



# **Nottingham Knightly News**

**March 19, 2019**

## **Important Dates**

18-29 March	Waste Free Lunch
23 March, Saturday	Discovery/Nottingham Friendship 5K
27 March, Wednesday	SCA Spirit Day – stay tuned
28 March, Thursday	Book Swap/Ice Cream Social, 6:30-8:00PM
1 April, Monday	No School - Grade Prep Day
3 April, Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade visits to middle schools
4 April, Thursday	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,

Nottingham participated in the statewide tornado drill today at 9:45. Students entered the hallway and assumed a “duck and cover” position. The drill took approximately 5 minutes and we were pleased with how well our students did during the drill.

Please check out the PTA website to view the [PTA Newsletter](#) for this week.

Eileen

## ***Kudos and Appreciation***

Thank you to **Mimi Shah, Sarah Wysocki** and the entire **Green Team** for leading the charge on our Waste Free Lunch event. Can't wait to see how we do!

## ***Announcements and Reminders***

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

**What?** STEAM Night

**When?** Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

**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 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go home on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://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/>

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.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade SOL Dates**

- Reading 5/23
- Math 6/6

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade SOL Dates**

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

### **5<sup>th</sup> 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...**We wanted to remind all of our families that when you have to call your child out, please remember to email the teacher, the attendance line ([attendance.ntm@groups.apsva.us](mailto:attendance.ntm@groups.apsva.us)) and extended day if your child attends. This helps make sure we get the message and you don't get a robo call! Thanks.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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...**On **Wednesday, April 3**, fifth graders will visit their future APS middle school (Williamsburg or Swanson). Buses will take the students in the morning after they arrive at Nottingham and they will stay through lunch, then return to Nottingham in the early afternoon. Fifth graders can bring their lunch to the middle school or purchase a lunch using their school account. No parent chaperones are needed because teachers and other staff will serve chaperones. Students will get a tour of the school, look in on classrooms and learn more about the middle school experience. Students planning to attend HB Woodlawn or a non-APS school will tour their neighborhood middle school (Swanson or Williamsburg). There is no option to stay at Nottingham while the rest of the grade and teachers are gone. A **field trip permission form** will be sent home this week. Please sign it and return it to your child's teacher by the following week. If you have any questions, please contact school counselor **Mark Jones at 703-228-2302** or [mark.jones2@apsva.us](mailto:mark.jones2@apsva.us)

**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:

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

9:15 – 10:45 a.m. – Arlington Traditional, Barrett, Claremont, Key, Montessori Public School of Arlington\*, Randolph, Taylor

12:45 – 2:15 p.m. – Abingdon, Arlington Science Focus, Ashlawn, Barcroft, Carlin Springs, Discovery, Drew, Glebe, Hoffman-Boston, Long Branch

**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**

Monday, February 25, 2019 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

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

**Campbell Elementary School**

Thursday, February 21, 2019 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 14, 2019 9 – 10:30 a.m.

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

**Key Immersion School**

Thursday, March 14, 2019 6-7 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](mailto:schooloptions@apsva.us).*

**Reminder...Parent to Parent (P2P) Family Training on ADHD will occur on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to noon from February 27 to April 10.** P2P provides parents with a comprehensive understanding of ADHD as well as strategies to improve life at home and school. Designed by parents for parents, this training provides information from the parent' perspective. Throughout this course, you will learn what ADHD is, its probable causes, the process of diagnosis and assessment, components of a multimodal treatment approach, complementary and alternative treatment options, strategies for creating an ADHD-friendly home environment and how to support a child with ADHD at school. This free 6-week session is open to all Arlington parents but registration is required and space is limited. Attendance at all 6 sessions is required. [Register online now](#) or call the Parent Resource Center at 703-229-7239. **The schedule is follows:** February 27:

An overview of ADHD: Myths/Definition/Characteristics

March 6:	Assessment/Diagnosis/Multimodal Treatment
March 13:	ADHD-Impact on Family
March 20:	ADHD-Impact on School
March 27:	Navigating School Supports and Educational Rights
April 3:	Building Resilience for the Future/Supports for Teens
April 10:	Make up session if needed for inclement weather