Classroom, Nottingham's philosophy of C.A.R.E.S** (Cooperation, Assertiveness, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-Control) and our work as an inclusive model school. We look forward to our partnership with the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and helping our students learn and grow.

Waste-Free Lunch Comes to Nottingham

FACT: The average student produces 67 lbs of waste each year during lunchtime.

Nottingham Knights will be trailblazers within APS as we move to go waste free at lunch now that we are back to school. Help Nottingham achieve **waste free lunches at school or at home!** Please help your kids try to avoid using such items as packaged snacks, juice boxes, straws, plastic utensils, paper napkins and ziploc bags. Not sure how to do it? Visit <http://nottingham.apsva.us/wastefreelunch> for ideas. Thanks for your support as we couldn't do it without you! Questions? Contact greenteam@nespta.org

Our school social worker, Maggie Ryan, has shared some resources for families. Please take a look.

[Lasagna Love Flyers.pdf](#)

[Arlington CTA 2021 Flyer FINAL.pdf](#)

Looking for summer enrichment for your child? **William & Mary's Summer Enrichment Program** is an academically challenging program with an emphasis on inquiry-based learning for students. The program is not meant to replace the regular school curriculum; rather, it recognizes the importance of allowing able children to explore additional specialized areas of science, mathematics, humanities, and the arts. [Click for More Information](#). Summer 2021 SEP registration is now open for high ability students in grades 2-12. William & Mary's Center for Gifted Education is excited to offer 2 weeks of virtual opportunities with courses available in the morning and afternoon each week. We have virtual courses available in the areas of **robotics, civics, STEM, coding, writing, social science, and many more**. Please see our [Summer 2021](#) brochure for more information.