

Nottingham Knightly News

May 25, 2021

Dear Nottingham Families,

We begin our SOL testing this week. Students should be sure to get a great night's sleep, eat a protein rich breakfast and come to school prepared with a charged iPad. If your child is not feeling well or if there are any other concerns, please let Megan know right away. We are encouraging students to **take their time** (SOLs are untimed) and to **take frequent breaks** as needed. **Parental controls** in the iPad's Screen Time setting have been **temporarily disabled to support SOL testing**. The functionality will be restored at the end of the school year. [More information.](#)

5th Grade Promotion is quickly approaching. We will have a walk-through promotion on **Monday, June 14 at 10:00AM**. Fifth grade students may walk through with their parents to receive a certificate, say bye to staff and take a picture or two. Additional family members are welcome to walk along the Little Falls Road sidewalk. As part of their gifts and service project, the 5th grade has put collection bins in the lobby of the school for the following organizations:

- **Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC)** Donation bins will be in the front lobby until **June 11**. See this link for suggested donations: <https://afac.org/donate/donate-food/>
- **Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA)** Donation bins will be in the front lobby until **June 11**. See this link for suggested donations. <https://www.awla.org/donate/other-ways-to-give/gifts-in-kind/>.
- **Matuwa Junior School**, in the Mountains of Uganda (This is a sister School to Nottingham) A bin will be located in the front lobby of the school where you can donate up to two new or gently used "early reader" or early chapter books until **JUNE 7**. Due to shipping constraints, we are requesting that each student only donate up to 2 books. The 5th graders will also be writing letters to the students in the school.

For the past three years, Janet Pence has been our liaison **to SETPA, the Arlington Special Education PTA**. As her son moves on to middle school, we are in need of a new liaison. If you have a child with an IEP and are interested in serving our community, please let Eileen know. **Thank you, Janet** for your compassion, partnership and dedication to our special needs population.

Many of you have asked about **summer school options** for students who may not be eligible for our summer school program. Megan has shared the attached letter on behalf of APS with details about summer learning opportunities.

As we approach the end of the school year, know that our staff understands your child's needs and will be sure to make the best classroom placement for her or him next year. Next year's placement decisions involve a variety of individuals, and consideration factors. **Please refrain from making specific teacher requests.** Instead, I encourage you to attend our **Rising Grade Level Parent Orientations from 8:15-8:45AM** to become more familiar with the staff in the next grade level. I have included the dates below. Please join our teaching teams for each grade level as follows (use attached MS Teams link):

- Tuesday, June 1 **[Rising 5th](#)**
- Wednesday, June 2 **[Rising 3rd](#)**
- Thursday, June 3 **[Rising 1st](#)**
- Friday, June 4 **[Rising 4th](#)**
- Monday, June 7 **[Rising Kindergarten](#)**
- Tuesday, June 8 **[Rising 2nd](#)**

Nottingham's Mental Health Team's parent tip of the week: We know that **physical activity is good for both physical and mental health**. Recent studies are showing that healthy nutritional diets likely also help physical and mental health. Diets focused on greens, beans, nuts and certain seafoods, such as salmon, help strengthen brain chemicals, improve mood and may lift depression. There are many things in life we can't control, but we can control how we eat.

Please see [Dr. Durán's message](#) with updates on the following topics:

- [Extended Day Registration](#)
- [Graduation Update](#)
- Meal Distribution
- [Vaccines for children 12 and up](#)

DRAFT Student Code of Conduct Student LIVE Event: APS will be hosting a LIVE Teams event for students to provide them with an overview of the DRAFT new Student Code of Conduct and share the link to provide [student feedback](#). Links to the LIVE Teams event on 6/7 can be found [here](#).

CALLING NEW KNIGHTS:

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.

Upcoming dates:

- May 26-27 5th Grade Reading SOL
- **May 31, Monday** **Memorial Day, No School**
- June 1, Tuesday 3rd Grade Math SOL
- June 1, Tuesday PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
- June 2-3 5th Grade Math SOL
- June 4, Friday 4th Grade Reading SOL
- June 9-10 5th Grade Science SOL
- June 11, Friday 4th Grade Math

Thanks,

Eileen

Reminders

Looking for **summer camps**? Below is a link to the DPR fee reduction page. Families can apply online to access reduced rates in camp programs. For families who did not receive a school lunch letter, there are a number of other ways to qualify. Link to the Fee Reduction page: [Fee Reduction Policy Overview - Parks & Recreation \(arlingtonva.us\)](https://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Pages/Fee-Reduction-Policy-Overview.aspx)

Nottingham's talent show "**Knights on Stage**" will be taking a virtual spin this year! We are inviting our students to share their talents with their classmates in a performance that will be **aired on June 14th**. Our students will have the opportunity to record a short video of themselves sharing their talents using a cell phone or iPad. This talent could be singing a song or performing on an instrument, sharing a gymnastic performance, comedy skit, art piece, magic performance, or dancing! We are asking that parents with students who are interested in participating encourage their child to keep their performance under 2 minutes if possible.

Once students have recorded their performance, please fill out this [google form](#) where you can upload and share the video. All videos are due by June 4th to allow time for editing. Please contact Mrs. Achille (ashlyn.warner@apsva.us) if you have any questions. Thank you and "break a leg" Knights!

Our **SOL schedule** is listed below. Please avoid appointments and absences on SOL testing dates. **Virtual students** will test with grade level and subject listed below. Virtual 5th graders will test on Wednesdays. Our virtual learners may come to school the day of the test and check in at Door 8 (cafeteria entrance) or Door 10 (extended day entrance) and report to the cafeteria for their test. Their parents will be called, upon their completion and they will be dismissed home to log in for the rest of their school day. Please contact Megan with any questions (megan.lynch@apsva.us).

SOLs by Grade Level

3rd Math June 1

4th Reading June 4

4th Math June 11

5th Science June 9-10

5th grade Reading May 26-27

5th Math June 2-3