



NIGHTINGALE NEWS

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*Dates to Remember in March*

- Wednesday, March 8...      ...PAC Meeting on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 10...      ...Last day of school before spring break
- Monday, March 13 -
- Friday, March 24...      ...Spring Break
- Monday, March 27      ...First day back after spring break

*A Message from Ms. Hughes*

Thank you to all of the families that were able to make it out to conferences this month. The children worked hard preparing and are always excited to share their work and classroom with you. Divisions 1 and 2 are preparing for their big celebrations of learning in the coming weeks!

We are only two weeks away from spring break. Leading up to the break children are practicing for the spring musical (date yet to be confirmed but it will likely be at the end of April). We are all excited about this production and are looking forward to inviting families to this event. Look out for more information coming later in March.

Spring is in the air! March is just around the corner and you will likely see children and staff busy planting in the gardens over the next few months. Thank you to the PAC for supporting our gardening activities by providing funding for more garden supplies!



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**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**

**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 & səliwətaʔ | Tsleil-Waututh Nations. With this acknowledgement comes the commitment to engage in ongoing acts of reconciliation.

# PAC Updates

Our **very enthusiastic PAC fundraising committee** have started to organize some more fundraisers and activities for our school. This is what they are planning in the days and months ahead, more details to come closer to the dates:

- West Coast Seeds - launching February 16th - parents may order online
- Spring Coffee Morning and Craft Fair - Thursday, April 6 , West Coast Seed order pick up
- Earth Week Bottle Drive - Friday, April 21
- HAWKS Night 2023—Friday, June 16th



The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. All parents are invited.

## Code of Conduct

As we are nearing the end of February and after recognizing Pink Shirt Day on February 22, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of the community of one of the statements of our [Code of Conduct](#). On the second page it states that, “Students shall not discriminate against others on the basis of the race, religion, colour of skin, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, family status, age, sex or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or physical or mental disability, or for any other reason set out in the Human Rights Code of British Columbia...” A letter with more detail and discussion points was attached to the e-mail along with this newsletter. I ask that families sit together and talk about these important rights and the responsibilities associated with those rights. I would also appreciate families talking about the impact of an action or a behaviour versus the intention of that behaviour. Oftentimes, children will make mistakes as they are navigating school life and, while the *intent* may *sometimes* not be hurtful, the *impact* often is. It is important for them to come to understand that, during problem-solving and healing

discussions, we must think about the impact of our actions rather than laying blame or becoming defensive due to fear of “being in trouble”.

Thank you for supporting our school by discussing these issues at home with your families.



Remember to put your clock forward **one hour** on March 12, 2023 (or before you go to bed on Saturday)



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### Nightingale Website



As a reminder, pro-d dates, holidays, conferences and other events are all noted on the Nightingale website.

### Our Nightingale Family

In recognition of Family Day, some classes made hand prints for an office decoration!



### Diversity Calendar

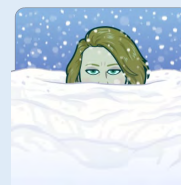
- March 7—[Holi](#) (the Hindu Festival of Colours)
- March 7—[Purim](#) (Jewish celebration)
- March 8—[Hola Mohalla](#) (three-day long Sikh festival)
- March 8—[International Women’s Day](#)
- March 17—[St. Patrick’s Day](#) (cultural and religious celebration)
- March 21—[Now-Ruz/Nowruz](#) (Baha’i New Year; Ismaili Muslim festival that starts the beginning of the Persian New Year and the first day of spring)
- March 21—[International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)
- March 22—begins in the evening of March 22 and goes until the evening of April 20—[Ramadan](#) (Muslim)

Listed to the left are some of the observances, holidays, celebrations and notable dates in March. *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 e-mail [Angela Hughes](#) and they can be added to the newsletters. Click on the links to learn more about each event.

### Snow Again!

As you likely heard on the weather forecast, we are expecting snow on the weekend.



Please note that the school has priority areas for clearing snow within the school that is done by the building engineer. The areas that will be cleared are pathways to the most used doors in the building. The sidewalks are cleared by the VSB grounds crew who circulate throughout the city to clear all school sidewalks. Hopefully, this blast of cold, snowy weather will move on after Monday!

### Are You Returning in September?



We are starting to prepare for next year and, although it is only the end of February, we do need to continue looking at the number of students that will be returning to prepare for our staffing. **If you are moving schools next year, please do let us know as soon as possible.**

Please be reminded that, if you are moving or have moved, you should register your child at their new home school as soon as possible to ensure a space at that school in September. Thank you.

### Family Affordability Plan

We do still have funds available to help families through the government’s family affordability plan. Please reach out to the office if you think it would be helpful to receive a gift card for groceries and/or clothing for your child.



## Basketball Season

Basketball season has now come to an end and we would like to congratulate all of the players on both the junior boys and junior girls teams. Their team spirit and attitude was fantastic throughout the season and they made our school proud. Thank you to all of the parents who came out to support them either by driving to other schools or coming along to cheer them on! Thank you also to Mr. Hartwick (girl’s coach) and Mr. Yuen (boy’s coach) for the time they spent practicing, refereeing, and helping to make it a great season!



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District Information

The district wants to hear from you!



It is that time of the year when the Vancouver School Board is planning for the 2023-2024 budget. For more information about the process and how you can provide your input, please follow the [link](#).

## Pet Day and SPCA Fundraiser

The student council are thrilled with the results of their Pet Day Sprit Day and accompanying fundraiser for the SPCA. A grand total of \$485.05 was raised and Division 3 delivered the cheque to the SPCA on Friday, February 24.

Thank you to everyone who brought in pictures of their animal family members and donated to this great cause!



## Adult Crossing Guard Volunteers—still needed!

In the last week of January we had a small number of parents train to be adult crossing guards on 12th Avenue at the traffic lights. Currently, we continue to only have enough volunteers for part-time duty.

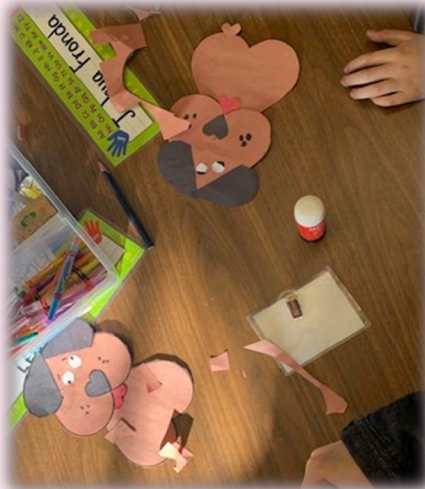


The volunteers will be positioned on the north side of East 12th Avenue. If you are interested and able to volunteer some time, please reach out to [Paul](#), parent coordinator, to be added to our list and receive some training. Thank you to all those who have volunteered!

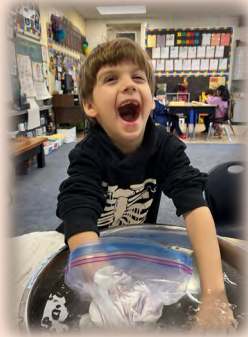


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# Valentine's Day



# Science



## Division 9 Learned About Blubber!

While Division 9 were learning about penguins, they conducted an experiment using “blubber” and ice water. Students were asked to put one hand in the “blubber” bag. Then they submerged both hands in the ice cold water. The conclusion was that blubber would keep penguins warm by providing an insulating layer of fat.

# Division 5 Read and Responded to Caldecott Award-Winning Books



Name: Vilho Date: Feb 18 23



I chose this image inspired by this book:  
I am Golden  
illustrated by Sophie Diaz

I noticed these things in this image:

- The faint light coming from the lotus
- The tiny sprig protruding from the water
- The water is dark

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- The dark tips on the petals
- The lighter and darker brush strokes
- mixed mediums: felt, and paints

Name: Madeline Date: Feb 16 2023


I chose this image inspired by this book:  
I am Golden  
illustrated by Sophie Diaz

I noticed these things in this image:

- There is a little girl on the dragons back
- The clouds are like puffy cotton balls
- The colours in the phoenixs wings

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- I did trees and a blue sky instead of yellow sky.
- The many blues of the sky
- The scales of the dragon




Name: Mapo Date: Feb 10 23


I chose this image inspired by this book:  
Knight Owl  
illustrated by Christopher Denise

I noticed these things in this image:

- the fire looks like it is glowing
- the eyes are very bright
- the Knight is sitting on a tree

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- my fire has a tongue
- the moon is blue
- the dragon is green





Name: RUKY Date: 02-10-23

I chose this image inspired by this book:  
I am Golden

illustrated by Sophie Diao

I noticed these things in this image:

- There are some orange and yellow in the hair
- On the tip of the flames they are orange
- They are details with the white

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- how the orange fades into yellow
- how the pants are light at the bottom
- how the hair looks like it's being blown by the wind



Name: JOHN Date: Feb 10/23

I chose this image inspired by this book:  
John is Stone

illustrated by KOTI BEPA

I noticed these things in this image:

- Kids are talking
- John is stone
- His face is a plain

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- the big black mound
- kids are looking at each other
- his face is a plain

**Division 5 Read and Responded to Caldecott Award-Winning Books**

Name: JACOB Date: Feb 10 2023

I chose this image inspired by this book: Out of a Jar

illustrated by DEBORAH MARCERO

I noticed these things in this image:

- the entire painting waited me
- the bright colours
- how the dark trees make the colours pop

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- the sky looks like liquid sugar
- the painted black river
- my blended paint colours







Name: Asher Date: 02-10-23

I chose this image inspired by this book:

Nigel and the Moon

illustrated by Gracey Zhang

I noticed these things in this image:

- I noticed how the scenes are drawn as though you are looking out a train window at them.
- I also noticed how the sky is a deep blue almost like the ocean.
- And lastly I noticed how vibrant the colours of the buildings are.

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- I want you to notice how my buildings are 3D.
- I also want you to notice how detailed the moon is.
- And lastly I want you to notice the shading of the palm trees.



Name: Max Date: 02-10-23

I chose this image inspired by this book:

Knightowl

illustrated by Christopher

I noticed these things in this image:

- Owls are very big and scary
- The turret is very tall
- Where is the owl

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- The smaller and larger of the
- Owls are more like black like owl
- The owl is more like

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Name: Jordan Date: Feb 10 23

I chose this image inspired by this book:

I am Golden

illustrated by Sophie Diao

I noticed these things in this image:


- The bright orange sky
- The colour of the dragon
- The sparks in the sky

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- The vibrant red on my dragon
- The detailed scales of the dragon
- The fire sky they are flying through.



Name: Emma Date: Feb 10 23

I chose this image inspired by this book:  
Berry Song 


illustrated by Michael Goade

I noticed these things in this image:

- the little sail boat engulfed in mist
- the flock of geese flying in a V
- the mist that covers land and sea

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- how I made the mountains pop out of the sea
- the girl who was inspired by the crew
- the spring colors I added



Name: Amel Date: Feb 10-23

I chose this image inspired by this book:  
Three Billy Goats Gruff



illustrated by Jon Hassen

I noticed these things in this image:

- a flock of birds
- (the moon?)
- the cats of the Billy Goats Gruff

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- the black bridge
- the sunset colors
- the different greens in the hills


Name: Evett Date: Feb 10-23

I chose this image inspired by this book:  
Night Owl


illustrated by CHRISTOPHER DENISE

I noticed these things in this image:

- the roosted Matshmedow
- the shiny stars
- the fire's sparks

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- the unique tiles
- the torch light
- the architect's grey colour





Name: Mubel Date: Feb 10 23

I chose this image inspired by this book:  
Out of a Jar  
 illustrated by Deborah Marcero

I noticed these things in this image:

- There are little glass shards.
- The rabbit's ears are wiggling.
- The eyes are looking in different directions.

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- I used scribble lines for the glass.
- I only did 6 colours of the rainbow.
- I made shadows.



Name: Aiden Date: 02 10 23

I chose this image inspired by this book:  
Knightowl  
 illustrated by CHRISTOPHER DENISE

I noticed these things in this image:

- That is tiny!
- The owl speaks.
- The sunlight.

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- The half moon.
- All the stars.
- The thick towers.

Name: Kora Date: Feb 22 2023

I chose this image inspired by this book:  
Out of a jar  
 illustrated by Deborah Marcero

I noticed these things in this image:

- The colours are vibrant.
- The shadow work is amazing.
- The illustrations are telling the story and shows lot of emotion.

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- The flowers are drawn in squiggles.
- The long shadows of the rabbit.
- The rabbit has a rectangular shape.





Name: SAM Date: 02-10-23

I chose this image inspired by this book:  
The Billy Goats Gruff  
 illustrated by Jon Klassen

I noticed these things in this image:

- A Massive goat.
- The light on the mountain.
- The bright sky.

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- The details on the big goat.
- The strips of colour.
- The mix of yellow and orange sky

Name: Leyla Date: Feb 10 2023

I chose this image inspired by this book:  
KNIGHT OWL  
 illustrated by Christopher Denise

I noticed these things in this image:

- The colour scheme.
- The colours are plain.
- There's no northern lights.

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- The little details (like the people)
- The northern lights.
- There are speech bubbles.



Name: Gaiothel Date: Feb 10 2023

I chose this image inspired by this book:  
I am Golden  
 illustrated by Sophie Diao

I noticed these things in this image:

- The flames colours
- The girls face has colours like the flame
- The vibrant colours in the background

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- The colours around the flame
- The girls features
- The flame has peach and orange colours



Name: Wyatt Date: Feb 10 2023

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 illustrated by Jon Klassen

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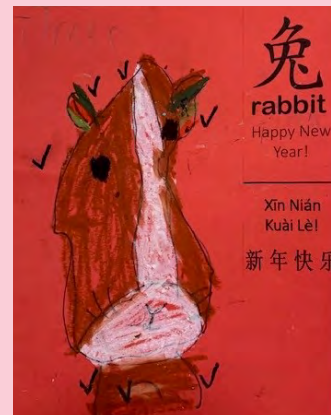
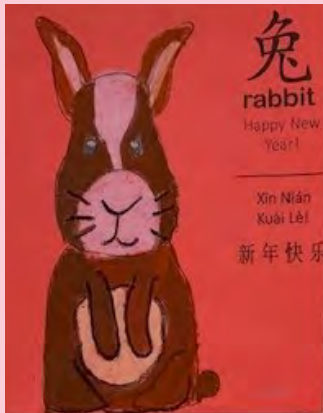
- the trolls eyes
- the bones
- the bridge

I want you to notice these things in my work:

- the sky is peach
- the bridge looks old
- the silver clouds



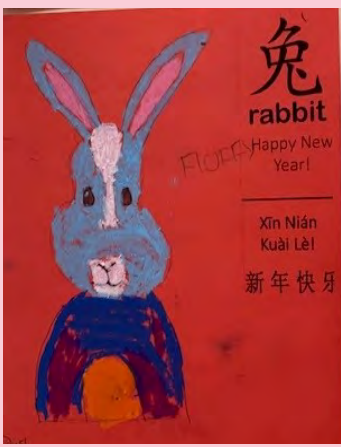
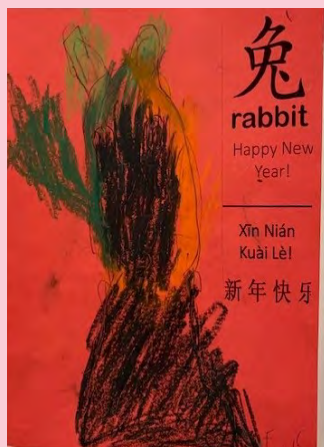
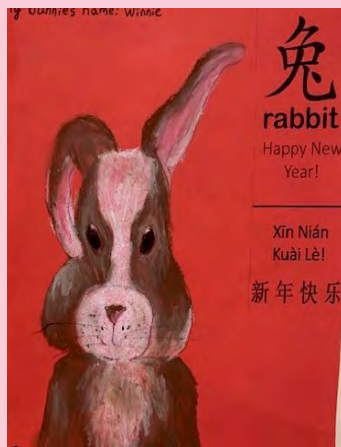
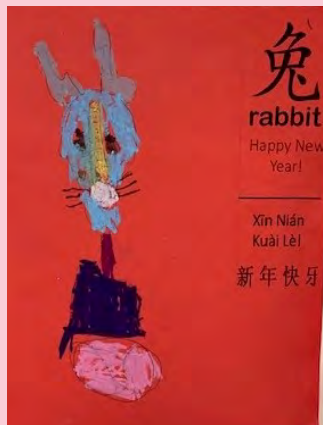
# Lunar New Year



The Year of the Rabbit by Division 12, Kindergarten, and their buddy class, Division 2



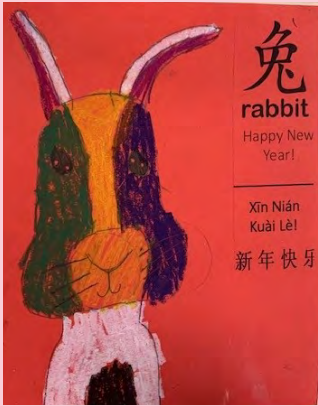
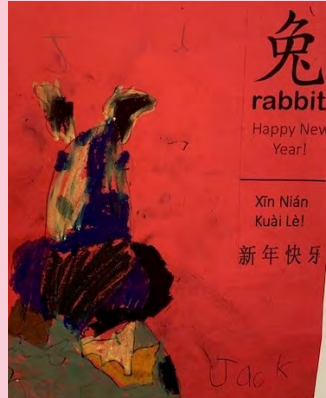
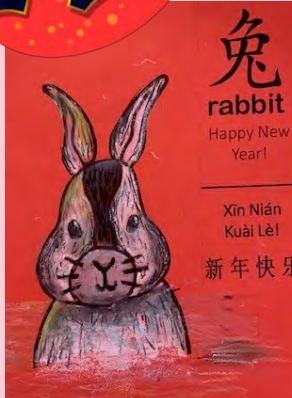
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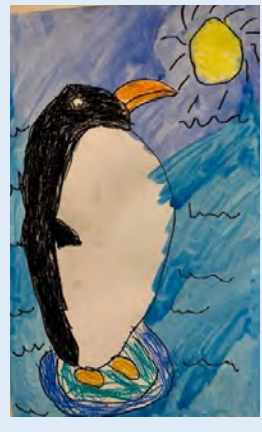
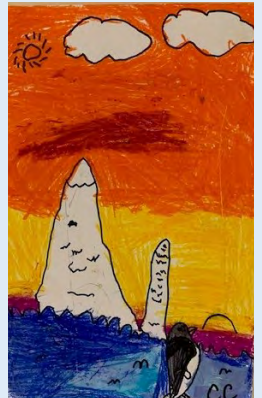
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# Penguin Art by Divisions 8 and 9





# Nightingale Art



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