



Nottingham Knightly News

March 26, 2019

Important Dates

18-29 March	Waste Free Lunch
27 March, Wednesday	SCA Spirit Day – Moustache Day
28 March, Thursday	Book Swap/Ice Cream Social, 6:30-8:00PM
1 April, Monday	No School - Grade Prep Day
3 April, Wednesday	5 th Grade visits to middle schools
4 April, Thursday	Kindergarten/School Information Session, 9:15AM
11 April, Thursday	STEAM Night, 6:00-8:00PM
15-19 April	Spring Break
5 May, Sunday	May Fest Fiesta

2018-2019 Early Release Dates: June 5, June 12. Students will be dismissed at 1:26PM.

From the Principal

Hi Everyone,

It was great to see many of you at the Friendship 5K on Saturday. Thanks for supporting our schools.

We are in the beginning planning phases of standards based grading, which will be implemented at Nottingham next year (2019-20) and countywide in 2020-21. Sarah Putnam, Director of Teaching and Learning, will be addressing our families soon. Stay tuned for a date and time.

Rising grade level orientations are on the horizon! Stay tuned for dates when you can come hear from **teacher teams** about what you can expect next year at each level.

Please check out the PTA website to view the [PTA Newsletter](#) for this week. Speaking of the PTA, if you looking for a way be a member of the PTA Executive Team, volunteer, or just attend the meetings, now is your chance! The PTA Is currently searching for a team to lead the 2019-20 school year. The PTA is currently searching for people to fill the roles of Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Communications and Recording Secretary. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, be part of a great team and laugh! No experience required. Contact the PTA Nominating Committee at nominatingcommittee@nespta.org or reach out directly to Angela Na, Gina Craig, Laurie Sinton or Lauren Rascoe.

Eileen

Kudos and Appreciation

Congratulations to our fabulous **crossing guard, Mr. Jeff Coval** for being nominated as Crossing Guard of the Year. While he didn't win it this year, we are so thankful to have Mr. Coval helping us get to and from Nottingham each day.

Announcements and Reminders

Reminder...Please join us for Nottingham's **STEAM Night** on **Thursday, April 11th from 6:00-8:00 PM**.

What? STEAM Night

When? Thursday, April 11th

Where? Nottingham Elementary

Time? 6:00-8:00pm

What should I expect?

- Hands on STEAM stations in the cafeteria
- ImagiLAB activities in the library
- STEAMing Ahead Exemplary Project Expos
- STEAM Museum (Ticket Required see below)

The STEAM Museum hosted by Mobile Ed Productions will feature hands-on activities in the gym from 6:00-8:15. For this experience, space is limited, and it is a *first come, first serve!* Sign up today to receive a ticket at: <https://bit.ly/2TQjawg>

Sign-ups for the STEAM Museum experience will close on Sunday April 7th. Tickets will go home on April 8th.

Reminder...Believe it or not, we have started to plan for the next school year and we would like to get an idea of who's returning. Below is the link for **Intent to Return** information. We request that this online link be filled out by every family by **May 1**. This information really helps us to plan for next year. If you do not have access to the online

link, please contact the office and we can help you. Thanks for your cooperation!
bit.ly/ntmintent

March is **Arts in the Schools Month**. For more information visit
<https://www.apsva.us/post/march-is-arts-in-the-schools-month/>

Reminder...The **Standards of Learning (SOL)** testing window is from 5/13- 6/14. Nottingham Elementary School will be administering tests on the dates below. Please refrain from scheduling doctor's appointments or travel during this window or on these dates.

3rd Grade SOL Dates

- Reading 5/23
- Math 6/6

4th Grade SOL Dates

- Reading 5/22
- Math 6/5
- Virginia Studies 5/30

5th Grade SOL Dates

- Reading 5/21
- Math 6/4
- Science 5/29

Reminder...As you may have heard, we are piloting a **preschool program** next year. Please see the attached brochure for more information.

Reminder...Waste Free Lunch: March 18-29...For two weeks, Nottingham Knights will be trailblazers within APS and attempt to go waste free at lunch! 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! - Nottingham's Green Team.

Reminder...Learning Lab...Update on Procedures...Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 who need assistance completing assignments, projects, or studying for tests and quizzes are welcome to come to Nottingham's Learning Lab. The Learning Lab is a study hall in the library that is staffed by Nottingham teachers from 3:45-4:45 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Transportation must be provided or arranged by families. If your student can walk home, they may walk. Bus riders must have a parent pick them up.

Procedures:

1. Register to attend the learning lab at <http://bit.ly/learninglabregister> each time you plan for your student to attend. Parents, teachers or students can register at this link. This will create a centralized list of everyone who attends on which day. This is to account for space, and staffing.
2. Please register by noon of the day you want your student to attend.

Reminder...Make and show your film APS! Free and unlimited entries for all APS students to enter the 7th annual Arlington School Film Festival which will be the biggest yet! The 6-week countdown to deadline has begun! Have fun!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMg884XPIIdKBbgT6da8R6o3ST2PPvaC1Ma6Ss1X6HPSZK1tg/viewform>

Reminder...Save the date! Planning is already underway for 5th grade promotion. We are excited to celebrate and bid farewell to our fabulous fifth grade class by having promotion **here at Nottingham** on **Tuesday, June 18 at 10:00AM**. More information to come.

Reminder...Registration opens for APS summer enrichment options, including: Global Village, Laureate, Fun with Coding, and Summer Math Academy is now open. Please **see the attachment** for more information. Registration for **Summer School** is also open. Arlington Public Schools provides a variety of summer programs for students in Pre-K through Grade 12. Most classes begin on July 8.

Reminder...Do you have neighbors with **rising kindergartners**? Please remind them to come in to register for the 2019-2020 school year as soon as possible. We have our next **School Information Session in April** and hope to see many new faces and families then! Kindergarten registration is now open. Please encourage your neighbors to come in and pick-up a registration packet. Spread the word, we will accept partially completed packets. There is no need to wait until after you've completed the physical to return components. Getting students registered now helps us with determining our staffing needs. Our second Kindergarten Information Session will be April 4, at 9:15 AM. All the dates for the coming **school information sessions** for the 2019-20 School Year follow:

Thursday, April 4, 2019

9:15 – 10:45 a.m. – Arlington Science Focus, Carlin Springs, Drew, Hoffman-Boston, Jamestown, Key, Long Branch, McKinley, Nottingham, Oakridge

12:45 – 2:15 p.m. – Arlington Traditional, Barrett, Campbell, Claremont, Fleet (Henry), Montessori Public School of Arlington*, Randolph, Tuckahoe

The following countywide option schools will offer additional information sessions on the dates listed below:

Arlington Traditional School

Friday, April 12, 2019 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Campbell Elementary School

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

**The Montessori Public School of Arlington information session will take place at Drew Model. For additional information or questions, please contact the APS Welcome Center at 703-228-8000 or schooloptions@apsva.us.*