

Nottingham Knightly News

May 11, 2021

Dear Nottingham Families,

Thank you to all our families for the treats, flowers, gift cards, notes, lunches and other gifts for **Teacher Appreciation Week**. We are so lucky to have your support! We look forward to continuing to celebrate staff throughout the month of May including **Lunch Heroes**, Ms. Tran and Ms. Fatima and **Public Health Nurses** Juliette Jackson and Ana Rejo Ayala.

Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating this holiday. To wish someone a happy Eid, you can simply say “Eid Mubarak”, which means you are wishing them a “blessed Eid.”

We have some **exciting staffing updates!** A huge congratulations to **Donna Jensen** and **Susie Matthews** on your retirement! We are so excited for you to enjoy all that life has to offer! Also moving on to new chapters are **Shannon Brandt**, who will enjoy a year at home with Baby Brandt and **Katie Oby** who is moving to Charleston! Internally, we will be shifting some folks around as well. **Trish Zipfel** will be moving up to **grade 5**.

We are also celebrating **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**. Throughout the month students will hear stories, enjoy guest readers, and learn about all the ways Asian Pacific Americans contribute to our society. Ask you Knight what s/he is learning.

As we approach the end of the school year, know that our staff understands your child’s needs and will be sure to make the best classroom placement for her or him next year. Next year’s placement decisions involve a variety of individuals. **Please refrain from making specific teacher requests.** Instead, I encourage you to attend our **Rising Grade Level Parent Orientations from 8:15-8:45AM** to become more familiar with the staff in the next grade level. I have included the dates below. Please join our teaching teams for each grade level as follows (use attached MS Teams link):

- Tuesday, June 1; **Rising 5th**
- Wednesday, June 2; **Rising 3rd**
- Thursday, June 3; **Rising 1st**
- Friday, June 4; **Rising 4th**
- Monday, June 7; **Rising Kindergarten**
- Tuesday, June 8; **Rising 2nd**

You have probably seen the message from the **Department of Teaching and Learning** regarding summer school. Please consider attending the **virtual town hall** on May 17

from 6:00-7:00PM for more information. In the meantime, we are currently planning how we support our students this summer and immediately upon our return in September.

Nottingham's talent show "**Knights on Stage**" will be taking a virtual spin this year! We are inviting our students to share their talents with their classmates in a performance that will be **aired on June 14th**. Our students will have the opportunity to record a short video of themselves sharing their talents using a cell phone or iPad. This talent could be singing a song or performing on an instrument, sharing a gymnastic performance, comedy skit, art piece, magic performance, or dancing! We are asking that parents with students who are interested in participating encourage their child to keep their performance under 2 minutes if possible.

Once students have recorded their performance, please fill out this [google form](#) where you can upload and share the video. All videos are due by June 4th to allow time for editing. Please contact Mrs. Achille (ashlyn.warner@apsva.us) if you have any questions. Thank you and "break a leg" Knights!

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:

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| • May 11-May 21 | DIBELS Testing, grades 3-5 |
| • May 17, Monday | Summer School Town Hall, 6:00PM |
| • May 17-June 11 | SOL Testing Window |
| • May 25, Tuesday | 3rd Grade Reading SOL |
| • May 26-27 | 5 th Grade Reading SOL |
| • May 31, Monday | Memorial Day, No School |
| • June 1, Tuesday | 3 rd Grade Math SOL |
| • June 1, Tuesday | PTA Meeting, 7:00PM |
| • June 2-3 | 5 th Grade Math SOL |
| • June 4, Friday | 4th Grade Reading SOL |
| • June 9-10 | 5 th Grade Science SOL |
| • June 11, Friday | 4th Grade Math |

Thanks,

Eileen

Reminders

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 Wednesdays. Our virtual learners may come to school the day of the test and check in at Door 8 (cafeteria entrance) or Door 10 (extended day entrance) and report to the cafeteria for their test. Their parents will be called, upon their completion and they will be dismissed home to log in for the rest of their school day. 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

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.