

Nottingham Knightly News

November 10, 2020

Dear Nottingham Families,

We hope to see you tonight for our **PTA meeting beginning at 7:00PM** on [Zoom](#). The [Agenda](#), Oct meeting [minutes](#), latest [financials](#) and 2019-20 [audit](#) are available through these links. To join us, please go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81527472089>. See you tonight.

Tomorrow is no school for students due to **Veteran's Day**. I always like to give a shout out to my favorite veteran, Bob Gardner, who served as a Navy Seabee during the Vietnam War. Thanks Dad, and all our veterans, for proudly serving our country.

Our next virtual parent coffee will be on **Thursday, November 12 from 8:00-8:45AM**. **[Conversation with Instructional Coaches](#)** (assessment, instruction, gifted services) will be hosted by our reading specialists Teal Miles and Katie Oby, math coach Kristin Muller and resource teacher for the gifted, Ryan Van Valen. Please use this form to [pre-submit any questions](#) you may have. We hope to see you there!

Reminder...report cards will be issued November 20 via ParentVue. Nottingham uses standards-based reporting. If you are new to Nottingham, please refer to this [parent guide](#) for more information on standards-based reporting and how we report progress. This quarter, you may see more "insufficient evidence" for two possible reasons. First, it may mean that the teacher has not sufficiently covered the standard yet but continues to work on it with the class. This will be communicated through class newsletters or through the comments section on the report card. Second, a teacher will use "insufficient evidence" if the student has not demonstrated consistent performance. If it's the latter, your child's teacher either shared that with you already or will note it through comments.

Instructional Schedule Update! All of our grade levels are now using small group for instruction in language arts and math. There may be some adjusted schedule times that impact your child. These small groups will offer students more interaction with peers, differentiated instruction and additional teacher time. Please carefully **review communications from your homeroom teacher** to be sure your child is logging in at the right time for small groups.

Music, Art, and T-Shirt Distribution: On **Thursday, November 12** we will be having another round of materials pick up for APS Music and Art kits and our new t-shirts provided by the PTA. **This distribution will look a little different than previous ones so please read carefully.** For those of you who are picking up library books, library pick

up is from **3:30 to 6:00PM** and will follow similar procedures. Please go to the main entrance for your books. The other materials will be located along the kindergarten playground and you may walk over to get your kits and shirts. Please maintain social distancing and wear a mask. If you are not picking up library books, you may use our drive-through service by pulling up along Ohio Street. Please display your child's name and grade level on a piece of paper on the front windshield or on the passenger window of your car and we will run the supplies to your car. It does not require you to get out.

Support our Online Book Fair: November 13 – 22, 2020: Support Nottingham while finding the perfect book or game for your child at our annual Nottingham book fair! This year's book fair will be on-line. Simply go [here](#) anytime between Friday, November 13 and Sunday, November 22. Books will be mailed directly to your house, and all proceeds from the book fair support Nottingham. If you have any questions, please email Bookfair@nespta.org.

[Link](#) to Online Book Fair Flyer

The application process for **option schools and programs for middle and high school students opened this week**. Families interested in applying for a secondary option school or program can apply through the [online application portal](#). Families can submit their application anytime during the application window. If families need assistance with completing applications, they should contact the APS Welcome Center at 703-228-8000 or schooloptions@apsva.us. Additional information and important dates, as well as links to watch the Middle and High School Information Night recordings, are [available online](#).

As we begin the second quarter via distance learning instruction, the **Department of Teaching and Learning invites you to learn about resources and strategies for support special education and Gifted students and English Learners**. This message also includes information about middle school CTE classes. These biweekly messages are designed to keep families informed and up-to-date during distance learning. [Read the full update here](#).

We know how much people love their pets and walks throughout the neighborhood. However, we've noticed that some of our friends and neighbors are bringing **pets on campus, which is against school board policy**. Sadly, we've also seen an uptick in evidence (ahem) left behind. With some of our students returning to school, we don't want them stepping in anything. Please help us by keeping pets off campus.

With more cars coming in and out of the parking lot, please remind your Knight to be **VERY careful when riding bikes, using scooters and walking**. We noticed a few students today who breezed through the intersection at N. Ohio and Little Falls without looking! Scary.

Be sure to visit our Nottingham PTA website for updates, [newsletters](#) and other information.

Some upcoming dates:

- **November 10 Tuesday** PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
- November 11 Wednesday Veteran's Day – No School
- November 20 Friday Report Cards posted to ParentVue
- November 23 Monday Asynchronous Learning Day
- November 24 Tuesday Synchronous Learning Day
- November 25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday

Thanks,

Eileen

Reminders

Transition to Hybrid Instruction We are beginning to plan for the transition to hybrid instruction. I've received numerous requests from you that students be allowed to remain with their current teacher when the hybrid model opens up. Our goal is to do just that. It just depends on a few factors -- whether the teacher is granted his or her preference; if a family decision contradicts with the teacher's actual final placement; and, if the teacher is needed at a different grade level. Unfortunately, I cannot guarantee a placement. I will say, however, that no classroom changes will be put into effect until we move to a different model. **As soon as we have updates to share, we will communicate with families directly.** Also, here is a brief video with an example of a [hybrid classroom](#). Please work with your child(ren) to ensure they are ready for the following **daily requirements**:

- participate in **health screening** (bus stop, door of entry, parent vehicle)
- **wear masks** throughout the day, except when actively eating
- maintain **social distancing** of at least six feet
- **follow entrance and exit protocols** (note: playground use will not be permitted before or after school)

Based on the **APS Dashboard** and the APS Hybrid/In-Person Model page for additional information. This is a fluid situation and things are frequently being updated. I encourage you to continue to visit the **APS Hybrid/In-person Model page** There you will find a very **helpful FAQ** which will help you answer any new questions.

LIBRARY PICK UP UPDATED TIME: Thursdays 3:30-6:00PM. The rest of the process will remain the same. We ask that you **place a hold** on your books **by 1:00 on Wednesdays**. Remember when searching in the catalog to select books with the **green IN flag**. Otherwise, those books are checked out to another patron and will not be available yet for checkout. It's always a good idea to check your account before coming to pick up books to make sure they have moved from the HOLDS page to the CHECKED

OUT page. That way, you will know the books are checked out to your student and are ready for pickup.

Books from this year or last year may be returned at the Thursday pick up times OR may be placed in the red book return bin located in the lobby in front of the office. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Gustafson nicole.gustafson@apsva.us or Regina Koehler regina.koehler@apsva.us.

Teachers will take attendance each day. As a reminder, we begin each day at 9:00 AM and conclude at 2:20 PM. Additionally, you are encouraged to email our **Attendance Line (attendance.ntm@groups.apsva.us)** when an absence is unexpected and prearranged notification was not possible. The following are generally considered excused absences: illness, quarantine of student, doctor or dentist appointments, death in the family, observance of a religious holiday, court appointments, inclement weather emergencies, connection issues while in virtual learning, and severe family emergencies. We need to note other absences as unexcused. Finally, we will contact families when a student has two absences or when absences, tardiness and early departures begin to accumulate.