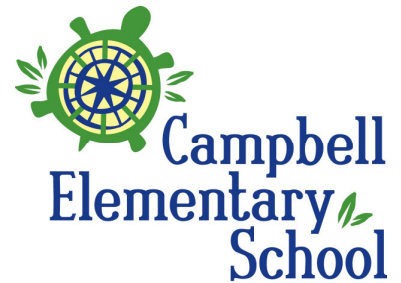


TURTLE TALES

Campbell Elementary School Newsletter



APS Bike Unit

During January, Campbell PE hosted the APS mobile bicycling unit for 3rd grade students. Despite less than agreeable weather conditions, 3rd graders were able to learn about bike safety, helmets, and have some time to practice riding, signaling and avoiding hazards. All students, novice to advanced, were able to enjoy this wonderful

APS SchoolTalk

Have you been receiving updates from APS about delayed openings and school closings? If you have been missing these important messages, there is an easy fix. As long as your cell number is already in Campbell's database, just text the word **YES** to **67587**. This will verify that you can receive text messages to that phone. If you add a new cell phone number to the APS database, you will receive an activation code the day after your number has been added. You must respond with YES in order to receive text messages. If you think that Campbell does not

APS Lottery Changes

Arlington Public Schools has made some changes to the Campbell lottery for next year:

- The lotteries are being run by the central office. The online application will be available Feb. 1st.
- PreK families **WILL** need to apply to remain at Campbell. VPI families and siblings will continue to have priority, but must apply.
- Transportation will be provided to all of Arlington.
- There will not be any preference given to South Arlington. All neighborhoods in Arlington will have the same chance of getting in for kindergarten.
- The Montessori class is being dismantled. The affected families and staff have been contacted.

These changes will allow for more equity in the lottery process across the county and more consistency across schools.

Counselor Corner by Ms. Sullivan

On Monday, February 5th, counselors from the middle schools will be visiting Campbell to help fifth graders complete their Course Request Forms. The Course Request Forms will then be brought home for parent signature. They are due back to Ms. Sullivan Tuesday, February 13th. Later this Spring, we'll have field trips to the different middle schools. If you have any questions about your student's middle school transition, please do not

Homework

Homework is meant to be a practice of learned skills, not a challenge. Books sent home to primary students should be a re-read of a familiar book. They should be able to read these books easily, without adult support. The writing journal in grades 1-5 should be used about three times a week. Math assignments should be a review. Math homework allows parents to see what students are learning in school. Homework should not be a battle that consumes your evening. If homework is taking your child longer than 40 minutes and/or is a source of frustration, talk to your child's teach-

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/2: Family Game Night
- 2/13: PTA Meeting– 6:30 PM
- 2/14: Early Release– 12:26 PM Dismissal
- 2/19: No School– Holiday
- 2/26-3/2: Campbell Book Fair
- 2/28: Young Author's Night
- 3/1: Early Release (P/T Conferences)
- 3/2: No School (P/T Conferences)
- 3/9: No Community Meeting