Florence Nightingale Elementary School Newsletter



NIGHTINGALE NEWS

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May the luck of the Irish be with everyone over spring break!

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#

<u>or</u>

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.

Dates to Remember in April

Monday, March 18 to

Monday, April 1
...Spring Break and Easter Holiday
(including Monday, April 1)
...First day back after Spring Break and
Easter

Wednesday, April 3
...Class and Group Photo Day
Friday, April 12
...Fire Drill
...Professional Development Day
Thursday, April 25
...Spring Musical (1:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

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Message from Ms. Hughes

This newsletter will be a little shorter than usual since it only covers two weeks of March due to the last Friday of the month landing

during spring break. Hopefully, over the break everyone will have time to recharge, reconnect with friends and family and be ready for the final three months of the school year!

I anticipate when you come back our cherry and apple blossoms will be in full bloom and the garden will be ready to plant!

For those who observe
Easter, we wish everyone a
Happy Easter! A reminder,
the Easter holiday is
included in spring break
and we return to school on
Tuesday, April 2.

"PROUD TO BE HAWKS"

Honest, Awesome Attitude, Working hard, Kind, Safe



With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the $x^w m \partial k^w \partial y \partial m$ (Musqueam), $S\underline{k}w\underline{x}w\acute{u}7mesh$ (Squamish Nation) and səlilwəta+ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

PAC Updates

Our very enthusiastic PAC fundraising committee continue to organize 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 date:

- HAWKS Night 2024—Thursday, June 13th—
 if you are interested in volunteering please
 contact the PAC via e-mail at
 nightingalepac@gmail.com
- Rise Up HAWKS Direct Drive Campaign—to learn more <u>click here</u> and to donate online to help improve the outdoor learning spaces for our students <u>visit this link</u>.

To get more information about upcoming PAC events, how to get involved, and PAC fundraising, please visit their <u>website</u>.

Spring Musical

Our spring musical practices are well underway and ticket ordering has begun. Please go to the link below (that was also sent via e-mail earlier this month) to order your tickets.

Order Tickets Here

If, after initial distribution we have more space, we will distribute more tickets as requested. While we are not charging for tickets, we will have a donation box on the day of the performance, any and all donations are appreciated and go towards the cost of putting on the musical. Please note, although your child may not have a leading part in the musical, all children are participating and we are asking parents to drop off their child to perform in the evening show and pick them up after it is over, even if you have attended the afternoon show and are not attending the evening show. More information on arrival times will be distributed closer to the date.





Nightingale Website



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

Diversity Calendar

March 10 (evening) to the evening of

April 9—Ramadan—Islam

March 17—St Patrick's Day (Christian)

March 19—Spring Equinox

March 25—Holi (Hindu)

March 29—Good Friday (Christian)

March 31—Easter Sunday (Christian)

April 9—<u>Eid al-Fitr</u>—Muslim—marks

the end of Ramadan

April 13—Vaisakhi (Dogra, Sikh,

Hindu)

April 22—<u>Pesach/Passover</u> (Jewish) -

begins at sundown

April 21—Beginning of Ridván —Bahá'í

April 22—International Earth Day

Listed to the left are some of the observances, holidays, celebrations and notable dates in March and April. 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 Hughes</u> and they can be added to the newsletters. Click on the links to learn more about each event.

Library Updates





Be sure to take some time to read a book! If you have any books that are sitting at home, remember to bring them back after spring break. Also, if you run out of reading materials over the break, you could visit the Vancouver Public Library. Check out their website for events happening at the public library over spring break.

Aussie Football

Divisions one to five were lucky to have a free Australian football lesson in the last week before spring break. This session was taught by a member of the Australian Football League Canada In-School Program..





Thanks goes out to coach Jack who taught our children some new skills!





Free Spring Program for Families!

Learn about healthy eating, physical activity, and building long-lasting habits as a family in Generation Health. This 10-week program for families with children ages 8 to 12 is FUN and interactive!

Delivered through YMCA BC starting April 2024 on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Families who join this program will receive a complimentary YMCA membership.

Register today!



<u>Click</u> here

> gv.ymca.ca/generation-health generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca





Childh od Hearthy Living Foundation







A sure sign of spring is when
Nightingale has it's annual soil delivery.
Thank you to all the classes and
students who helped prepare our
gardens for the upcoming planting
season. Thanks to Mr. Canning for
applying for the sustainability grant
which paid for the soil.































Cityscapes by Division 9











Division 12—Kindergarten—100 Days of School!































