

# Nottingham Knightly News

May 18, 2021

Dear Nottingham Families,

Thank you to our **Nottingham Girl Scout Troops** for generously donating **Girl Scout cookies!** Much appreciated.

Many of you have been asking how to register for **Extended Day for the 2021-22** school year. Please [use this link](#) to find out how you can register your child(ren).

Looking for **summer camps?** Below is a link to the DPR fee reduction page. Families can apply online to access reduced rates in camp programs. For families who did not receive a school lunch letter, there are a number of other ways to qualify. Link to the Fee Reduction page: [Fee Reduction Policy Overview - Parks & Recreation \(arlingtonva.us\)](#)

This past Friday, **Governor Northam announced new easing of mitigation measures.** Governor Northam also announced that Virginia will ease all distancing and capacity restrictions on Friday, May 28, two weeks earlier than planned. The updated guidance aligns with the CDC recommendations that fully vaccinated individuals do not have to wear masks except in congregate settings, this also applies to schools. **Masks will continue to be required in school buildings for all.** APS is currently reviewing the Governor's updated order and will provide a summary of the impact on our COVID related policies and procedures. At this time we will **continue to follow our current procedures** as the changes that impact educational settings will not be effective until May 28.

**Press Release:** [Governor Northam Lifts Mask Mandate to Align with CDC Guidance, Announces Virginia to End COVID-19 Mitigation Measures on May 28](#)

[Updated Executive Order 79](#)

**Vaccine Approval for Students Age 12-15:** Following VDH's announcement -- [Virginia to Begin Vaccinating Those Aged 12-15 Following Federal Approval](#) – we pushed/updated the following information:

- News release: <https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/free-covid-19-vaccine-appointments-now-available-for-12-15-year-olds/>
- The scheduling page is updated to include the clinics for 12-17 year-olds: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/covid-19/vaccines/registration/>



- **May 31, Monday**                    **Memorial Day, No School**
- [June 1, Tuesday](#)                    [3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math SOL](#)
- PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
- [June 2-3](#)                                    [5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math SOL](#)
- June 4, Friday                            4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading SOL
- [June 9-10](#)                                [5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science SOL](#)
- June 11, Friday                         4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

Thanks,

Eileen

## Reminders

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](mailto:ashlyn.warner@apsva.us)) if you have any questions. Thank you and "break a leg" Knights!

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.

*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**.*

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.