

# Nottingham Knightly News

August 4, 2020

Dear Nottingham Families,

It's hard to believe it's already August 4. Where did July go? I hope you continue to have a great summer. If you have friends and neighbors with rising kindergartners, please encourage them to complete the [Conditional Online Registration](#) as soon as possible so we can organize our classes.

Please join us for a **virtual PTA meeting on Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00PM** for some staffing and planning updates, an opportunity for Q&A and to hear from our PTA. We will send out an MS Teams link that day for you to join. To help streamline the meeting, **please submit questions in advance to [this link](#)** by Monday, August 10. We look forward to seeing you then!

Our teachers continue to **plan for the new school year** and look forward to using our collective creativity to welcome you virtually. Information about the virtual open house, meet and greets, and other opening activities will be available soon. Learning kits, school supplies and one-to-one devices will be distributed at Nottingham later in August. We will provide specific directions as soon as they are available.

In relation to staffing, we have few changes and updates. We welcome **Kayla Greenwood** to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team. We also welcome **Lia Gargano** to the 1st grade team and are pleased to say that **Alexis Aronson** will return to grade 2, where we are pleased to announce will now have three classes instead of two.

For families new to Nottingham, please feel free to check out our webpage (<https://nottingham.apsva.us/>) and grade level orientations (<https://nottingham.apsva.us/post/videos-grade-level-orientation-sessions/>) to get a glimpse of our program.

Thanks,

Eileen

**Reminder: Fall registration continues. Online Submission:** The complete list of required documents and details of the conditional online registration process are available on the [Conditional Online Registration](#) webpage. The documents families submit online are shared with APS through a secure website. Families should never send registration documents to schools through email and should only use the secure upload website for privacy and information security reasons. **Virtual Meeting:** After the registration documents are

received, an APS staff member will contact the registering parent or legal guardian to set up a virtual meeting. During the virtual meeting, a staff member will review all registration documents submitted, answer questions, and provide next steps in the registration process. It is requested that families have all original documents available at the time of the scheduled virtual meeting. Families not able to participate in virtual meetings will receive a phone call from an APS staff member. Once the conditional registration process has been completed, someone from the school will contact families to provide them with information on distance learning and how to access it. **In-Person Follow Up:** The conditional online registration process allows students to register online without submitting all of the required registration documents while schools are closed. Once schools reopen, school staff will follow-up with newly registered families to schedule in-person meetings to finalize the registration process. During these meetings, families will be able to submit notarized paper documents, immunization records, and any other documents that could not be submitted digitally. These documents are not required for conditional online registration, but are required before students are able to attend school in-person. **Student Health Forms:** Families will need to submit the [Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health Form](#) (including vaccine record) and [Tuberculosis Screening Certificate](#) by postal mail to the attention of the school clinic at your child's school. If your child will need medications or special procedures during school, visit the [Arlington County School Health](#) webpage for additional forms, including medication authorization forms and care plans that need to be completed and submitted to the school clinic by postal mail. Families are able to access the secure upload website by visiting the [Conditional Online Registration](#) webpage. For additional information or questions, please contact the APS Welcome Center at 703-228-8000 or [schoolorptions@apsva.us](mailto:schoolorptions@apsva.us).

**Reminder:** By now, you are aware that the APS School Board has voted to move the start of school date to September 8 and that we will begin the year with virtual learning. Our staff has already begun to plan and prepare for the new year. Many of you have reached out with questions about returning to school this fall and how best to approach your child's learning needs. Also, I've received a significant number of very specific class placement requests for the fall. As always, we group students based on individual student learning data, individual student needs, and input from the staff. I do, however, understand and appreciate concerns presented by this very unusual situation. To help with this, **we will make every effort to share classroom placement information this year by mid-August.** Additionally, **you may expect a high level of consistency between classrooms** at each grade level.

**Reminder:** For our students in grades pre-K through 5, the virtual school day will be **9:00AM – 2:20PM**, which totals 24 hours of instruction per week. A combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning will occur. **Specific grade level schedules will be shared soon.** We plan to spend the first several days of school developing online practices and procedures while building student stamina for this type of learning. **The master schedule will include language arts, math, science, social studies, art, music, PE and instrumental music (grades 4 and 5 only).** For students with **special education needs**, we will reach out to individual families as needed to **adjust and align your child's current IEP with the virtual learning model.**

We know that you may still have many questions about what you can expect for the fall. Please visit the APS Engage FAQ page at

<https://www.apsva.us/engage/planning-for-reopening-schools/reopening-faq/> to answer many of those questions. Reach out as needed for additional help or questions.