

Nottingham Knightly News

June 15, 2021

Dear Nottingham Families,

As I reflect on the year, I want to say thank you. Thank you for your **patience, grace, and partnership**. We faced a lot of challenges, obstacles, and changes and together we did a fantastic job making sure we gave our best to our students. They gave us their best. We do need to say farewell to some additional staff members. **Leon Young, Natalie Boukedes, Danielle DelToro, Lori Alexander** and **Maggie Ryan** are all moving on to new babies, new careers and new homes.

As we wrap up this school year and look forward to August, I wanted to share a few things we are working on as a staff. We are:

- Continuing to build an **inclusive model school** that honors differences in culture, learning needs, race and religion.
- Learning a new literacy program, **Structured Literacy**, that includes a heavy focus on phonics instruction.
- Developing plans to address **unfinished learning** for our students at each grade level, both academically and emotionally.
- Refreshing our **Responsive Classroom** practices to help us address the adjustment back to full-time in-person instruction.

As families prepare for next year, there are a few things you can do this summer to support our transition back to a full-time schedule.

Overall Resources through APS

- <https://www.apsva.us/titlei/home-school-connection/summer-reading/>
- <https://www.apsva.us/summer-learning/>

Language Arts

- Continue to **access online apps** (Raz Kids, Lexia)
- Participate in our summer reading program **Bookopoly**
- Participate in the **Arlington Public Library Summer Reading Program**

Math

- Continue to **access online apps** (Reflex, Dreambox)
- **Summer Math Challenge-Opens June 21**
This is a free six-week online math skills maintenance program designed for students who have just completed grades 1-8. The 2021 Challenge will support

student learning at home and offers daily emails with fun activities and links to educational resources at each student's ability level. Parents can monitor their child's progress and generate weekly badges and a certificate to celebrate accomplishments. [Sign up](#) for the Summer Math Challenge at the Lexile and Quantile Hub.

Social Emotional

- If you need immediate, non-emergency assistance, please contact the Office of **Student Services at 703-228-6061**. If you are in a crisis or need mental health support, please contact the free **Cigna School Support Line: 833-632-4462 at any time**. The line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please see below for information about mental health resources and community resources at: [Mental Health Resources - Arlington Career Center](#)
- Focus on the "**Core Four**" for your child: Good sleep habits, balanced diet, physical activity, and unstructured quiet time.
- Lots of children love to be challenged. Consider creating a kid or family kindness challenge board. A template with ideas can be found [HERE](#).
- Engage in regular physical activity: swimming, yoga, Tae Kwon Do, dancing, running, walking, hiking, tennis, golf, team sports, water sprinkler fun and even water balloon battles,

Devices For Summer Learning and Reinforcement: As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to provide some information about student iPads over the summer. **APS will not collect student iPads this school year** and your child may continue using apps such as *Lexia* and *Dreambox* for educational support throughout the summer. **More important information on devices**, student accounts, and backing up student data can be [found here](#) - please read this information carefully.

Notes from the Library: As we wind down this school year, we wanted to pass along a few important dates and reminders.

All library books were due back to the library last Friday. Please help your students check around for any books that are missing and return those to the library so that we can close out the year. Thank you very much for your help!! We are doing a school-wide countdown - as of today, **we have 200+ books still out!**

Also, be on the lookout for **Nottingham's summer reading program**, which will be coming home this week for hybrid students. Copies will be available for virtual families to pick up in the bins right outside the main entrance of Nottingham (as well as in the front office). The materials will also be posted online on the library website and on Canvas, so feel free to print out a copy if you prefer. This year, we are featuring the game Bookopoly. We hope it will motivate your students to spend a lot of time reading this summer. Have fun! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nicole Gustafson, Librarian at nicole.gustafson@apsva.us A copy of the **Bookopoly board can be found below**.

[summer monopoly.pdf](#)

In June, **APS is celebrating Pride Month** in support of LGBTQ+ staff and students and in recognition of the APS commitment to safe, supportive and inclusive schools for ALL. We at **Nottingham welcome all families and all students** and strive to support everyone. Please help us by encouraging your child(ren) to be inclusive and accepting of all difference.

Please see [Dr. Durán's message](#) with updates on the following topics:

- Video message from the superintendent
- Virtual Learning Program Options
- Summer Communications

CALLING NEW KNIGHTS:

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.

Upcoming dates:

- June 17 Field Day (in-person and virtual)
- [June 18, Friday](#) [Last Day of School, Early Release](#)
- August 26, Thursday School Wide Open House
- [August 30, Monday](#) [First Day of School](#)

This will be the last installment of the Knightly News for the 2020-2021 School Year. Class assignment letters will be available in Parent Vue by August 20. We will keep you updated via SchoolTalk. Thank you again and we'll see you in August!

Thanks,

Eileen

Reminders

Elementary Summer Safety Patrol Camp Information: The Arlington County Police Department's School Resource Officer Unit is **currently accepting applications** to the Summer Safety Patrol Camp. This week-long camp is sponsored by AAA and offered to incoming 4th and 5th grade students who want to participate in safety patrols during the

upcoming academic year. See the link below for the 2021 AAA Safety Patrol Camp information and applications <https://police.arlingtonva.us/safety-patrol-camp/>

2021-2022 School Supplies! Back-to-school supply shopping has never been easier! Order online now to save the hassle of finding all the supplies your student will need and skip the trip to the store this summer! Your student's exact, teacher requested school supplies for the 2021-22 school year are available through Sprout today! Go to www.sproutsupplies.com and enter school code **NES001**. Your student's supplies will be delivered directly to your student's classroom before the first day of school! **Order deadline is July 13**, so don't delay, order now!

Grade	Price
• Kindergarten	\$47.95
• Grade 1	\$35.95
• Grade 2	\$46.95
• Grade 3	\$49.95
• Grade 4	\$57.95
• Grade 5	\$58.95

Rising 5th graders headed to **Williamsburg** can order their supplies as well with the school code **WMS002**. For additional information check out the [Williamsburg PTA](#). Students headed to **Swanson** will see supply lists posted to their website this summer.

ETC In-Person Summer Camps (Ages 3 - 18). ANNOUNCING NEW CAMP SITES: Nottingham Elementary & Westover Baptist Church. From in-person half-day camps for preschoolers to multi-week teen intensives to online classes and camps, ETC has an option for everyone! Camp topics include: storytelling, acting, film, directing, improvisation, playwriting, Shakespeare, musical theatre, and more! With 28 sessions of summer camp, we have something for every age and camper! Has your child performed in one of ETC's original musicals or taken an ETC after school class? Check out Musical Debut and Creative Dramas at Nottingham! **Space Still Available.** To register or to read ETC's policies on in-person camps visit: EducationalTheatreCompany.org/summer-camps. 703-271-0222. Please see attached flyer.

[ETC summer offerings.pdf](#)

Extended Day Registration for 2021-22 School Year Opens Tue, May 25: Extended Day is planning for normal operations for the 2021-22 school year and registration began Tuesday, May 25. However, COVID-19 restrictions and precautions could affect Extended Day opening and/or capacity.

PHASE 2: June 9 – June 23

Registration opens for all students. Families registering during this period will participate in a lottery and be assigned a family enrollment number. Students will be enrolled, in order of the family enrollment number, if space is available. Otherwise they will be placed on the waitlist in order of enrollment number.

Families who register after June 23 will be placed at the end of the waitlist if their school has reached capacity, in the order that their registration is received.

PLEASE NOTE: To enroll in Extended Day for the upcoming year, the family account cannot have a past-due balance. For more information, please go to the [Extended Day website](#) or email extended.day@apsva.us.