#### Florence Nightingale Elementary School Newsletter



#### NIGHTINGALE NEWS

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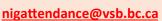
Monday, May 29	Saleema Noon Parent Presentation via Zoom
Tuesday, May 30	Saleema Noon Student Presentations in
	school
Friday, June 2	Sports Day (a.m. only)
Wednesday, June 7	Welcome to Kindergarten
Monday, June 12	Div. 5-11 going to Queens Park, Div. 11 going
	to Trout Lake
Thursday, June 15	Div. 1-4—Playland
Friday, June 16	Div 6—Trout Lake
Friday, June 16	H.A.W.K.S. Night
Wednesday, June 21	Div. 12—Beaty Biodiversity Museum
Tuesday, June 27	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (Grad)
Thursday, June 29	Report Cards go Home, Last Day of School

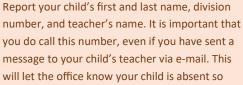
Dates to Remember in June

#### **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#





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.



The last month of the school year has come so quickly and I expect

June to fly by too with all of the events and field trips happening. An event of note is our Welcome to Kindergarten, on June 7. This is the time that we welcome in our new students for next September. Look out for the little ones in the hallways on June the 7 as they visit for the first time!

## "PROUD TO BE HAWKS"

Honest, Awesome Attitude, Working hard, Kind, Safe

Summer weather is here and our garden is looking great! Take a look next time you are at the school.



We would like to humbly acknowledge that we are learning, unlearning and relearning on the unceded, un-surrendered, and traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəẙəm|Musqueam, Sḳwx̣wú7mesh|Squamish & səlilwəta+ |Tsleil-Waututh Nations. With this acknowledgement comes the commitment to engage in ongoing acts of reconciliation.

#### H2Whoa!

Students and staff were

entertained and learned about water conservation in a presentation on Wednesday, May 16. DreamRider Productions/The Planet Protector Academy came to Nightingale and taught us about the water cycle and how to save water. Thanks to Ian and Sara, children were entertained and learned more ways to become planet protectors!





The PAC needs you!

### **Diversity Calendar**

June 18—Father's Day

June 21—National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21—Summer Solstice

June 29—July 2—<u>Eid ul Adha</u>—Muslim
Listed above are some of the observances,
holidays, celebrations and notable dates in
June. 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 <u>Angela</u>
<u>Hughes</u> and they can be added to the
newsletters. Click on the links to learn more

We are looking for parents and guardians to join the Parent Advisory Council executive.

The PAC Annual General Meeting is coming up soon and this is when next year's executive is elected.

Please visit the PAC's website for more information about the positions and how to apply at <a href="https://www.nightingalepac.com">www.nightingalepac.com</a>.

- To show your continued support for Nightingale's programs, please consider donating to the PAC's <u>Rise Up Hawks! Direct</u> Drive.
- HAWKS Night 2023—Friday, June 16th—mark your calendar.
   Please look out for more information about this event coming from the PAC in the next few weeks.

## Together we are better!

### **Notice of Late Return and Are You Moving?**

As we are planning for September, here are a few reminders for over the summer:

- If you move over the summer and will be in a new school catchment, please wait
  until both schools reopen at the end of August to put in a transfer request. You can
  pick up a transfer form at Nightingale and we will send that to your new catchment
  school.
- If you are not moving but intend on returning to Nightingale after Wednesday, September 6 (but before Friday, September 29) please complete the <u>Notice of Late</u> <u>Return Form</u> and send it to the office before noon on Wednesday, September 6. If your child is unaccounted for by noon on Wednesday, September 6, we will remove them from our organization and then give that space to a child on the waitlist. It is expected that every child will have a school placement by September 9 at the latest.

Thank you!

## Nightingale Website

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





#### **Lunch Time at Nightingale**

As we are getting into the nicer weather and children are enjoying being outdoors, I would

just like to remind families that students <u>do not</u> have permission to leave school grounds during the lunch break to go to local stores or restaurants on their own. If you or another adult family member or family friend would like to take your child out at any time throughout the day for appointments or special events, please do let us know in the office and please sign them out and back in if/when they return. Thank you.

#### **Lost and Found**

Please take a look at the photos —this is the collection of clothes we have gathered over the past few months that are

looking to find their way home! If you see anything you recognize, please let your child know to go to the basement where our Lost and Found is located. Over the next few weeks, teachers will be walking their classes past the collection in the hopes that we will be able to reunite them with their owners before the end of June. Anything that is left behind in June will be donated to "goodwill".





# Raising the Pride Flag at Nightingale







On Thursday, May 5, we raised our Pride flag at Nightingale. Thank you so much to Mr. Thomas who initiated this event and took the time to find a way to secure the flag to our front fence. Thank you also to the students who participated in a small ceremony to honor the occasion. A moment of reflection was taken acknowledging the importance of solidarity, identity and resistance to discrimination and violence.

## Saleema Noon Sexual Health Workshops for Students and Parents

Monday, May 29, 6:30 p.m. Zoom session for Parents

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 876 7293 2100 Passcode: 388509

Tuesday, May 30
In school workshops for all children

## **Jump Rope for Heart**

As a reminder, our Jump Rope for Heart event was on Friday, May 26. You can still donate to this good cause online at:





## Sport's Day

Sports Day this year will be on Friday, June 2. Primary classes (and division 5) will participate at the school, while the Intermediate students have booked Robson Park for their morning. Thank you to the PAC who will be providing a healthy snack for the children some time in the morning. Parents are welcome to join us. We ask that if you are here for sports day and need to use a washroom, please come to the office to use the universal washroom rather than the washrooms in the basement. If you are spending any length of time inside the building, please be sure to sign in and sign out again when you leave. Thank you! If the weather is hot, please remember to send your child with:

- A water bottle (we do have a bottle-filling station at the school)
- A hat
- Sunscreen











# Nightingale Art



Art inspired by the biography "Unbowed"

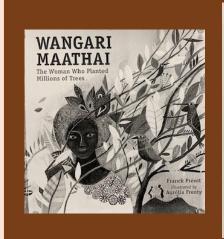
By Division 5

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One of the most inspiring biographies we have read is about Wangari Maathai, the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. She was honoured for "her contribution to sustainable development, deomocracy and peace."

Wangari Maathai launched the Green Belt Movement to replant trees and fight in fayour of women's rights and democracy.

From Wangari's Autobiography, <u>Unbowed</u>
"A tree ... tells us that in order to aspire, we need to be grounded, and that no matter how high we go it is from out roots that we draw sustenance."

"Trees are living symbols of peace and hope."







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