

# TURTLE TALES

Campbell Elementary School Newsletter

## Summer School

Summer School registration began on March 1. If you are interested in an APS summer program, please stop by the Campbell main office for a catalog or visit the APS website: <https://www.apsva.us/post/summer-school->

## Wetlands Festival

Our annual Wetlands Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 from 4-7 PM rain or shine. Join us for great music, fabulous food, fun kid activities, and opportunities to bid on great auction

## Looking Ahead

Campbell is growing as a school. The School Board feels strongly that option (lottery) schools need to grow like the neighborhood schools are growing in student numbers. Next year, Campbell will have four kindergarten classes and likely another trailer or two.

As we grow, we will have additional school buses and cars in the parking lot. Please use bus transportation to reduce parking lot traffic. When possible, please carpool or walk to school. If you want to drive your child to or from school, use the kiss and ride lane on Carlin Springs Rd. Individual convenience does not override safety and order on school

## Outdoor Classroom by Ms. Christy

Happy Spring, Campbell community! The outdoors at Campbell are filled with robins and daffodils and budding trees and cilantro grown by the fourth graders! This is an exciting time to be out in nature. Our field trips to Long Branch will pick back up this season. Have you been over to see all the fallen trees from the wind storm-they are amazing! The mother duck has laid her eggs in the nest she built by our pond and soon we will have ducklings again. What an incredible cycle our students get to witness each year! This month we will have a big garden work-day on Saturday, April 21 from 9-12. Please save the date and come help us fix up our outdoor classroom space. I hope to see you there! Please continue to follow our adventures on Twitter:

## APS Walk Zone Review

The following information is from the APS website that details recent school walk zone studies:

*APS staff will develop a plan for elementary school boundaries using a phased approach, which begins by reviewing school walk zones and identifying potential expansions of these zones. We recognize that Arlingtonians are committed to walkable communities and APS seeks to meet Whole Child initiatives on the benefits of walking to school, plus help mitigate increasing transportation costs.*

Based on the information gathered during this study, transportation services provided to Campbell students may be changed starting in the 2018-2019 school year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/2-4/6: 5th Grade Swimming
- 4/9: No School (Grade Prep Day)
- 4/10: PTA Meeting
- 4/11: Early Release– 12:26 Dismissal
- 4/18: Multi-Cultural Night 6:30-8:00 PM
- 4/21: Saturday Garden Work Day 9-12
- 4/25-27: Spirit Week!
- 4/28: Wetlands Festival
- 5/7: Picture Day

## Counselor Corner by Ms. Sullivan

I hope everyone had a restful Spring Break! I will be starting a Counseling Advisory Committee at Campbell next Fall. This committee will be comprised of Campbell staff, parents, and students, and will help inform our school counseling program. The time commitment will be minimal: we will meet three to four times over the course of the school year; and each meeting will last less than one hour. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the Whole Child focus of APS and Campbell's counseling program. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me at [kate.sullivan@apsva.us](mailto:kate.sullivan@apsva.us). Thank you!

## Garden Work Day

Join us on Saturday, April 21 from 9-12 for our Spring Garden Work Day. This is a great opportunity to meet other Campbell families and beautify the outdoor spaces that our students use daily. No gardening experience necessary!