

# Nottingham Knightly News

## March 10, 2020

### From the Principal

Check out the [PTA Newsletter](#) at

<https://nespta.membershiptoolkit.com/newsletter/00805-NL20200302151019-095078000-538842920>.

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00PM. Unfortunately, both Megan and I have prior commitments and cannot attend. Mark Jones will share my principal's report and take down any questions that you have.

We appreciate your patience as we have tried to negotiate the continually changing situation related to the Coronavirus. I encourage you to read the APS information on School Talk and to check the [coronavirus webpage](#) for updates. We will certainly provide updates as they become available. Given the evolving nature of our current situation, we will begin to send home iPads each day with students in grades 3 through 5. The following are the directions for connecting the iPads with your home Wifi: 1. Once your student's device has arrived home please connect to your home Wifi by clicking SETTINGS, then WIFI. You should see your home wifi listed, select it and enter password if you have one. 2. In order to finish connecting the device the student MIGHT need to open the GLOBAL PROTECT app and enter their password. 3. After the password is entered and submitted the "Connected" window will appear. 4. You should now see the "VPN" icon in the top right corner. 5. If your child is unable to connect to wifi outside of APS please let [ron.crouse@apsva.us](mailto:ron.crouse@apsva.us) know of the issue.

We have made some adjustments to our schedule so that all grade levels will have lunch before recess. This will ensure students will wash their hands directly before eating. This adjusted schedule will begin on 03/12.

On a final note, should your child have questions about the Coronavirus, you may find this link helpful: Just for Kids: A Comic Exploring The New Coronavirus from NPR. It is also available on the APS website. Just click on the following link:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus>. Here are some other resources for talking to kids about the virus:

- [NPR for Kids: Exploring the Coronavirus](#)
- [Tips for Discussing Coronavirus with Children](#) (National Association of School Psychologists and National Association of School Nurses)
  - [PDF version for print](#)
  - [Español](#)
- [Talking to Kids about the Coronavirus](#) (Child Mind Institute)

- [NBC: How to Talk to Kids](#)

## Census 2020



Invitations to take the Census start to arrive in your mailbox **NEXT WEEK!** Community members will be able to respond online, by phone, or by mail starting March 12! Make sure you check to see if your invite has arrived and learn about other [important dates here](#).

**American Heart:** Nottingham Elementary will be holding a Kids Heart Challenge Event for 3rd – 5th grade students. The event will be held during their Physical Education class time during the week of Monday, March 23rd – Friday, March 27th. The students may volunteer and help raise funds for the American Heart Association. These events are held nationwide and help students learn about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health while they raise funds to support vital research and educational programs.

The money Nottingham raises will help people in our community learn how to avoid heart disease and live longer, healthier lives. The school will also qualify for gift certificates for physical education equipment based on the amount we raise. Students will receive thank-you gifts based on the amount they collect.

Family and friends are welcome to support their child's participation by making contributions. However, we strongly request that children do not go door-to-door or ask strangers for donations. There is an option for supporters to donate online at [heart.org/kidsheartchallenge](http://heart.org/kidsheartchallenge). After your child has completed raising money online, print your child's online donation report and include it inside the collection envelope.

All contributions must be turned in no later than Friday, March 27th by 4:00pm. Any money not turned in at that time will not be accepted, and will not be counted towards our school's total amount.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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**Full STEAM Ahead!** Math Day is coming on Friday, March 13! Please join us to visit our math classes and to see what great things are happening in our school! Check out the flyer below for more information. [Math Day Poster .pdf](#)

**STEAM Night is March 31!** Our students have been STEAMing Ahead with lots of great projects to highlight that night. Plus, we'll have lots of experiments and hands-on activities for all our students and families. Please join us from 6:00-7:30PM for lots of STEAM fun.

**Intent to Return:** Intent to Return: Believe it or not, we have started to plan for the next school-year and we would like to get an idea of who will be returning to Nottingham in the fall. Click on the link below to complete the Intent to Return form. Please complete the form by April 3. This information is essential for planning for the upcoming school year. If you do not have access to the online link, please contact the office at 703-228-5290 and we can help. Thank you for your cooperation! Intent to Return link: <http://bit.ly/ntmintentform>

**Art Exhibit at Syphax!** The 2020 Elementary Art Exhibit is on display at the Arlington Public Schools Syphax office. Our student artwork currently hangs beautifully! Please stop by during gallery hours if you are by Syphax to check out the amazing pieces created by our very own students.

**School Arrival:** We need your help! School begins at 9:00AM. Students are permitted into classrooms at 8:50AM. Doors to the building open at 8:40AM for students. Please make arrangements for your child(ren) to be here no sooner than 8:40AM. We are not able to supervise students before then. Thanks for your help and cooperation.

**APS Go!** Every three years, APS conducts its APSGo! transportation survey to understand how our students, families and staff get to and from schools. APS uses information from these surveys to develop plans and programs that increase safety, reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality around schools. Data collected through these surveys are used in school and community planning projects. 2020 APSGo! Travel Survey for families of preK – 10th grade students available at this link in Amaric, [English & Spanish](#) through Friday, April 3, 2020.

## Reminders

**March is Women's History Month.** Come by the library to check out our great selection of book about women and by women from all over the world. Also, visit our quote board and see if you recognize a future woman leader in our showcase by the main office.

Each year during STEAM night, the library hosts a community build project. This year's project is a plastic bottle cap mural. We need your help! Nottingham library staff is collecting plastic bottle caps of all colors and sizes. Please bring your WASHED CAPS (plastic only) to the library for drop-off. Then, join us on Tuesday, March 31st, to create our mural!

Families are currently able to register kindergarten students for the 2020-21 school year at their neighborhood elementary school. Families can determine their neighborhood elementary 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 Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 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: The application for pre-K and elementary option schools and programs closes. April 23: Lotteries for all elementary option schools and programs will be held at the APS Welcome Center. April 24: Lotteries for all pre-K programs will be held at the APS Welcome Center. May 1: Families will be notified of their acceptance or placement on the waitlist. May 15: 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 [orschooloptions@apsva.us](mailto:orschooloptions@apsva.us).

This is a call for entries to Arlington Student FilmFest 2020. If you have students making short films in your school, help them submit to ASFF 2020. Submission is free. Students must be enrolled in an Arlington Public School to enter. Submission deadline is April 1, 2020 at 11:59pm. Here is a link to the Google Site with FAQs and the SUBMIT FILMS BUTTON:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/arlingtonstudentfilmfest/home> Keep Making Films!

Learning Lab is here! 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 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)

[Read To Succeed](#) is a free program that allows students in grades K-6 to earn tickets to Six Flags America just by reading six hours for fun. Get ahead by reading over the winter break! All Entries are due by April 14, 2020.

Here is how your child can earn a free ticket to Six Flags:

- 1) Register this fall using this link: Visit: [sixflags.com/books](http://sixflags.com/books) Use Nottingham Elementary' s code: CVQG1
- 2) Your child may read any books they choose.

- 3) Keep track of your child's reading using the form below.
- 4) Record your child's reading at our website.
- 5) Receive a free Six Flags America ticket from Nottingham Elementary in May.

## **Upcoming Events and Opportunities**

### **Important Dates**

<b>11 March, Wednesday</b>	<b>Early Release: Staff Development</b>
<b>13 March, Friday</b>	<b>Math Day PLEASE JOIN US!</b>
<b>17 March, Tuesday</b>	<b>PTA Meeting 7:00PM</b>
<b>25 March, Wednesday</b>	<b>SCA Spirit Day: Mismatch Day</b>
<b>31 March, Tuesday</b>	<b>STEAM Night, 6:00-7:30PM</b>
<b>2 April, Thursday</b>	<b>School Information Session 9:15AM</b>
<b>18 May- 17 June</b>	<b>SOL Window (see below)</b>

**\*2019-20 Early Release Dates: March 11, June 3, June 10. Students will be dismissed at 1:26PM**

### **Spring 2020 SOL Dates:**

<u><a href="#">5th Grade</a></u>	<u><a href="#">4th Grade</a></u>	<u><a href="#">3rd Grade</a></u>
<b>5/27 Reading</b>	<b>5/29 Reading</b>	<b>5/28 Reading</b>
<b>6/2 Math</b>	<b>6/3 Math</b>	<b>6/4 Math</b>
<b>6/11 Science</b>	<b>6/9 VA Studies</b>	