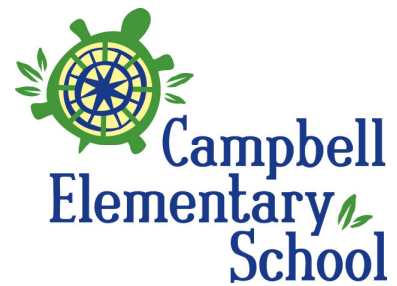


February 6, 2020

# TURTLE TALES

Campbell Elementary School Newsletter



## Counselor Corner by Kate Sullivan

The middle school transition process is upon us! On February 5th, middle school counselors visited Campbell to discuss elective options and Course Request Forms with 5th graders. Course Request Forms with parent signature will be due to Ms. Sullivan by February 21st. 5th grade students who have applied and been selected for option programs, such as HB Woodlawn or Gunston's Montessori or Immersion Programs, will be notified on February 7th. If neighborhood transfers are available this year, that lottery application window will be February 24 - March 16. You can also learn more about the middle school transition process on the APS website: <https://www.apsva.us/school-options/middle-school-choices/> If your student transfers to a school other than your neighborhood middle school, please let me know via email at [kate.sullivan@apsva.us](mailto:kate.sullivan@apsva.us) or by phone at 703 228-8444. This will allow me to ensure your students completes the correct Course Request Form. I know that the transition to middle school can be stressful for parents and students. I am on your team! If I can be helpful or supportive in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## APS Text Message Alerts

Campbell families are asked to opt in to APS Text Message Alerts in order to receive "real time" messages regarding school delays, closings, and events. In order to receive these Text Message Alerts, please:

1. Make sure Campbell has your cell phone number in our database, **designated as a cell phone**. In order to receive text alerts, your cell phone number must be listed as a cell phone number instead of as a home or work number.
2. Text the word **YES to 67587** to opt in.

## Student Illness

During this winter's cold and flu season, families are reminded to keep students that are ill home from school until they are fever free for at least 24 hours without the aid of medicine. If your child has been sick, please check their temperature before sending them to school and get them professionally evaluated. Information received from a doctor should be shared with clinic staff at 703-228-8437. If needed, clinic staff has a list of available resources in the area. If your child is sick and unable to attend school, please call the Campbell Attendance Line number at: 703-228-8450

When leaving a message, please include your child's first and last name, reason for absence, and their classroom teacher's name.

## Campbell Applications

Families of current VPI students and those with siblings entering Kindergarten-5 are reminded that they must complete an application in order for their child to attend Campbell for the 2020-2021 school year. The application window is open February 3– April 15, 2020. Additional information can be found on the APS website at:

<https://www.apsva.us/school-options/>

## APS Your Voice Matters Survey

The APS Your Voice Matters Survey remains open through Friday, February 28. APS families are asked to complete the survey in order to provide feedback on topics such as safety, school and community climate, health and well-being, voice, and engagement. More information about this survey can be found at:

<https://www.apsva.us/engage/your-voice-matters-survey-2020/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/7: Family Game Night—6:30 PM
- 2/10-2/18: Grade 4 Swimming
- 2/12: Early Release
- 2/17: No School (Holiday)
- 2/28: Read Across America Day— No Community Meeting
- 3/2-6: Campbell Book Fair
- 3/3: PTA Meeting— 6:30 PM
- 3/4: Young Author's Night
- 3/12: PTA Meeting— 7:30 AM