



## NIGHTINGALE NEWS

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### Dates to Remember in February

Wednesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 8	...Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences Communicating Student Learning (CSL)
Tuesday, February 13	...Kindergarten Immunizations and “catch up” as requested
Friday, February 16	...Professional Development Day No School for Students
Monday, February 19	...Family Day—Statutory Holiday No School
Monday, February 26	...Fire Drill
Wednesday, February 28	...Pink Shirt Day

### A Message from Ms. Hughes

Well, what a month we had in January! Freezing temperatures, record snow, and two snow days! That was quite the start up after the winter break. Hopefully, February will bring with it more seasonal temperatures—although I think the children would like more snow!

Please remember to send your child to school with warm and waterproof clothing for outside recess and lunch. An extra set of clothes at school is a good idea for all students. Even the older children like to play actively outside and sometimes need a change of clothes after lunch.

February is going to be a busy month with our second informal learning updates (conferences) being on February 7 and 8. Please check with your child’s teacher to confirm conference dates and times.



### 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](mailto: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.

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

## PAC Updates

Our February PAC meeting will be on Monday, February 5. If you are not able to make the meeting in person, in the Nightingale library, the PAC are having a hybrid meeting and you can join the meeting via Zoom:

[Join the meeting here](#)

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—parents may order seeds for the upcoming planting season online from February 1—February 14. Seed pickup will be at the school on March 11 and 12.

Place orders

Feb 1 - 14



Select Florence Nightingale  
at Checkout

### PAC Hot Lunches

The February—June order form has been updated and some new menu items have been added! Check it out [here](#).

✦ Join Nightingale parents, guardians and caregivers at the Ansa Club on January 31st; doors open at 6:30pm, trivia begins at 7pm.

The \$20 ticket includes admission, appies and non-alcoholic beverages. Other beverages will be available for purchase. There will be prizes, raffles and fun times 😊 Please reach out to [nightingalepac@gmail.com](mailto:nightingalepac@gmail.com) if you have any questions!

There are less than 50 tickets left! Get yours at the link: <https://shorturl.at/>

## Kindergarten Registration

**Kindergarten priority registration ends on Wednesday, January 31.**

We continue to accept applications until this date. If you apply after January 31, your application would not be included in the draw if we have more applicants than kindergarten spaces. Please let any of your neighbours know that they may apply, if their child was born in 2019. The registration process will have two steps:

- ♦ Step 1: Complete the online registration at [vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca](https://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 your child is placed on a waitlist, the district will place you in a nearby school until a space might become available at Nightingale Elementary.



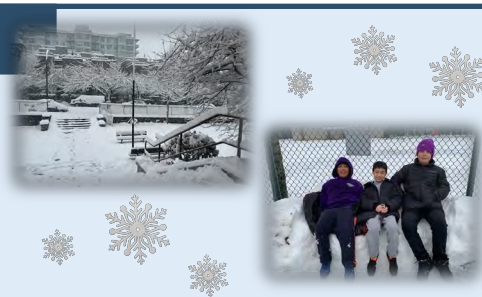
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Visit the  
[Nightingale website](#)  
for other school and  
VSB news.



## Winter Wonderland

Nightingale was transformed into a winter wonderland the week of January 15. Children enjoyed playing in the snow and got quite creative in what they made!



## Diversity Calendar

Listed below are some of the observances, holidays, celebrations and notable dates in February. *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.

All month—[Black History Month](#)

February 2—[Groundhog Day](#)

February 10—[Lunar New Year](#)—Numerous cultures (e.g. many East Asian cultures such as China, Korea, Vietnam)

February 14—[Valentine's Day](#)

February 15—[Parinirvana](#) (some celebrate Feb. 8) - Buddhism

February 19—[Family Day](#)—Canada

February 24—[Lailat al Bara'ah](#)—Islam

February 24—[Lantern Festival](#)—Marks the final day of the Lunar New Year

February 28—[Pink Shirt Day](#)

February 29—[Alá/The Bahá'í Fast](#) – Bahá'í

**Pink Shirt Day**

**Wednesday  
February 28**



## Are You Returning in September?



We are starting to prepare for next year and, although it is only the end of January, we do need to start looking at the number of students that will be returning to prepare for our staffing. **If you**

**have not yet completed [this form](#), please do so 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.

## Mindful Mondays and Wiggle Wednesdays

Mindful Mondays and Wiggle Wednesdays have started again, in the gym, as follows:

8:45 a.m.—Mindful Mondays

8:40 a.m.—Wiggle Wednesdays

Join us for a great way to start the day on Mondays and Wednesdays.



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### Cross-Boundary Applications

Priority registration for Kindergarten to grade 7 closes at the end of January. While we still accept applications throughout the year, and make every effort to have all of our catchment students accepted at our school, we sometimes do not have space and we will have a waitlist. All waitlisted students will be offered a space as one becomes available, *before cross-boundary students*. The cross-boundary application process opens up on February 1st and closes at the end of February. If you are thinking of applying to a school cross-boundary (including high school), please visit the [VSB website](#) for complete registration information.

### Recess Snack and Lunch

Just a reminder to parents to please pack a recess snack and a substantial lunch for your child to enjoy at school. In recent weeks, we have had an increasing number of students reporting they are hungry.

If your family is in need of some financial support to help with groceries, we do have a *small* fund at the school that we can access.

Please contact the office if grocery gift cards would be helpful for your family.



### Pick up during the lunch hour

We are asking for parent's help in making pick up during the lunch hour go a little more smoothly. If you need to take your child to an appointment for the afternoon, or a portion of the afternoon, if possible, can you please pick your child up either before the lunch bell (which goes at 12:10 p.m.) or at 1:00 p.m. when children have come back inside. It often can take us a while to locate them on the playground and children tend not to listen for their names being announced over the PA when they are having fun outside. Thank you for considering this request, it will help to speed up the process when you arrive to pick up your child.

### Basketball

Basketball season has started – thank you to Mr. Davitt and Mr. Hartwick who are sponsoring the teams! Games and practices are as follows and can also be found on the Nightingale Website under the [Extracurricular](#) heading.

Boys (Gr. 5/6/7)

**Practices** - Tuesday (Before school 8-8:50) and Friday at lunch

**Games - Wednesday (3:30 - 4:30) as follows:**

Jan 24th vs. Tyee @ Nightingale

Jan 31st vs. Livingstone @ Livingstone

FRIDAY, February 9 vs. Wolfe @ Wolfe (Friday due to Nightingale conferences)

TBD vs Cavell due to Cavell conferences

Girls (Gr. 5/6/7)

**Practices** - Tuesday 3-4pm + Thursday at Lunch

Games - Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm

Jan 25th vs. QA @Nightingale)

Feb 1st vs Crosstown @Nightingale

Feb 8th vs. Seymour @Seymour

Feb 15th vs. Crosstown @Crosstown



### Free Parent Workshops Social Media and Your Child

In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, Safer Schools Together will be offering free online workshops for parents in February.

For more information visit:

[Erase Family Sessions](#)

These sessions are designed for parents of children aged 10 and up, but may be of interest to families of younger children too. They will help you navigate social media with your child.



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**CREW**  
Preteen Drop-in Program

For Ages 9-12  
Tuesday: Cooking Day  
Thursday: Arts, Crafts & Games  
Duration till June 13th, 2024  
From 5:00-6:30pm at Fountain Alliance Church (101 E 24th Ave)  
Cost: \$10 (Family membership fee)

Please visit our website for more information at <https://lmnhs.bc.ca/child-and-youth-programs/>

Registration is ongoing!  
Contact us @ [cyservices@lmnhs.bc.ca](mailto:cyservices@lmnhs.bc.ca)

**LITTLE MOUNTAIN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**  
NEIGHBOUR HELPING NEIGHBOUR

**BC HOUSING**

## Adult Crossing Guard Volunteers Still Needed!

Once again we would like to put a call out for parent crossing guard volunteers. 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. We will also be looking for a new coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered!



**Happy Lunar  
New Year on  
Saturday,  
February 10!**



For those who celebrate, we wish you all the best for the lunar new year. This year is the year of the dragon. The dragon is also associated with the years 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964, and 1952. People born in Dragon years usually possess natural courage, tenacity, and intelligence, often displaying enthusiasm and confidence.

## Training as a School and Student Support Assistant

The Vancouver School District partners with the Burnaby School District to offer a 6 month Education Assistant program. Details for the next EA cohort beginning in April 2024 can be found below. Many graduates from this program eventually work as SSAs in Vancouver schools.

### Burnaby Education Assistant Program information

This program is accepting applications for the next EA cohort. The program is 6 months in duration and includes 2 practicums.

<http://www.burnabyccce.ca/courses/education-assistant-diploma/>



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# Nightingale Art



**Black Ink Art—By Division 7**



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## Toques and Mittens—By Division 9



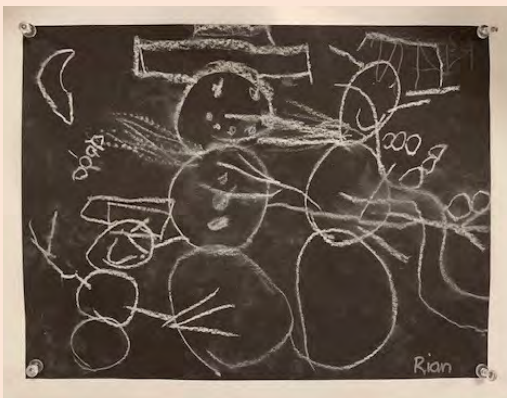


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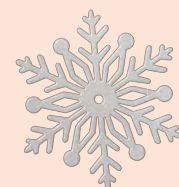
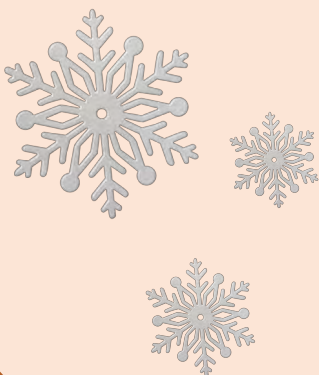




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Snow Folk  
At Night  
By  
Division 12  
Kindergarten





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