

Nottingham Knightly News

March 9, 2021

Dear Nottingham Families,

What a nice surprise to have a Panera lunch gift certificate, welcome back sign and "thanks for your commit-mint" kits! Teachers and staff are definitely feeling the love! Thank you.

Thanks for your patience and for following all our directions for drop-off and pick-up. Things are going very smoothly. We've noticed several students could benefit from having **two masks for each day**. Feel free to send a spare in for your child to change midday.

Outdoor lunch is going VERY well. We'll continue to go outside as often as possible. When packing lunch, please consider going "waste free". For ideas about waste free lunch, please visit our [Green Team link](#) on the website.

Transportation continues to work on routes for students. If you either **need a bus (and are eligible) and don't have one or no longer need APS transportation**, please let us know so we can work with transportation to make necessary adjustments.

Arrival: As students arrive in the morning, we recommend that you **take a screenshot of your approved health screening** to show upon entering the building. You may share this with any adult who is dropping off students.

Kiss and Ride means you are dropping your child(ren) off from the car and they walk into school on their own. Please show a screenshot of your approved health screening. Kiss and Ride is on N. Ohio Street. Students should exit the vehicle through the passenger side. Please read and follow posted signs around the school and follow all traffic rules.

Walkers are students who have walked **from home to school** and enter through either door 3 or 10, accompanied by an adult. **Parents may not park and walk** students in to the school. Students in grade 5 may walk straight to the relocatable classrooms.

Meals and Recess: If you are interested in grab and go breakfast or lunch, please **visit the APS Food Services** website. The menu is designed to be a two-week cycle. We recommend **sending in a towel** for students to use for social distancing and to be seated on the ground, picnic style. We will go **outside for lunch and recess as frequently as possible**. Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing.

Dismissal: Remember to develop a Pick-Up Plan. [Using this form](#) means the information goes straight to the classroom teachers. Students will be **dismissed from 2:20-2:40PM**.

Please be here by 2:20PM. Students in grades 2-5 may walk home on their own. Older siblings may pick up younger siblings. Please make sure the teachers know.

Reminder: The PTA is an important player in what happens at Nottingham and we are searching for a team to lead the 2021-22 school year. We are currently searching for people to fill the roles of President, Vice Presidents (External/Fundraising, Internal/Volunteer, and Communications), and Treasurer. It 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 Stacy Rosenthal, Lauren Rascoe, or Angela Na!

Some upcoming dates:

- March 29-April 2 Spring Break
- April 5, Monday Synchronous Learning Day All Students
- April 12-30 CogAT Testing, grades 2-5
- May 4, Tuesday PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
- May 17-June 11 SOL Testing Window

Thanks,

Eileen

Return to School Details

Today's announcement from **Superintendent Durán** includes information about:

- COVID-19 Notification Procedures and [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- School Board Meeting, Thursday, March 11
- [Budget Timeline](#)

In last week's [announcement](#), **Superintendent Durán** talks about the following key points:

- Student Health Symptom Screener, including tutorials in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- [COVID Response and Testing](#)
- School Resource Officers
- Transportation Updates, including informative videos in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- [APS Mask Policy](#)*

*Each child will be given two masks from APS. Please have your children **practice wearing a mask** for longer periods of time. Additionally, APS has provided a number of [great resources](#) to help students adjust to wearing masks at school.

For families who plan to remain virtual:

Materials: Please continue using the virtual learning kits and other materials that you have been using at home. Please remember to charge your child's iPad each night and send it to school each day.

While students at school are transitioning: Our teaching teams will work collaboratively this week to address the need to ensure that our virtual learners are given the time and attention needed to stay focused on instruction throughout the transition period. Thank you for your patience as we navigate these changes. Your homeroom teacher will communicate expectations the week prior to returning.

For families who plan to return in-person:

Arrival: Parents are expected to complete the health screener for each child each day. Upon arrival to school, student health screening and temperature checks will occur at entry points. Please use the entry point that most fits how your child will arrive at school each day. Below are the entry points that students may use:

- Door 1 – Bus Riders Only
- Door 3 – Walkers Only
- Door 10 – Walkers Only
- Door 11- Car Riders Only
- Trailer entrance (closest to playground) – 5th Grade Only

Dismissal: All students will leave through the door they enter in the morning. Students must leave campus at dismissal time. The playgrounds and fields are not available for after-school play.

Breakfast: Free breakfast is available for all students. Grab and Go breakfasts will be available at your child's assigned entrance door. Procedures will be provided soon.

Lunch: Free lunch is available for all students. Avoid sending any known allergens with your child. Procedures for lunch will be provided soon.

Water: Please provide a filled water bottle daily. We can refill them in the classroom or at water filling stations, but students may not drink from the water fountains.

Recess: Our plan is to have recess outside, whenever possible. Please be sure your child has weather appropriate clothing each day. Additional information about recess will be provided soon.

Masks: Students and staff are **required to wear masks throughout the day**, except when actively eating. Students who willfully do not wear a mask may be asked to return to virtual learning.

Materials: Please keep the virtual learning kits and other materials that you have been using at home. Teachers will communicate which materials are needed at school. It's a good idea to send a sweater or sweatshirt to keep in the classroom, just in case students get cold. Please remember to charge your child's iPad each night and send it to school each day.

Extended Day: At this time, there is no opportunity for extended day. We will keep you updated.

Reminders

Welcome to our new **School Health Nurse! Juliette Jackson** has joined our Nottingham community. The School Health team has been busy preparing for the return of students. If you are planning to have medication for your student at school, please call 703-228-8329 to schedule an appointment time to drop off the medication and to review the signed physician order. Physician order forms for medications and other important information about COVID-19 can be found at:

<https://health.arlingtonva.us/public-health/school-health/>

Our school social worker, Maggie Ryan, has shared some resources for families. Please take a look.

[Lasagna Love Flyers.pdf](#)

[Arlington CTA 2021 Flyer FINAL.pdf](#)

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. Families interested in attending an option school or program are currently able to apply online until Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 4 p.m. The process for applying to pre-K and elementary option schools and programs is available on the **school options webpage**. As a reminder, all families will need to apply for the option schools or programs they are interested in every year to be included in the lottery because waitlists reset annually after the lottery occurs. Families interested in applying to a pre-K or elementary option school or program should complete an application through the **online application portal**. The following is the pre-K and elementary option schools and programs application process timeline:

- **April 15, 2021:** The application for pre-K and elementary option schools and programs closes.
- **April 22, 2021:** Lotteries for all elementary option schools and programs will be held by the APS Welcome Center.

- **April 23, 2021:** Lotteries for all pre-K programs will be held by the APS Welcome Center.
- **April 30, 2021:** Families will be notified of their acceptance or placement on the waitlist.
- **May 14, 2021:** Families must confirm or decline attendance to an option school or program.

For additional information or questions about the registration process or pre-K and elementary option schools and programs, please contact the APS Welcome Center at 703-228-8000 or schoolorptions@apsva.us.

The Preschool Application process is OPEN! From February 1 until April 15, be sure to apply to APS Montessori, VPI (Virginia Preschool Initiative) or CPP (Community Peer Pre-K) Programs! **VPI (Virginia Preschool Initiative)** is a free full day Pre-K program located at several Arlington County elementary schools. Students in the VPI program participate in engaging, language rich and developmentally appropriate learning experiences which build their foundational academic and social-emotional skills and assists in preparing students for Kindergarten. **Primary Montessori** is a full-day multi-age preschool program located in many Arlington County elementary schools. Students in the Primary Montessori classroom range in age from 3-5 and participate in a learning environment that emphasizes respect for others, peace and creativity. Students work independently and cooperatively in a prepared environment which enables students to work at their own pace. **The Community Peer Program** is an inclusive Pre-K program located in a few Arlington County elementary schools. This program offers students with and without disabilities a high-quality, engaging and interactive preschool experience. The CPP program is designed to provide students with and without disabilities the opportunity to learn together and grow in all developmental areas. **Where to apply:** For application assistance please contact the Welcome Center or contact your local neighborhood school. You can call our Welcome Center at 703-228-8000 or 703-228-8665. Here is the link to apply online: <https://apsva.schoolmint.net/signin> and for questions email us at earlychildhood@apsva.us.

Looking for summer enrichment for your child? **William & Mary's Summer Enrichment Program** is an academically challenging program with an emphasis on inquiry-based learning for students. The program is not meant to replace the regular school curriculum; rather, it recognizes the importance of allowing able children to explore additional specialized areas of science, mathematics, humanities, and the arts. [Click for More Information](#). Summer 2021 SEP registration is now open for high ability students in grades 2-12. William & Mary's Center for Gifted Education is excited to offer 2 weeks of virtual opportunities with courses available in the morning and afternoon each week. We have virtual courses available in the areas of **robotics, civics, STEM, coding, writing, social science, and many more**. Please see our [Summer 2021](#) brochure for more information.

