



NIGHTINGALE NEWS

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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#

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.

Click here to visit the Nightingale [Website](#).



Dates to Remember in September



Tuesday, September 6	...First Day of School for Students 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 7	...Kindergarten Children attend at 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 14	...First Full day of School ...First Full day of School for Kindergarten
Monday, September 19	...Day of Mourning for Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II—School Closed
Wednesday, September 21	...8:30-10:30 PAC Coffee Morning (gravel field)
Friday, September 23	...Professional Development Day—no school for students
Friday, September 30	...Statutory Holiday—National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

A Message from Ms. Hughes



The 2022-2023 school year has begun and Nightingale staff were happy to welcome children to their new classes on Tuesday, September 13. We would like to thank everyone for their patience as we took the time to organize the classes this year.

I would also like to thank everyone for the warm welcome that I received at Nightingale - what a wonderful community!

Typically, newsletters will be published and e-mailed on the last Friday of the month, however, for September there will be two, this one and one in the last week of September. Newsletters can also be found on the [Nightingale Website](#) under the Announcements section.

We are looking forward to a great year at Nightingale!

“PROUD TO BE HAWKS”

Honest, Awesome Attitude, Working hard, Kind, Safe

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.



COVID Update

The Vancouver School District and Nightingale Elementary continue to follow the guidance of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the BC Centre for Disease Control and Vancouver Coastal Health in putting in place measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The BC Centre for Disease Control updated [guidance](#) for the K-12 sector indicates that, "Transmission within K-12 schools settings accounts for a minority of COVID-19 cases even amongst students and staff."

Measures that will continue to be in place for the coming school year include reminders to all staff, students and their families to monitor their health daily and to stay home if they are ill. Information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the [BCCDC website](#). Students who become ill during the school day will be asked to wear a mask and wait in a supervised area, away from other students, until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Staff will continue to remind students of the importance of regular hand washing/hand sanitizing and of coughing/sneezing into their elbow or a tissue. We will continue to ensure school sinks are well stocked with soap and that hand sanitizer is available. Staff will also continue to remind students to be respectful of others' personal space while going through daily school activities.

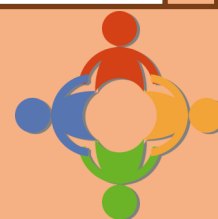
Wearing a mask, other than what is recommended by public health, is an important personal health choice for students and families. Some staff and students will choose to wear a mask throughout the day or for certain activities. Others will choose not to wear a mask. Individual decisions around mask wearing will be supported and respected at Nightingale Elementary.

Entry and exit to the school will be the same as last year. Children will line up outside and teachers will escort them in and out to reduce congestion in the hallways. The school would also appreciate appointments to be made rather than just dropping in and we ask that parents call ahead before coming to the office. Thank you!

Clean air and proper ventilation is an important part of the prevention measures in all Vancouver schools. During the past months, District staff have undertaken the refurbishment and rehabilitation of ventilation equipment in all schools and will continue to install new ventilation and heating equipment in portables. Air filters in schools have been upgraded and are replaced three times per year.

More information on COVID-19 prevention measures in Vancouver schools can be found [here](#).

Nightingale PAC



The Nightingale Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) are excited to start another school year. All parents at Nightingale are members of the PAC. PAC meetings for the year will be at 7:00 p.m. via zoom on the following dates:

September 29, November 17, January 19, March 30, AGM will be late May/early June

Zoom link will be provided closer to the date

I would like to thank members of the PAC executive and all of the various committees, in advance, for their work throughout the year. Working together we can enhance the opportunities and experiences of all the children at the school.

We look forward to seeing you then—All parents are welcome!



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New Classes

As you are likely aware, the new classes, teachers and division numbers are as follows:

Division 1	Mr. Hartwick	Grade 6/7
Division 2	Ms. Tufts	Grade 5/6
Division 3	Ms. Wong	Grade 4/5
Division 4	Mr. Yuen	Grade 4/5
Division 5	Ms. Gelson	Grade 3/4
Division 6	Ms. Hahn	Grade 2/3
Division 7	Ms. Janzen	Grade 2/3
Division 8	Mr. Canning	Grade 1/2
Division 9	Ms. Sutherland	Grade 1
Division 10	Ms. Lockey	Grade 1
Division 11	Ms. Colleen (Mieczanec)	Kindergarten
Division 12	Ms. Tooshkenig	Kindergarten

Staff and students
at Nightingale
wish Ms. Huang all
the best as she
leaves to work at
another school
We will miss her!



Since Orange Shirt Day has been made a statutory holiday in Canada, staff and students will be learning about the origins of Orange Shirt Day throughout the week. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.

Dress for the Weather

As a reminder, as the weather starts to turn cooler and wetter, please ensure your child comes to school **dressed for the weather (rain jacket, rain boots)**.

All recess and lunch playtime will be outside "rain or shine". Younger children may be asked to also bring a change of clothes in the event that they have a bathroom accident or get very wet playing in puddles!

Children tend to find fun things to do regardless of the rain!



Back to School—How to Promote Resilience and Set Your Kids up for Success

Set the stage for success and well-being going into this new school year with some practical strategies for parents

supporting children and their emotional resilience in this blog post by Dr. Angela Low, [Back to School - How to Promote Resilience and Set Your Kids up For Success.](#)



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Meet the Staff

Thursday, September 22, 3:30—5:30 p.m.

Classroom teachers will send more information to their families with specific times closer to the date.

Please come and meet your child's teacher in their classroom to learn more about the program and the year ahead.

We look forward to welcoming you.



School Cash Online

Throughout the year there may be a variety of fees and activities that have a cost attached for participation.

Please see the fee notice that will be sent home the week of Tuesday, September 20 for more details. Nightingale Elementary, along with all other Vancouver schools collect money from families electronically. Thank you to those families who have already signed up and are familiar with SchoolCash Online. For new families or families who have yet to register, please click on the link below to register now. If you are having difficulty registering, please contact the office. Thank you.

Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is SchoolCash Online?

SchoolCash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
[Learn more](#)



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Sign In

Welcome Back!

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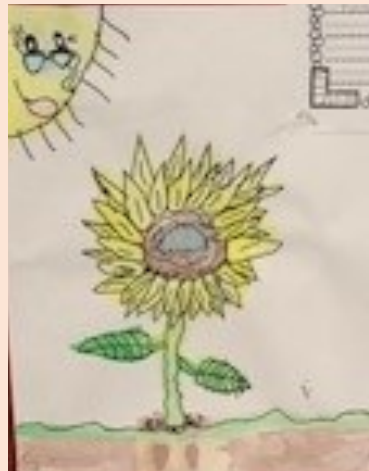


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Nightingale Art

Throughout the year we will showcase art from around the school—enjoy!



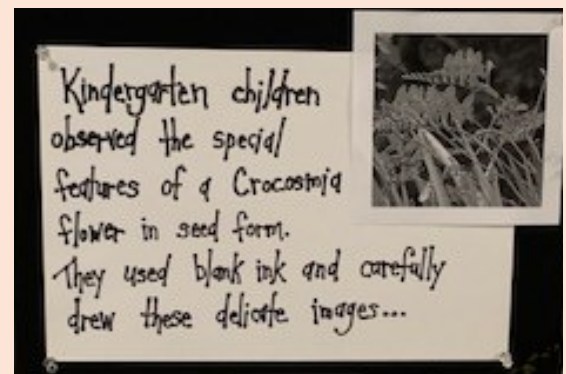
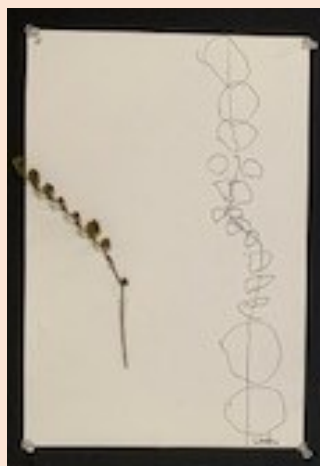
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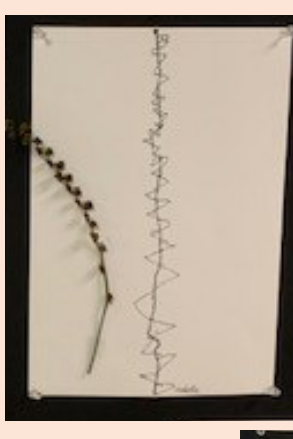
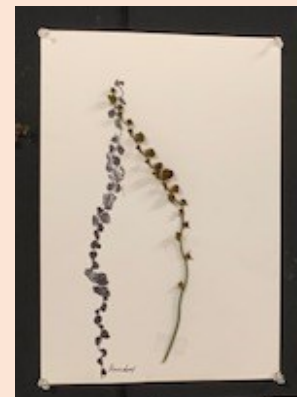
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