

# **Nottingham Knightly News**

**November 12, 2019**

## **From the Principal**

Check out the [PTA Newsletter](#).

Thanks to **Sara Zoller** and **Taylor Perez** for helping our student to make and send cards to our US Military troops. I know our service men and women will appreciate hearing from our students. Thanks to **all our families** for donating Halloween candy to share with them as well. Happy Veterans Day to our families and staff who have served and continue to serve.

Tonight is our **PTA Meeting at 7:00PM!** We will have a panel discussion on the topic of **Digital Parenting: Social Media and Mobile Devices in the Middle Grades**. The panel will be two parents of middle school students, the head of counseling at Williamsburg, and a private practice therapist who sees middle-school aged kids. They'll be discussing what they see in middle schoolers in terms of use of mobile devices and social media and any issues that tend to arise, and how we can plan for it.

Please check out the attached power point that highlights key content covered in **Family Life Education**. We will have some time at the PTA Meeting tonight to answer any questions you may have.

**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/>

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.

**School and class pictures** are scheduled to be sent home on Friday. If you have not yet ordered your prints, you can log in to [www.vosphoto.com/nottingham](http://www.vosphoto.com/nottingham) Use your email and the student lunch/library number to log in. **Picture Retake Day is November 20.**

Thanks,

Eileen

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

### ***Important Dates***

12 November, Tuesday	PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
16 November, Saturday	PTA Auction 6:30-10:00PM
20 November, Wednesday	Picture Make-up/Retake
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

**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***

As we begin to wrap up the first quarter, we want to remind families that if you have not yet completed your online verification form, please do so. The first quarter **standards-based report cards** will be electronically sent on **Friday, November 22**.

Now that **Daylight Savings has ended**, it's a good time to remind our students to be safe walking through the neighborhood including:

- Always walk with a friend
- Always use crosswalks and obey traffic signals
- Be in touch with your family about your whereabouts

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 bottles, 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**.

Thanks to our Auction Committee, **Lizz Kauffman, Lauren Conklin, and Daniele Herndon** and the rest of the auction committee for organizing our **Knights Rock the 80s Auction** coming up **Saturday, November 16th from 6:30-10:00PM** at Knights of Columbus.

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 community input, and 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/).