

Nottingham Knightly News

March 16, 2021

Dear Nottingham Families,

We are so grateful for all the welcome back treats! Today our new Nottingham Knights masks arrived from **the PTA**, the **Donato family** donated 200 boxes of Girl Scout cookies today and **Gina Craig** treated us to Chik-Fil-A last Thursday. Thank you for your continued support! Former teacher, **Karen Ready** has given us a bunch of masks for teachers too! We feel so supported!

Thank you to **Andrea Kaplowitz** for helping us get bricks to honor our retirees, families moving on from Nottingham and others. When we are able, we'll open the courtyard for you to take a peek!

Please join us in welcoming **Ana Trejo Ayala** to Nottingham as our new clinic aide, starting this Monday. Ana is a Certified Medical Assistant with many years of experience working with children and their parents in busy pediatric clinics in our area.

If you happen to have an **extra monitor** that you no longer need, please let Eileen know if you'd be willing to donate it. Some teachers would like the extra monitor to use in the classroom. Thanks in advance!

A message from our **Resource Teacher for the Gifted, Ryan Van Valen** If you would like to refer your child for gifted services, please submit a referral form to your homeroom teacher or ryan.vanvalen@apsva.us by **April 1st**. Eligibility decisions will be made by the end of the school year. Referral Form from APS website:

<https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2018-2019-APS-Gifted-Services-Referral-Form1.pdf>

Thank you for remembering that recess **fields and playgrounds are closed after school**. We know how tempting it is to allow the children to play and that it's a great chance to socialize, but we are really striving to maintain our social distancing protocols. We appreciate your cooperation.

This spring, Nottingham will join every other elementary school in the school district to become a **No Place for Hate school**. The goal of No Place for Hate is to inspire a national movement led by students and educators who are committed to using the power of positive peer influence to **build inclusive and safe schools in which all students can thrive**. No Place for Hate organizing framework **aligns very closely to Responsive Classroom, Nottingham's philosophy of C.A.R.E.S** (Cooperation, Assertiveness, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-Control) and our work as an inclusive model school.

We look forward to our partnership with the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and helping our students learn and grow.

Waste-Free Lunch Comes to Nottingham

FACT: The average student produces 67 lbs of waste each year during lunchtime.

Nottingham Knights will be trailblazers within APS as we move to go waste free at lunch now that we are back to school. Help Nottingham achieve **waste free lunches at school or at home!** Please help your kids try to avoid using such items as packaged snacks, juice boxes, straws, plastic utensils, paper napkins and ziploc bags. Not sure how to do it? Visit <http://nottingham.apsva.us/wastefreelunch> for ideas. Thanks for your support as we couldn't do it without you! Questions? Contact greenteam@nespta.org

Some upcoming dates:

- March 29-April 2 Spring Break
- April 5, Monday Synchronous Learning Day All Students
- April 12-30 CogAT Testing, grades 2-5
- May 4, Tuesday PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
- May 17-June 11 SOL Testing Window

Thanks,

Eileen

Reminders

We've noticed several students could benefit from having **two masks for each day**. Feel free to send a spare in for your child to change midday.

The PTA is an important player in what happens at Nottingham and we are searching for a team to lead the 2021-22 school year. We are currently searching for people to fill the roles of President, Vice Presidents (External/Fundraising, Internal/Volunteer, and Communications), and Treasurer. It is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, be part of a great team and laugh. No experience required. Contact the PTA Nominating Committee at nominatingcommittee@nespta.org or reach out directly to Stacy Rosenthal, Lauren Rascoe, or Angela Na!

Our school social worker, Maggie Ryan, has shared some resources for families. Please take a look.

[Lasagna Love Flyers.pdf](#)

[Arlington CTA 2021 Flyer FINAL.pdf](#)

Families are now able to register kindergarten students for the 2021-22 school year by using the **Online Registration Process**. Families unable to complete the registration process online are able to register by using the **Student Registration Document Drop Off Process**. Families can determine their neighborhood 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 Thursday, April 15, 2021, 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, 2021:** The application for pre-K and elementary option schools and programs closes.
- **April 22, 2021:** Lotteries for all elementary option schools and programs will be held by the APS Welcome Center.
- **April 23, 2021:** Lotteries for all pre-K programs will be held by the APS Welcome Center.
- **April 30, 2021:** Families will be notified of their acceptance or placement on the waitlist.
- **May 14, 2021:** 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 schoolorptions@apsva.us.

The Preschool Application process is OPEN! From February 1 until April 15, be sure to apply to APS Montessori, VPI (Virginia Preschool Initiative) or CPP (Community Peer Pre-K) Programs! VPI (Virginia Preschool Initiative) is a free full day Pre-K program located at several Arlington County elementary schools. Students in the VPI program participate in engaging, language rich and developmentally appropriate learning experiences which build their foundational academic and social-emotional skills and assists in preparing students for Kindergarten. **Primary Montessori** is a full-day multi-age preschool program located in many Arlington County elementary schools. Students in the Primary Montessori classroom range in age from 3-5 and participate in a learning environment that emphasizes respect for others, peace and creativity. Students work independently and cooperatively in a prepared environment which enables students to work at their own pace. **The Community Peer Program** is an inclusive Pre-K program located in a few Arlington County elementary schools. This program offers students with and without disabilities a

high quality, engaging and interactive preschool experience. The CPP program is designed to provide students with and without disabilities the opportunity to learn together and grow in all developmental areas. **Where to apply:** For application assistance please contact the Welcome Center or contact your local neighborhood school. You can call our Welcome Center at 703-228-8000 or 703-228-8665. Here is the link to apply online: <https://apsva.schoolmint.net/signin> and for questions email us at earlychildhood@apsva.us.

Looking for summer enrichment for your child? **William & Mary's Summer Enrichment Program** is an academically challenging program with an emphasis on inquiry-based learning for students. The program is not meant to replace the regular school curriculum; rather, it recognizes the importance of allowing able children to explore additional specialized areas of science, mathematics, humanities, and the arts. [Click for More Information](#). Summer 2021 SEP registration is now open for high ability students in grades 2-12. William & Mary's Center for Gifted Education is excited to offer 2 weeks of virtual opportunities with courses available in the morning and afternoon each week. We have virtual courses available in the areas of **robotics, civics, STEM, coding, writing, social science, and many more**. Please see our [Summer 2021](#) brochure for more information.