

Nightingale News

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Principal's Message

Dear Nightingale Community,

Today, your child is bringing home the first written report card of the school year, which communicates their learning at school. As explained in our previous newsletters and emails, many Vancouver Public Schools, along with schools throughout British Columbia, are moving from a model of 'reporting to parents' on a regular and pre-determined schedule to 'communicating student learning with parents' on an on-going basis throughout the school year. This year, the teaching staff at Nightingale is participating in a Vancouver School District pilot project designed to align reporting practices with the redesigned BC curriculum. This results in three significant changes to reporting for the 2017-2018 school year in your child's class: A shift from primarily focussing on summative assessment to a primarily focussing on formative assessment; a minimum of four required communications with parents within a calendar year; and Student Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies with the written summative report in June.

Our next informal reporting will take place school-wide on Wednesday, February 7th and Thursday, February 8th in the format of Student-Led-Conferences. Letters were sent home to book a date and time-frame for your visit. Please check with your classroom teacher if you did not receive this letter. Please remember that students are dismissed at 2:00pm on both days.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Armin Samiei
Principal

Happy Chinese New Year!

This year is the year of the Dog. Years of the Dog include 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, and 2030. The Dog occupies the eleventh position in the Chinese zodiac, after the Rooster, and before the Pig. People born in a year of the Dog are loyal and honest, amiable and kind, cautious and prudent.



Dog

Jump Rope For Heart 2018



Our Annual Jump Rope for Heart event is fast approaching, and will be held on Wed. Feb 14th at 9:00 – 10:30am in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend this fun and energizing event. We guarantee you will leave with a smile! Seating is limited though, so please arrive by or at 9:00am. Seating for parents is at the North end of the gym. Your child will be bringing home a fundraising envelope which explains why the money raised is so worthwhile to help the lives of B.C's Children. As you will see, you can either use the fundraising pledge sheet or the online service. Our goal this year is \$2500.00. We can do it! In addition to raising money, we accumulate points to get free Gym Equipment for Nightingale School. Thank you in advance for supporting this fun and worthy cause! And above all, we teach our students to remain healthy and active.

Rhymes, Reason and Rascals

On January 26th, we had a performance by the Story Theatre Company for our students in the gymnasium. *Rhymes, Reason and Rascals* was the name of the presentation which was based on traditional stories of wisdom, the heroes searching for the greatest treasures on Earth. Where better to search than in the stories? With the help of King Solomon, Socrates and other wise folk, the importance of problem solving skills and creative thinking to discover what was truly of value were explored for our young audience.



Not Returning to Nightingale in 2018-2019?

As we are preparing to plan for the upcoming school year, we would like to know **if your child is not returning** to Nightingale for the school year 2018-2019. Letters were sent home in this regard. Please return the completed form to school if your child is not attending Nightingale next school year. We understand that situations may change, so please let the Office know if there are any changes in the future.

Vancouver Board of Education SAFE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

If your child will be absent from school, please call **604-713-5159** to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message at the dedicated answering service by calling the number provided. You will be prompted to provide the two-digit extension for your child's school to access the school's voicemail box for reporting an absence. The two-digit extension for Nightingale Elementary is **59**.

It is important to report your child's absence prior to 9:00 a.m. on the first day of the absence.

If your child is late for school they must sign in at the office before they make their way to the classroom. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

BELL SCHEDULE

- **WARNING BELL:** 8:55 am
- **Period 1:** 9:00 – 9:50 am
- **Period 2:** 9:50 – 10:40 am
- **Recess:** 10:40 – 11:00 am
- **Period 3:** 11:00 – 11:50 am
- **Period 4:** 11:50 – 12:10 pm
- **Lunch time:** 12:10 – 12:57 pm
- **Homeroom:** 12:57 – 1:00 pm
- **Period 5:** 1:00 – 1:50 pm
- **Period 6:** 1:50 – 2:40 pm
- **Period 7:** 2:40 – 3:00 pm

MORNING/AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

School is in session from 8:55am to 3:00pm. The outside supervision takes place from **8:40am to 8:55am in the mornings** and **3:05 to 3:20pm in the afternoons**. On most mornings, our teacher-librarian, Mr. Doolan opens up the library at 8:30am for interested students. Our breakfast program starts at 8:30am. There is no supervision outside these hours for students who are dropped off too early at school. The safety of our students is our first priority, and we need your support to do our job well with the only resources we have available to us at this time. Thank you for your consideration and ensuring that your children are not dropped off at and picked up from school outside of the supervision hours.

PAC NEWS

Hello Nightingale Families,

Join us for the next **PAC meeting on Thursday, February 15th from 6:30 - 8 PM** in the library. Free child minding available.

Join us for our 4th Annual **Nightingale Pub Night on Friday, April 6th**. This is a great grownup's night out with games, karaoke, food, raffles, prizes and a silent auction. The money raised at the Pub Night will directly benefit Nightingale students through purchases of musical instruments, games and gym equipment.

Buy tickets, bring your friends and help spread the word. It is a fantastic time and we hope to see you there!

The PAC would like to thank **Cail Smith from the City of Vancouver** for presenting the results of the active transportation survey. The results will be sent out via email, so make sure you are on the PAC email list. It will also be available on our Facebook site. Email pac_nig@vsb.bc.ca to join.

We need your help!

Active Transportation Committee - We are looking for a couple of members to assist our committee in advocacy and working with the City to make our neighbourhood pedestrian and cyclist friendly and to encourage students to walk/bike to school. Please get in touch at pac_nig@vsb.bc.ca

Events: We welcome your help during events, and we're actively looking for sponsorship and prize donations, so if you work somewhere cool or know someone who does, please get in touch at pac_nig@vsb.bc.ca

Have a great February,

Heather Berry
PAC Chair

Change of Address or Phone Number?

Please inform the Office if you have changed your address or telephone number. For safety and enrolment purposes, it is vital that the school office has this information.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7 Student-Led-Conferences - Early Dismissal @2:00pm	8 Student-Led-Conferences - Early Dismissal @2:00pm	9	10
11	12 Family Day School Closed	13	14 Jump Rope for Heart @9:00am in the gym	15 Smilestone Grad Photo for K & 7 @ 9:00am PAC meeting @6:30pm in the gym	16	17
18	19 ProD - School closed for students	20	21 Science Activities Led by UBC Students KF Hearing Screening 9:15am	22 Science Activities Led by UBC Students	23 Science Activities Led by UBC Students	24
25	26	27	28			