

Nottingham Knightly News

March 3, 2020

From the Principal

Check out the [PTA Newsletter](#). 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.

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.

Read Across America Week is THIS (short) Week! Read Across America Week is coming March 2-March 5th, and Nottingham has some fun

activities planned to celebrate our love of reading!

- **Photo Booth:** Throughout the week, students can visit the library photo booth to take their picture with some of their favorite book characters.
- **Nottingham's Tower of Books:** How many books can Nottingham Knights read in 1 week? We will soon find out! Nottingham classes will be tracking their reading during RAA Week to see how many books we read all together as a school. We will build our tower of books in front of the library so that everyone can see how many books we read!

Please join us in celebrating the work of **Nottingham's Maggie Ryan this week during School Social Work Week**. APS social workers are vital to our overall mission to provide healthy, safe and supportive learning environments for students. They also serve as trusted mentors and consistent sources of support and assistance to students. **Learn more about the role of Social**

Workers and about the social worker at your child's school. If you don't know the social worker(s) for your school, this is a great time to meet them!

The APS Parent Resource Center invites you to the **Celebrate Calm workshop**, with America's Calm Coach Kirk Martin and his son, Casey, on **Thursday, March 5, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, in room 256, at the Syphax Education Center**. At the workshop you will learn to get your kids to listen the first time; stop defiance, disrespect and yelling; stop whining, tantrums, and sibling fights; get kids off video games/screens without a fight; and create stress-free mornings, homework time and bedtime. The event is free: <https://forms.gle/u4ChJC7FnajioZmCA>.

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>

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.

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.

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 [English & Spanish](#) through Friday, April 3, 2020.

Thanks,

Eileen

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Important Dates

5 March, Thursday	Early Release: Parent Teacher Conferences
6 March, Friday	No School: Parent Teacher Conferences
11 March, Wednesday	Early Release: Staff Development
13 March, Friday	Math Day PLEASE JOIN US!
17 March, Tuesday	PTA Meeting 7:00PM
25 March, Wednesday	SCA Spirit Day: Mismatch Day
31 March, Tuesday	STEAM Night, 6:00-7:30PM
2 April, Thursday	School Information Session 9:15AM
18 May- 17 June	SOL Window (see below)

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

2019-20 Parent Teacher Conference Dates: March 5-6

Spring 2020 SOL Dates:

5th Grade

5/27 Reading

6/2 Math

6/11 Science

4th Grade

5/29 Reading

6/3 Math

6/9 VA Studies

3rd Grade

5/28 Reading

6/4 Math

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 **schooloptions@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 of 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

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

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.