

# Nottingham Knightly News

May 4, 2021

Dear Nottingham Families,

May the Fourth be with you! Happy Star Wars Day. We hope to see you **tonight for our PTA Meeting**. We have a new board to elect and the Parent Resource Center will present on Disability Awareness. Use the following link to join on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85075707272>

Thank you to the PTA for your generosity as we celebrate **Teacher Appreciation Week**. The notes, flowers and Potbelly lunches are so appreciated. Every single day I am reminded of how far above and beyond our staff goes to meet the needs of all our students.

Thank you to **Catherine Matthews** for all your word putting together the fabulous **MayFest on Sunday**. What a great event. The winners of the Mayfest games and all video submitters can claim a goodie bag. The bags will be left outside by the front doors of the school from May 4th to May 11th. Please collect only 1 bag per winning child/teammate.

Join us on Friday to thank your school's food services team as part of **School Lunch Hero Day**. We thank the 126 staff who have served well over 2.1 million free meals this school year, to date. For the first part of the year, the meal pickups and friendly smiles from our food services staff provided an essential service and a way for students to feel connected.

## Nottingham's Mental Health Team's parent tip

**of the week:** If your child struggles with regulating emotional outbursts, try to help them visualize what they will be doing successfully in the future when they handle a frustrating challenge well. For instance, if your child tends to get upset when playing video games with a sibling, then in a calm moment, ask your child to imagine they are losing a game, but nonetheless staying calm. Have them tell you what they notice they are doing to keep calm. Visualizing a successful moment and talking about how it occurred, can help a child to identify and strengthen their skills.

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

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

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.

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.