

# **Nottingham Knightly News**

**November 20, 2019**

## ***From the Principal***

Check out the [PTA Newsletter](#).

What a great turnout at the **"Rock the 80s" auction**. Thank you all for your generosity! We will put the money to great use. Teachers are already looking forward to special outings with our students.

Our **ASPAN Walk-a-Thon** raised **\$1055.00** to help provide medical care and meals to community members who need it. See the attached letter of appreciation for more information. Way to go, Nottingham! [ASPAN.pdf](#)

Starting now! Our Nottingham community will be spearheading **a gift card drive** as well as a **"Seats and Feets" drive** (see attached flyer) to support families in the Arlington community who need a little extra help from Santa this year. [seats and feets.pdf](#)

You'll find a letter attached that described the **Second Step program**. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions regarding this curriculum. [Second Step.pdf](#)

**Report cards** will be delivered to your **Parent Vue** account this **Friday, November 22 at 4:00PM**.

**Learning Lab** is coming soon! On **Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45** in the library, students who need some extra support or homework help can drop by and work with of our teachers. If you would like to enroll your child in this drop-in support program, please use the link below to register. [bit.ly/learninglabregister](http://bit.ly/learninglabregister)

The next SCA Spirit Day **"Dress Alike/Twin Day"** is **Tuesday, November 26**. This is an all-inclusive event. Some ideas for students who haven't found a partner include:

- Wearing class t-shirts
- Wearing spirit wear
- Matching a sibling

- Asking a teacher for help finding a “dress alike/twin”

The **Martin Luther King Jr. Literary and Visual Arts Contest** is happening now. For more information about how your child can participate, please visit <https://www.apsva.us/mlk-contest/>

We wish you all a happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time with family and friends and have safe travels should be heading out of town.

Thanks,

Eileen

## ***Upcoming Events and Opportunities***

### ***Important Dates***

22 November, Friday	Report Cards Issued (electronically)
27-29 November	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
3 December, Tuesday	PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
11 December, Wednesday	Early Release, 1:26PM
18 December, Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Chorus Concert, 7:00PM
23 December – 3 January	Winter Break
24 January, Friday	Sock Hop
30 January, Thursday	Instrumental Music Concert, 7:00PM

**2019-20 Early Release Dates:** **December 11**, January 15, February 12, March 11, June 3, June 10. Students will be dismissed at **1:26PM**.

**2019-20 Parent Teacher Conference Dates:** March 5-6

## ***Reminders***

Is your child cold? Are you missing a jacket or two? Our **lost and found has 74 coats and jackets** just waiting to warm up our students. You may also find a water bottle, lunchbox, helmets, gloves and so much more! Please stop by to see what might belong to your child(ren). Anything left will be donated on **Friday, November 22**.

APS is in the early process of preparing the draft for the **2020-21 school year calendar**. The Virginia Legislature recently gave control of calendars back to school divisions which means that school divisions could start before Labor Day. APS invites families and staff to **provide input on whether to start school before or after Labor Day**. There are three draft versions of a calendar available to review, two of which begin school prior to Labor Day. [The online calendar survey](#) is available through Nov. 22 and responses will help inform the final recommendation that will be presented for the School Board's approval in January 2020.

APS recently [unveiled two planning proposals](#) that explore moving some elementary schools in 2021-22 to address challenges before the **Fall 2020 Elementary School Boundary Process** begins. The proposals may be revised after staff reviews and community input. Final proposal(s) will be presented to the School Board on Jan. 6, 2020, with a School Board Public Hearing on Jan. 30, 2020 and School Board action scheduled for February 9, 2020.

**Community engagement** for these proposals is underway now, and a new Online Information Session has been made available for community members. This session features a brief panel discussion and presentation by APS leaders to address initial questions we have received from the community to date. A Spanish version of this information session will be released soon. **Coming Soon:** A Community Questionnaire that will gather input, ideas and suggestions from stakeholders.

For more information, visit

[www.apsva.us/engage/planning-for-2020-elementary-school-boundary-process/](http://www.apsva.us/engage/planning-for-2020-elementary-school-boundary-process/).

**Have a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader?** Learn more about middle school options and transfers at <https://www.apsva.us/post/middle-school-options-transfers-information-for-sy-2020-21/>

**There's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing.** We go out for recess unless it's really raining or if there's a weather advisory. While some snowflakes are falling today and it probably won't amount to anything, it's a good time to remind everyone to have a **plan for inclement weather**. The APS Winter Weather Procedures can be found here

<https://www.apsva.us/post/get-ready-for-winter-weather-2/>