

Nottingham Knightly News

July 21, 2021

Dear Nottingham Families,

I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer. For those of you who ordered them, **yearbooks** will be finalized soon and will be ready for **pick-up in August**. We'll keep you posted.

Also, **rising K families**, stay tuned and check our website and the PTA website for playdates! See you on the playground.

We are in preparation mode for the upcoming school year and will share classroom and other information in mid-August – including arrival and dismissal information; where to enter and exit the building; walker, car rider, and bus information; etc., so more to come on all of that. **We will return to our regular school hours (9:00 AM to 3:41 PM) this year and we will start school before Labor Day on Monday, August 30.**

We continue to plan for the return to school by delving deeply into four areas:

- Continuing to build an **inclusive model school** that honors differences in culture, learning needs, race and religion.
- Learning a new literacy program, **Structured Literacy**, that includes a heavy focus on phonics instruction.
- Developing plans to address **unfinished learning** for our students at each grade level, both academically and emotionally.
- Refreshing our **Responsive Classroom** practices to help us address the adjustment back to full-time in-person instruction.

A note from our clinic... Please remember to submit your required medical documents for your rising Kindergarten students and new students to APS by August 27. The state of Virginia mandates that all students have the following medical documentation on file prior to in person learning: 1. A complete physical exam dated within 1 calendar year from the start of school -- ie. the physical can be dated August 30, 2020, or later. 2. Tuberculosis Risk assessment or IGRA blood test. 3. Immunization record that includes all new requirements for Hepatitis A series. Please drop off at Nottingham or email forms directly to **Holly Vernau, hvernau@arlingtonva.us**, as soon as you are able so we can complete the student registrations.

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:

August 26, Thursday	New to Nottingham Orientation, 8:30-9:00AM School Wide Open House, 9:00-10:00AM
August 27, Friday	Required medical documents due to the clinic for all students who are new to APS (kindergarten and others)
August 30, Monday	First Day of School
September 3-6	Labor Day Holiday
September 7, Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah – no school for students
September 9, Thursday	Back to School Night, 7:00PM PTA Meeting to follow BTSN
September 10, Friday	Ice Cream Social, 3:45-5:00PM
September 16, Thursday	Yom Kippur – no school for students

As always, reach out if you have questions or if you need anything. We are very excited to see everyone when we get back in August.

Thanks,

Eileen

As a reminder, here are a few resources you can use this summer to support our transition back to a full-time schedule.

Overall Resources through APS

- <https://www.apsva.us/titlei/home-school-connection/summer-reading/>
- <https://www.apsva.us/summer-learning/>

Language Arts

- Continue to **access online apps** (Raz Kids, Lexia)
- Participate in our summer reading program **Bookopoly**
- Participate in the **Arlington Public Library Summer Reading Program**

Math

- Continue to **access online apps** (Reflex, Dreambox)
- **Summer Math Challenge-Opens June 21**
This is a free six-week online math skills maintenance program designed for students who have just completed grades 1-8. The 2021 Challenge will support student learning at home and offers daily emails with fun activities and links to educational resources at each student's ability level. Parents can monitor their child's progress and generate weekly badges and a certificate to celebrate accomplishments. [Sign up](#) for the Summer Math Challenge at the Lexile and Quantile Hub.

Social Emotional

- If you need immediate, non-emergency assistance, please contact the Office of **Student Services at 703-228-6061**. If you are in a crisis or need mental health support, please contact the free **Cigna School Support Line: 833-632-4462 at any time**. The line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please see below for information about mental health resources and community resources at: [Mental Health Resources - Arlington Career Center](#)
- Focus on the **"Core Four"** for your child: Good sleep habits, balanced diet, physical activity, and unstructured quiet time.

- Lots of children love to be challenged. Consider creating a kid or family kindness challenge board. A template with ideas can be found [HERE](#).
- Engage in regular physical activity: swimming, yoga, Tae Kwon Do, dancing, running, walking, hiking, tennis, golf, team sports, water sprinkler fun and even water balloon battles, etc.

The superintendent will host a series of virtual Town Halls in August to provide back-to-school updates for students and families. The district is exploring in-person attendance for these events. **The family town halls will be held in English and in Spanish on August 11 in the evening.** More details will be provided on the Engage webpage in July. **The APS website** will be updated regularly with information about the return to in-person school and the Virtual Learning Program. APS will post a back-to-school guide and other materials to prepare families for the school year in August.