

Thursday, August 29, 2019

Hi Everyone,

Tuesday, September 3 is the First Day of School and we can't wait! It was great to see so many of you today at our open house. The 5th grade team has started moving in to their classrooms and we hope to be in for Tuesday. If that's not the case, I'll send out a note to the grade level. In the meantime, **fifth graders should report to the multi-purpose room** when they arrive to school on Tuesday. All other students should line up outside their classrooms.

Dismissal:

K/1 front blacktop

2- Front door

3-4 through front, back or side doors

5- from post or through relocatables

We have just received the **SOL scores** from the 2018-2019 school year. We will send them out tomorrow.

You may remember that we are embracing **standards-based grading** this year. **Sarah Putnam, Director of Teaching and Learning**, will be at our **October PTA** meeting to share more information. Information sessions will be offered **countywide in September and October**. I'll share the dates as soon as I have them.

Please note that there are students who have food allergies and sensitivities at Nottingham. **Parents should not provide food for children other than their own during school hours**. This includes in the cafeteria/ at lunch, in class for a snack, and during classroom celebrations (birthday celebrations, class parties). Please remind your students that they should not share food with their friends while at school as a precaution. For more information, please see the APS Food Allergy Guidelines (https://www.apsva.us/food-and-nutrition-services/aps_food_allergy_guidelines-wcover_and_appendices/)

A few reminders:

Safety and security are our top priority and our **new visitor management system, Raptor**, has been installed. Parents will be required to **bring ID with them** in order to sign-in. Please make every effort. I will share more on the system later. Until then, please follow this link for more information and a list of frequently asked questions about Raptor <https://www.apsva.us/emergency-management/visiting-a-school/>.

The **Clothesline for Arlington Kids** is a local non-profit that provides quality clothes free-of-charge to school aged children (K-12) from low income families in Arlington County. We are in need of **clean kids clothes** (pants, shirts, jackets, sweats), new or lightly worn **shoes, and accessories** in good condition such as belts, hats and backpacks. We cannot use clothes in poor condition (dirty, ripped, stains, broken zippers, excessive wear), promotional or event t-shirts, sports uniforms athletic gear, used underwear or socks, baby clothes, toys books, hangers. Please consider donating items to the bin in the entry way.

As always, reach out if you have any questions. Please check out our [PTA newsletter](#) and remember to join the PTA!

Thanks,

Eileen