



NIGHTINGALE NEWS

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Dates to Remember in November

Monday, October 31	...Halloween Activities in Classrooms
Tuesday, November 1	...Kindergarten Registration Starts
Tuesday, November 8	...Grade 6 Immunization Clinic
Thursday, November 10	...Remembrance Day Assembly
Friday, November 11	...Remembrance Day—No School
Monday, November 14	...Fire Drill
Thursday, November 17	...Photo Retakes
Thursday, November 17	...PAC Meeting—7:00 pm via Zoom
Thursday, November 24	...Earthquake Drill
Friday, November 25	...Non-Instructional Day—Indigenous Focus Day—No School for Students



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

I hope everyone has now had the opportunity to speak to their child's teacher through the month of October during goal-setting conferences. This was a time for you to get a better understanding of how your child is progressing for the first part of the school year and what goals have been set by your child and the teacher for the next part of the school year. As a reminder, if you have any questions about your child's time at Nightingale, please do reach out to the classroom teacher.

"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.

Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024

With the opening of school kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year on November 1, the registration process will have two steps:

- ♦ Step 1: Complete the online registration at 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.

If you know families with children who were born in 2018, please remind them to register for Kindergarten.

Visit the [Student Registration Page](#) on the Vancouver School Board website for more information.

Nightingale PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be on November 17 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The link to the meeting will be shared closer to the date. As a parent at Nightingale, you are all welcome and encouraged to join this meeting.

In other PAC news...

The PAC are an integral part of our school community and, as well as organizing fun events like the pumpkin patch, they also contribute greatly to the programs and extra items that we are able to provide and purchase for the children in the school. The way that this is accomplished is via fundraising efforts. The Nightingale PAC direct drive will be starting in November. More information will be sent to parents in the coming days. Thank you to all of those families who are able to contribute to this fundraising event!

Stay tuned for more information on a *PAC winter coffee morning*...date TBA.



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Please Complete the Acceptable Use of Technology Acknowledgement Online

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. If you have not already done so, 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 or celebrations to be acknowledged, please do let us know in the office and they can be added to the newsletters.

Nov. 1—All Saints' Day (Christian)

Nov. 8—Indigenous Veteran's Day and
Guru Nanak's Birthday (Sikh)

Nov. 11—Remembrance Day

Nov. 15—Shichi-Go-San (Japanese)

Nov. 16—International Day of Tolerance (UN)

Nov. 18—Day of Covenant (Baha'i)

Grade 8 Transition and Mini School

The regular transition process for Grade 7 students going into Grade 8 starts in January. Students will receive information about registration and course selection after we receive it from the high schools. Mr. Hartwick has already shared this information with families and this serves as a reminder that, if your child is interested in applying for a mini school program for Grade 8, that process starts earlier in the fall. Please take a look at [this link](#) if they are interested. Students need to complete both the District Registry process ([available from November 7 - December 15, 2022](#)), and then apply directly to the Mini School programs through Mini School program websites. It is not an expectation that children apply to mini school and, as mentioned above, regular grade 8 registration starts in January.

Diwali—Festival of Lights

For those families in the Nightingale community who celebrated this week....



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Well Done!

Thank you to all the families who were able to donate for the Terry Fox Run. This year, our total raised was \$1570! Well done Nightingale!



A friendly reminder...

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

[School Cash Online](#)



Artist in Residence

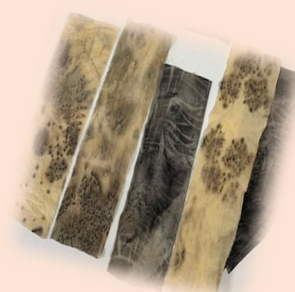
A message from Maggie (who we are all so thrilled to have back at Nightingale!):

I am so grateful to be back with all of you at Nightingale. This year in the Art and Discovery Studio, we will be exploring the theme of *Lost and Found*: acknowledging the ways in which loss is part of being in the world, and also what brings us together. Through a series of art projects, we will be exploring losses big and small, and create space for students to discover the paradoxical coexistence of losing and finding in the stories of

our lives. As part of this journey, we are creating a whole school art collaboration called "the tending and mending project" that will be located in the main atrium of the school. Here, students, caregivers and staff can stitch a piece of printed fabric onto a long and ever growing bandage as a way of sitting with and tending to feelings of hurt; whether from a bump on the playground, an argument with a friend, the feeling of missing someone or something important, the feeling of being overwhelmed by things beyond our control or simply from having a bad day. It can also be a quiet place to slow down and show care for the hurt of others by

stitching a word or an image onto one of the fabric pieces already attached. It is the hope that as this bandage grows, it will become a beautiful symbol of the strength and depth of care and connectedness in our school community. Once we get started, I would also love to have volunteers to help with keeping a steady supply of threaded and knotted needles to be kept in the office for students and others in our school community to use throughout the day for stitching. Please let Angela Hughes or Colleen Mieczanec know if you would like to be involved. I hope to join you at the next PAC meeting to share more about the projects for the year. Thank you for your support of the Art and Discovery Studio and the AIRS program. It is an honour to be a part of this wonderful school community.

Sincerely and Warmly, Maggie.



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Nightingale Pumpkin Patch

A huge "thank you" to the PAC for organizing and making the Nightingale Pumpkin Patch a fun event!



Thank you to Sarah, Marie, Alice, Eva, and Elise!

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For those who
celebrate.....



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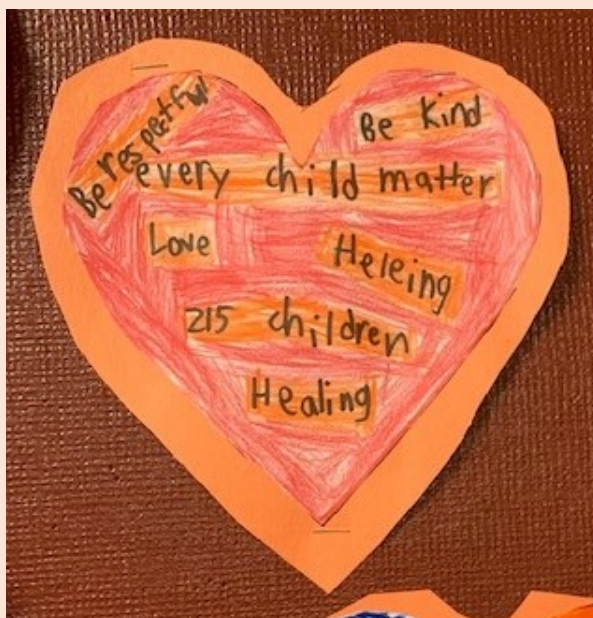


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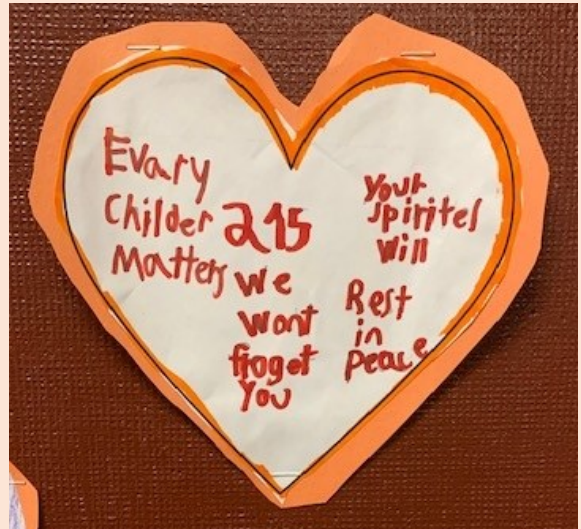
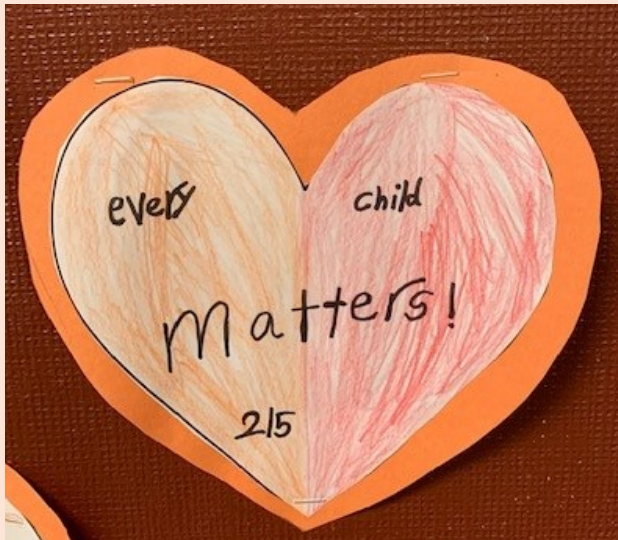
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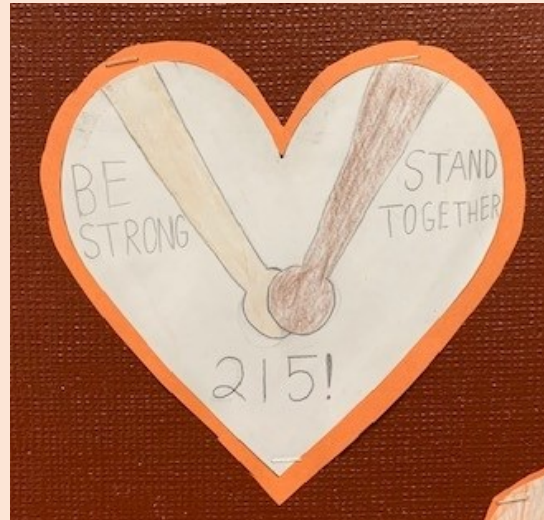
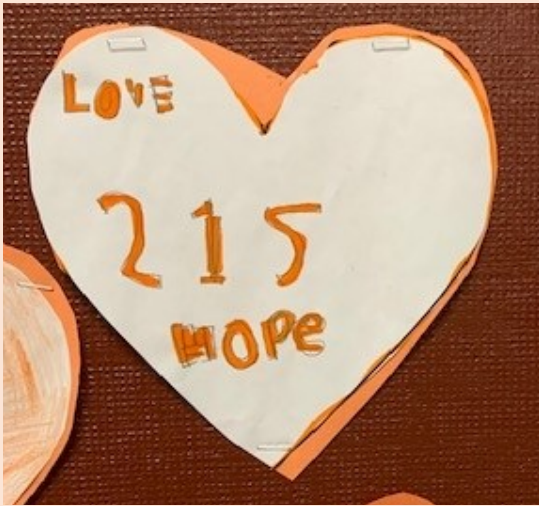
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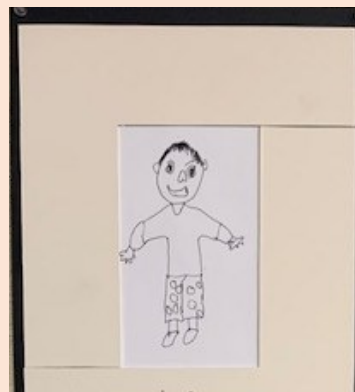
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Nightingale Art



Self Portraits by Division 10