



## NIGHTINGALE NEWS

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### Dates to Remember in September



Friday, September 30	...Statutory Holiday—National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Friday, October 7	...Terry Fox Run
Monday, October 10	...Thanksgiving—Statutory Holiday—No School
Wednesday, October 12	...Photo Day
Thursday, October 13 and Friday, October 14	...in-class presentations from O.W.L
Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 19	...Communicating Student Learning—Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m. for conferences
Thursday, October 20	...Trout Lake Cross Country Meet (afternoon)
Friday, October 21	...Professional Development Day—No School for students
Friday, October 28	...Halloween Celebrations in class



### 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.

### A Message from Ms. Hughes



In a blink of an eye, September is over! Students and staff are starting to settle into the routines of the school year. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Meet the Staff event with their classroom teacher. If you have further questions about their program, don't hesitate to reach out to them directly.

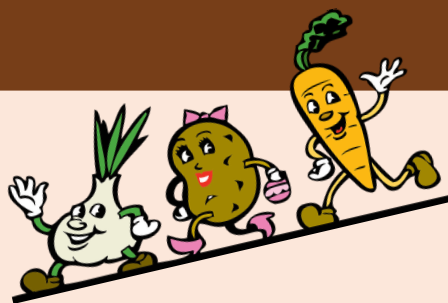
Also, in this newsletter I have added some important safety updates and general guidelines that will be helpful to you throughout the year.

### "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.



## How Did the Garden Grow?

A big thanks to all the students, parents, grandparents that helped water and maintain the school garden over the summer. It was our first-time utilizing families in this manner and it was very successful. Volunteers rotated on a weekly basis and got to harvest the vegetables and fruit, if they desired. Some of the feedback we received was that it was a relaxing place to be on the hot evenings and the children really enjoyed helping! Some parents have expressed interest in helping out in the Fall and it is our hope that we can get together to celebrate and organize a cleanup and a planting crew. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Katherine (Ms. B) or Thomas.

## Nightingale PAC News

As parents/guardians of children at Nightingale Elementary, you are all members of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). Their first meeting of the year is Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We would love to see you there!



Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86055930875?pwd=cmVDVUh1aUJZZzd3d2kzYkk4UkUyQT09>

Meeting ID: 860 5593 0875

Passcode: 603086

If you would like to reach out to the PAC please check out their [website](#).

The hot lunch program from C'est Mon Cafe returns to Nightingale next week! On Tuesdays and Thursdays each week, beginning October 4, parents can order hot lunch for their child(ren) at the cost of \$6.50 per meal. Each day's menu has a variety of meal options to choose from. Order as needed: once a week, twice a week, or even once a month. If ordering meals, be sure to place your order via the Nightingale page on the C'est Mon Cafe website: <https://www.cestmoncafe.com> and pay for your order via e-transfer by 6pm the evening before. As a reminder, please send cutlery with your child on hot lunch days. Questions? Check out their FAQ page at <https://www.cestmoncafe.com/page6.html> or send the PAC an email at [pac\\_night@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:pac_night@vsb.bc.ca).



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## Acceptable Use of Technology

Each student in the Vancouver School Board has access to technology to support their learning. It is a requirement of each student (and family) to acknowledge that they have read the guidelines for this use. This year, the district would like families to do this electronically. Please login and confirm that you and your child have read and understand these guidelines [HERE](#). You will need your child's 9-digit Personal Education Number (PEN) and their date of birth to login.

The [Acceptable Use of Technology](#) document outlines expectations for use of technology and includes (but is not all inclusive) such things as:

- Respectful use of the internet
- Keeping passwords confidential from others
- Conduct that is in line with the district and school Codes of Conduct



## Diversity Calendar

Listed below are some of the observances, holidays, celebrations and notable dates in October. *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 to be acknowledged, please do let us know in the office and they can be added to the newsletters.

October 3—Durga Puja (Hindu)

October 5—Yom Kippur (Jewish)

October 9—Eid-Maulad-un-Nabi (Muslim)  
And Pavarana—(Buddhism)

October 10—Thanksgiving

October 24—Diwali (Sikh, Hindu)

October 31—Halloween

## Emergency Procedures

Each year, Vancouver schools review emergency procedures with students. Throughout the school year, we will have numerous emergency drills (fire, earthquake, hold and secure, shelter in place, and lockdown). In the case that you arrive at school and there is a sign on the door that states "Hold and Secure", essentially, it means that there is an incident occurring in the neighbourhood that is deemed a risk to the community. We keep exterior doors to the building locked and do not allow staff or students to leave the building, or anyone to enter the building, until the risk has passed. We also have a procedure known as "Shelter in Place". This is when the school is locked for an environmental concern such as a chemical spill or, more simply, coyotes on the playground. Finally, a full "Lockdown" would be initiated in the unlikely event of a threat occurring directly on the school grounds or in the building. In this event, there is no sign on the door and all staff and students would be secured behind locked doors until police deem it to be safe to leave the school. In the case of an emergency where we are unable to keep students at Nightingale Elementary, parents should

be aware that our off-site emergency evacuation centre is

**Mount Pleasant Elementary School, located at 2300 Guelph Street**

*\*\*For more information about school emergency procedures, please talk to your child's teacher\*\**



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## Code of Behaviour

The [Nightingale Code of Behaviour](#) is posted to Nightingale website. Please take some time to review this at home with your child. The full document is attached on the side of the webpage as a PDF.

## Cellphones and Other Electronics



Please be advised that we do not recommend personal electronics be brought to school. Staff ask that students do not use these items during school hours and, if they are left in backpacks, they may go missing. If you require that your child bring a cell phone to school, please remind them to keep it in their pocket and not to use it during class time. Also, please remind your child that taking photos and/or video of students and/or staff, during school time is not permitted. Some families request that photos/videos of their children are not taken and we need to respect everyone's privacy. Please check with your child's teacher on their individual classroom rules regarding "Bring Your Own Device" to school for educational purposes. In the coming weeks, staff will be reviewing the use of technology in the school. Thank you.



Please be aware that we are an "allergy and scent aware" school. What this means is that we have a number of children and/or staff in the school that do have allergies to certain foods (peanuts, seafood/fish, tree nuts, scents). People with a severe food allergy must not eat even tiny amounts of the food that cause them to have an allergic reaction. A severe allergic reaction can come on quickly and this can even occur if the person is simply in the same room as the allergen. To help reduce the risk of an accidental exposure, please *consider* sending snacks without peanuts, seafood/fish, or tree nuts. Also, please remind children not to share food, drinks, or eating utensils with others. Thank you.

Don't forget to visit the Nightingale [Website!](#)



## Cross Country

Cross-Country running has started for the season.



Click [here](#) for the practice and mini meet schedules and locations.

## Toys and Special Items from Home

As a reminder, we are also requesting that all toys, electronics and special items are left at home *unless specifically requested by a teacher for a special project and/or Show and Tell*. Frequently, when these items are brought to school, they are lost, broken, or result in disagreements or feelings being hurt. Thank you for your support in reminding your child to keep all personal toys and electronic items at home. If a child brings an item to school that results in a disruption to the learning environment, the item may be taken and looked after by a staff member until the end of the day when it can be returned to a caregiver.



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## Reminders...

As a reminder school fees are to be paid on line. If you have not yet registered, please do so at <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Permission forms, verification sheets, Emergency Reunification forms, Media Consent, CASL forms, and Neighbourhood Walk Consent letters are all due back to school as soon as possible.

Please speak with your child's teacher or e-mail Ms. Hughes at [aahughes@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:aahughes@vsb.bc.ca) if you require a subsidy for school fees this year. Thank you.

## Vancouver Public Library

This fall, at the **Mount Pleasant Branch** of the Vancouver Public Library there are [weekly drop-in programs for school-aged kids](#) on Wednesday afternoons (a variety of bookmaking, cardboard-building, and crafty events), and a Lego-building get-together on Saturday afternoons.

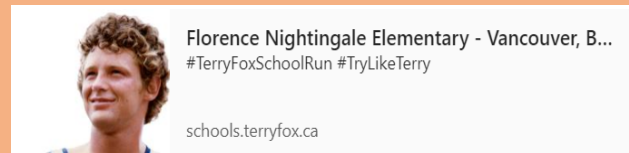
VPL is continuing to offer some **virtual/online children's programs**, such as [Book Clubs for Tweens \(Gr 4-7\) and Early Readers \(Gr 1-3\)](#), and [Write Now!](#), a writing group for children in Grades 3-7.



## Terry Fox Run

Nightingale's Terry Fox Run will be held in the afternoon of Friday,

October 7th! We'll be running rain or shine so make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Nightingale is excited to raise funds for cancer research and treatments. If you are interested in donating you can contribute to the school's Terry Fox fund at the [following link](#).



## Nightingale Pumpkin Patch

Thank you, in advance, to the PAC who will be organizing a pumpkin patch at the school again this year, close to the end of October. Each class will have the opportunity to head out to our gravel field and children will pick a pumpkin. If you would like to support this fundraising event, please visit the PAC website ,closer to the end of October, to donate. Thank you!

Almost pumpkin time!

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# Nightingale Art

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

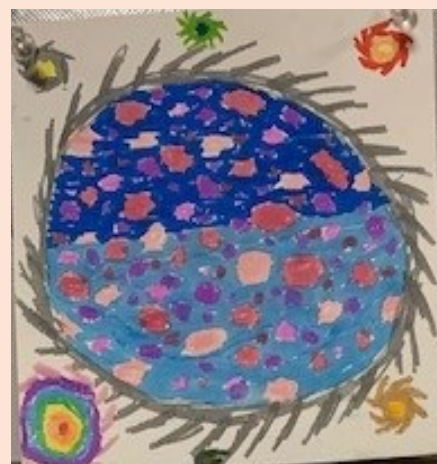
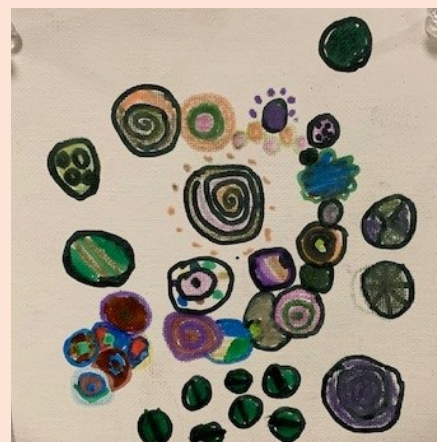


Art Inspired by "The Dot"



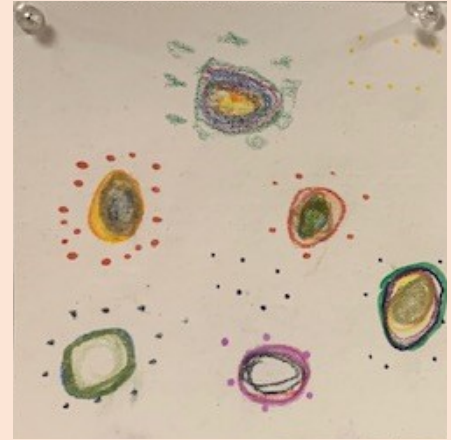
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"The Dot" Art By Division 6





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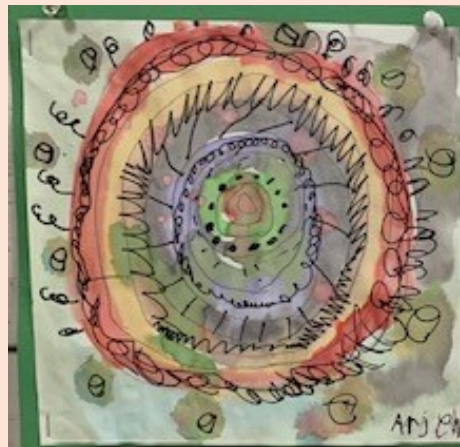
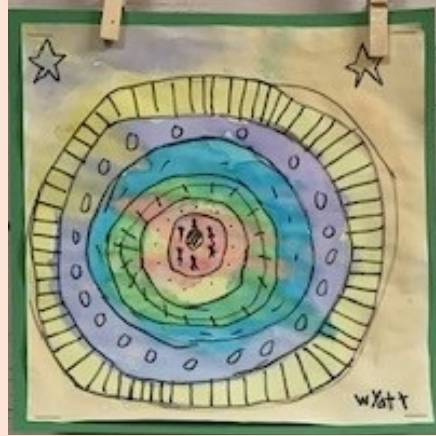


More Dot Art by Division 8





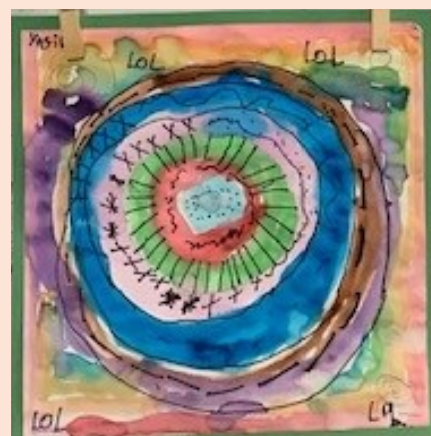
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