



NIGHTINGALE NEWS

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*Dates to Remember in December*

Friday, December 1	...Learning Updates (report cards) go home today
Tuesday, December 5	...Div 1, 2, and 3 start their AIRS Program
Friday, December 22	...Last day of school before Winter Break
Monday, December 25— Friday, January 5	...Winter Break
Monday, January 8, 2024	...School Reopens after Winter

*A Message from Ms. Hughes*

This is a very busy time for teachers at Nightingale as they prepare the first written student learning update to be sent home to families on December 1. These learning updates will highlight children’s strengths, areas for growth, and ways to support learning. Many of the items on this learning update will likely have been shared during the conferences in October with updates on progress since then.

The newsletter this month is a little shorter due to my current absence but I look forward to adding the Nightingale Art section in the next issue. I would also like to thank Ian Cannon, again, for being at Nightingale during my absence.



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**Honest, Awesome attitude, Working hard, Kind, Safe**

**REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES**

If your child is sick and unable to attend school, please report your child’s absence:

**Call 604-713-5159 school code 59#**

**Or via e-mail at**

**[nigattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:nigattendance@vsb.bc.ca)**

Report your child’s first and last name, division number, and teacher’s name. It is important that you do call this number, even if you have sent a message to your child’s teacher via e-mail. This will let the office know your child is absent so that we know they are safe at home. Teachers do not necessarily check their e-mail or they may be away themselves and we would not have access to the information. Thank you.



We would like to humbly acknowledge that we are learning, unlearning and relearning on the unceded, un-surrendered, and traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm | Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh | Squamish & səliłwətaʔ | Tsleil-Waututh Nations. With this acknowledgement comes the commitment to engage in ongoing acts of reconciliation.



# PAC Updates

The PAC are preparing for another Rise Up HAWKS campaign and would like your input. This Direct Drive is a fundraising campaign with a specific goal with a significant monetary commitment. The Direct Drive differs from PAC's other fundraising activities that happen throughout the year which help fund events such as our markets, Hawks Night, and coffee mornings, and other contributions to the school (e.g., supplies and activities).

By completing this survey, you'll help the PAC identify what fundraising goal(s) are most important to the school community. Please be aware that some goals could be realized this year whereas others may take many years to achieve, perhaps after your children have left the school.

The results of this survey will be presented at a future all parent meeting as part of the vote on fundraising goals for this year's Direct Drive. Please note that any goal will need to be approved by the school.

Please complete the survey [here](#).

**The next PAC meeting will be on Monday, December 4**

## Winter Market and Coffee Morning

Calling all market-goers! Nightingale's 2nd Annual Winter Market is on December 15, from 8:45am to 10am. Students and staff are busy making some beautiful winter crafts, which include -but aren't limited to! - ornaments, greeting cards and candles. All proceeds go towards the PAC's fundraising initiatives. Come on down with your reusable mug for some complimentary JJ Bean coffee and tea, enjoy some shopping, and hum along to live music!



### Nightingale Sports



Nightingale's Intermediate Volleyball team is wrapping up its season with a trip to the city tournament. Led by Ryleigh and Daniel, the team has been playing thrilling matches against local schools. Who's house? HAWKS HOUSE!

Thank you to Mr. Hartwick and Mr. Davitt for sponsoring the team.



Stay tuned for the intermediate basketball season that will be starting up in 2024!



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## Kindergarten Registration Continues

Kindergarten registration continues into December and January. Please let any of your neighbours know that they may apply, if their child was born in 2019. The registration process will have two steps:

- ◆ **Step 1:** Complete the online registration at [vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca](http://vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca)—print out the completed registration form
- ◆ **Step 2:** Phone the school to make an appointment to bring in your documents (604-713-5290). At the time of your appointment, bring the completed registration form along with the required documents to your catchment school. Thank you.

### Supporting documents needed:

- Proof of residence in Vancouver
- Child's birth certificate
- Immigration documentation (if applicable)
- Immunization records
- Court orders/documents (if applicable)

**NOTE:** The registration process is not complete until you have completed both steps in the process. Priority registration for in-catchment students ends on January 31st. If we have more applications for kindergarten than we have available spaces, a draw will be held.

## After the Bell Podcast

Another episode of After the Bell has been published. This episode highlights the district literacy framework and SOGI in Schools and can be accessed through the [Nightingale Website](#).



# FARADAY SHOW 2023!

## THE WONDERS OF SPACE!

The **Faraday show** is UBC's annual science lecture designed for children and presented by UBC Physics & Astronomy students, staff & faculty.

This year we are exploring the **wonders of space!** How do **rockets** get into orbit? How big are our **planets**? How explosive is **compressed air**? Can you make a **crater**? What do **black holes** eat?

All these questions will be answered through fun demos and hands-on activities. This show is for children of **ALL AGES** and adults who are young at heart!

**Pre-Show: 1:15pm-1:55pm**  
**Stage Show: 2:00pm-3:00pm**  
**Sunday, December 3rd, 2023**

**Cost: FREE!** Please bring non-perishable food items to support the GVFB's Kettle Society & its programs!

**Where:** UBC HEBB Theatre (2045 East Mall) on UBC campus!

**Parking:** The North Parkade is the closest parking lot to HEBB Theatre.

**Planning:** Plan a day on campus! Mention 'Faraday Show' to get 50% off admission at the **Beatty Biodiversity Museum** on Sunday Dec. 3rd between 10-5pm!

**FREE UBC SCIENCE EVENT FOR KIDS!**

*The Greatest Science Show in the Galaxy!*

THIS YEAR'S FARADAY SHOW IS PRESENTED BY:

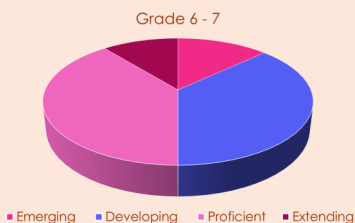
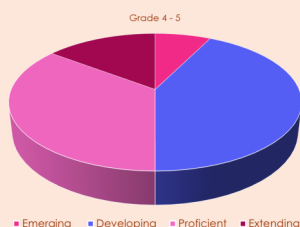
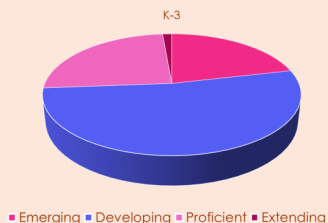
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### Nightingale School Learning Plan

Last year, Nightingale staff determined that writing would be the primary goal of our school learning plan. This year, we have collected some initial, baseline assessments that showed the following:



It makes sense that younger students are mostly at the emerging and developing stages of writing at the beginning of the year because what they are learning is new. Older students continue to develop their writing skills and are further along the learning continuum. Staff are now working on developing and implementing strategies to move every student along the learning continuum in writing. Please speak to your child’s teacher for more information about your child’s individual progress in writing.

### Diversity Calendar

Listed below are some of the observances, holidays, celebrations and notable dates in December. *I extend my apologies if I missed an observance that your family recognizes, please do let us know!* This addition to the newsletter is *intended to be inclusive* and we welcome any and all additions. If you would like your family observances or celebrations to be acknowledged, please do let us know in the office and they can be added to the newsletters.

- Dec 7—15 [Hanukkah](#) (Jewish)
- Dec. 8 [Bodhi Day](#) (Buddhist)
- Dec. 10 [Human Rights Day](#)
- Dec. 21 [December Solstice](#)
- Dec. 25 [Christmas Day](#) (Christian)
- Dec. 26—Jan. 1 [Kwanzaa](#) (African-American)

Visit the [Nightingale website](#) for other school and VSB news.



### Outside Recess Rain or Shine

Now that the wetter and colder weather has finally arrived I would like to add a reminder that, living on the west coast we have to always be prepared for rain showers so please remember to have your child come to school every day ready for this. A rain jacket, boots and even a change of clothes are a good idea. Children play actively outside each day, rain or shine and in the cold. It is usually the adults that are concerned with them getting wet rather than the children worrying. As I always say, there is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing!

Thank you for supporting us in having children play outside rain or shine to get fresh air and exercise. If they are dressed appropriately, they will still have fun. As the weather becomes wetter and colder, there may be some families who need some support in acquiring the appropriate outer wear for their children. Please do reach out to me if you are in need of some supports in this regard.



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**Black-capped Chickadee—Birdhouse Cleaning**

It's that time of year again. Time to take down your black-capped chickadee nest box and give it a good cleaning for next year. You may have noticed all the birdhouses around the school have been taken down. The students from Mr. Canning's class have been busy removing the old nesting material from the birdhouses to get them ready for next year's mating season.

We had four successful nests this past season and with an average of 6 to 8 eggs per nestbox we can safely say we've made a contribution to the black-capped chickadee population in our neighbourhood. We had a couple of eggs that did not hatch but this is not uncommon in the wild. It did, however, give us a chance to see the tiny eggs up close and to take some photos.

Nestboxes should be cleaned in order to keep unwanted parasites away from newly hatched chickadees. We simply removed the material from the box and used the garden hose to give the inside a good rinse out. Some people will use a soapy water solution or even a mild mixture of water and bleach. I

find a good blast of water is generally enough to keep things in shape for next season. We will leave the birdhouses inside for the next few months and then hang them again in late January or early February. Black-capped chickadees will look for new nesting locations in February and March and the mating seasons runs between April and June. If you did not notice any activity in your birdhouse last season don't be discouraged. We may have been a little late in getting them up.

If there were any families that had some nesting success, I'd love to hear from you. Perhaps your child can send me a little write-up about what they observed and how it made them feel. I know I love listening to the "cheep cheep cheep" sound of the hungry chicks and seeing their wide-open mouths when their parents come to feed them. Happy birding everyone.

Mr. Canning

**A friendly reminder...**

If you have not already done so, please pay school fees online at:

**[School Cash Online](#)**



### School Closure Due to Snow

On very snowy days, by 7:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closure on its website at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca) and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM), CIVB(1470 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM), CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)

Please note that, on snowy days when school is still in session, there will be some entrances that will be *less accessible* than others. The building engineer will clear paths in this order of priority:

1. Entrance to Before/After School Care
2. Front entrance to school
3. Entrances off 12th to receiving area and Ms. Lockey’s class
4. Entrance off 12th to Strong Start
5. All other areas will be cleared as quickly as possible including front entrance to Mr. Canning and Ms. Sutherland’s classes.
6. Sidewalks around the school are cleared by the grounds department and done throughout the day.

We thank you for your patience as we do our best to clear pathways as quickly as possible!



### Call for Adult Crossing Guard Volunteers

Thank you to those parents and caregivers who have reached out to volunteer as a parent crossing guard on 12th Avenue. We are still looking for more volunteers before we can set up this program and have our volunteer training. If you are able to help, please e-mail Paul at [pauljslakov@gmail.com](mailto:pauljslakov@gmail.com). Paul is a parent at Nightingale who has generously offered to facilitate this initiative and schedule those parents who are able to volunteer. Thank you Paul!



### children's community drawing contest

**ENTER OUR MPCCA COMMUNITY DRAWING CONTEST FOR A CHANCE TO WIN SOME PRIZES!**

Decorate your gingerbread person using any art medium of your choice, then tell us about them on the backside of the contest page.

**Start Date:** Tue. November 14th, 2023 @9:30am

**Deadline:** Tue. December 5th, 2023 @9:30pm

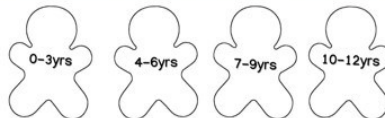
**Location:** Take home Contest

**Submit to:** Mt. Pleasant Community Centre Front Desk

**Winners will be announced on December 10th, 2023**

**PLEASE SEE MPCC FRONT DESK TO PICK UP CONTEST SHEET**

#### AGE GROUP BASED DRAWING CONTEST



If you enjoy our community events and activities such as this one, please follow our social media accounts @mtplesantcca for updates



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MPCCA

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Halloween at Nightingale



# Halloween at Nightingale



Well done to these six Halloween Costume Winners