



## NOTTINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*A safe, caring, and responsible learning community*

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*This school is fully accredited by the State of Virginia and through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.*

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*Governor's Award for Educational Excellence 2008, 2011*

*Virginia Board of Education VIP Excellence Award 2009, 2010*

At Nottingham, academic excellence flourishes in a learning environment that all stakeholders in the community work cooperatively to maintain. Students receive a nurturing, challenging educational experience that stimulates intellectual curiosity and encourages critical and creative thinking.

Nottingham offers a wide range of educational services. Among the many strengths of the instructional program is the Nottingham Knight Writer Exemplary Writing Project. The Knight Writer is a unique program supported by Arlington Public Schools, the Nottingham PTA, and children's author Jackie Jules.

Our bullying prevention program "Steps to Respect" is implemented at every grade level. Cooperatively, each class creates a vision and mission statements to augment character education lessons.

Instructional staff uses best practices to develop lessons that address a range of learning styles, abilities, and interests. At all levels, analysis of data is used to inform and adapt lessons to our individual learners.

At Nottingham, we are proud of our school program, our modern learning facility and our friendly, caring approach to educating children. Our motto, "The Future Starts Here – Where Every Child is a Shining Star," reflects the excitement of all members of our learning community!

### GOALS

- Foster a caring and respectful school culture through the "Steps to Respect" anti-bullying program.
- Increase achievement through the APS curriculum in the core subject areas for all students.
- Prepare students to succeed in an ever-changing global society with experience and lessons that allow them to use their strengths and talents.
- All students are measured on standardized assessments.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Aachen, Germany and Costa Rica Student Exchange
- Student Council Association
- Reading Buddies
- Shakespeare Club
- PTA-sponsored After School Enrichment Program
- Stream clean-up
- Girls on the Run
- March Madness
- Somalia Walk-A-Thon, Treats for Troops, Natural Disaster Relief

### INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Knights @ Nine (weekly televised program)
- Exemplary Writing Project: Knight Writer
- Writers' Fair/Book Swap, Author/Illustrator visits
- Continental Math League & Math Dice
- Readers as Leaders, Read Across America
- Brain Probe, Odyssey of the Mind
- Exploration Courtyard/Alternative Recess
- Knights Take Note (Music Appreciation Week), Fourth/Fifth Grade Musical
- Art Ace and Music Masters programs/Outdoor Learning
- 'Poem in Your Pocket' Day, Market Day, Math Day
- Virginia Science Museum
- Planet Partners (environmental awareness)

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Virginia PTA Superior Membership Achievement Award
- Odyssey of the Mind award winners
- Music in the Parks – Superior rating and Esprit de Corps Award
- Jump Rope for Heart – highest contributions award
- Reflections program winners
- Radio Disney "Get Active, Get Fit!" School Fitness Challenge
- Honors Chorus, Orchestra
- RAMP designation