

Nottingham Knightly News

May 12, 2020

Dear Nottingham Families,

Please join us in welcoming **Dr. Francisco Durán** as the new Superintendent of APS, following a five-month search process. Dr. Durán has an extensive background in education spanning 26 years, including superintendent and top-level leadership experience. Dr. Durán will formally assume the role of Superintendent on June 1. Read the [full release](#) and watch Dr. Durán's remarks from last night's meeting [here](#).

Thanks **Mr. Giusto and Ms. Pugh** for sponsoring our OPEN National Field Day! Lots of fun for all.

Our fabulous **SCA and PTA are partnering** to help the greater Arlington community. Please stay tuned for updates and information about a drive to gather needed materials for families during the closure. Thanks!

Our SCA met last week and are pleased to announce **virtual spirit days**. Join us for the first one tomorrow, **Wednesday, May 13**. Please wear Nottingham apparel, blue or gray and **share it** on Twitter, SeeSaw, Google Classroom or any other platform your class uses. Please tag the Student Council on Twitter @NottinghamSCA so we can spread the spirit. Our next spirit day will be May 27 "Nature Day". Stay tuned for details.

At last week's School Board meeting, APS announced a proposed modification to the end of year calendar for 2019-20, **ending instruction on June 12**. APS also outlined contingency plans for Summer School which vary based on multiple factors, including guidance from state officials and social distancing requirements. For more information and the new end-of-year dates and summer school plans, [visit the APS website](#).

Make sure Arlington gets the funding and critical resources it needs to thrive day-to-day, by [getting counted in the 2020 Census](#). Arlington County currently has only a 66.5% response rate, so we still have work to do. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Census Bureau has extended the response deadline until Oct. 31. [Watch this video to learn more](#).

Each week APS is broadcasting K-2 lessons called **"At Home with APS"** which include Social Emotional Learning, as well. These lessons can be watched on Comcast Xfinity Channel 70/1090 and Verizon FiOS Channel 41. They will air **Monday through Friday from 10-10:30, 2-2:30, 5-5:30, and 7-7:30**.

VA TV Classroom will air **"Learn to Grow with WHRO"** for students in grades K-2. They will broadcast on WETA PBS kids via antenna 26.3, Comcast 266, Cox 801, Verizon FiOS 472, and RCN 38 each day from 1 to 2.

Thanks,

Eileen

From Our Student Support Staff

How young is too young to be home alone?

These guidelines represent the minimal acceptable standards for the supervision of children. They have been developed by professionals in collaboration with the community. Remember, these are only guidelines. There may be situations when it is not safe to leave a child unsupervised.

Whenever any child is unsupervised/unattended:

- There must be no emotional, medical or behavioral problems that affect the child's judgment or decision-making.
- The child must be comfortable being alone.
- All youths, including teens, must have a safety plan worked out with the parent/caretaker including:
 1. How to access a parent or other responsible adult at all times (knowing the adult's whereabouts and telephone number)
 2. What to do in case of an emergency
 3. Guidelines for acceptable behavior
- Youth must demonstrate the ability to follow the safety plan and make good decisions about personal safety.

Supervision Guidelines:

- **8 years and under** : Should not be left alone for any period of time. This includes leaving children unattended in cars, playgrounds and yards.
- **9 to 10 years** : Should not be left alone for more than 1 ½ hours and only during daylight and early evening hours.
- **11 to 12 years** : May be left alone for up to 3 hours, but not late at night or in circumstances requiring adult supervision.
- **13 to 15 years** : May be left unsupervised, but not overnight.
- **16 to 17 years** : May be left unsupervised for up to two consecutive overnight periods.

For more information:

<https://family.arlingtonva.us/child-welfare/young-young-home-alone/>

Reminders

Remember to check out our updated [Nottingham Remote Learning Page!](#) [Frequently Asked Questions](#), and [meal service information](#) are available there. If you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out directly. Information about how to find out what our art, music, FLES and PE staff are up to can also be found there.

Elementary Option Deadline: APS has extended the timeline for Elementary Options and Primary Montessori Options by one week to ensure that all interested families have the opportunity to apply.

- May 13 (after 4pm): Notification to families
- May 22 (11:59pm): Families must accept/ decline spot

If you are looking for a way to help the Arlington community, please consider food, cleaning supplies, toilet paper or monetary donations to [AFAC](#), which is supporting many families during this time. You can donate in person or online and they are looking for additional support.

If you have questions about APS operations during the closure or about the learning plans? Please email engage@apsva.us.

For our 5th Grade Families

Contact Information for Middle Schools

Swanson:

- Renee Harber, Principal
- Rana Luthra, Director of Counseling
- Swanson website: <https://swanson.apsva.us/>

Williamsburg:

- Bryan Boykin, Principal
- Dr. Latisha Ellis, 6th Grade Assistant Principal
- Gretchen Brenckle, 6th Grade Counselor
- Williamsburg website: <https://williamsburg.apsva.us/>