

Nightingale News

“PROUD TO BE HAWKS”

Honest, Awesome Attitude, Working hard, Kind, Safe



We acknowledge that we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam nations

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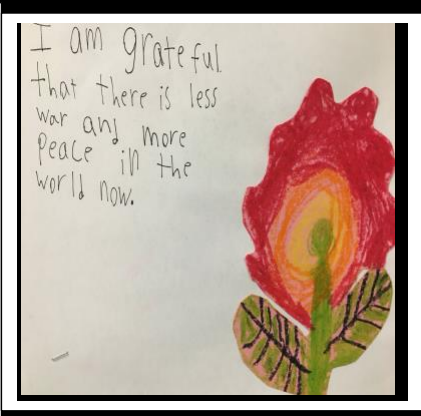
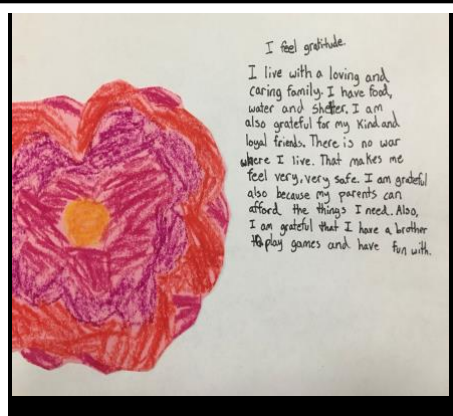
Principal's Message

Last week, on November 27th, VSB Teachers and Support Student Workers participated in Indigenous Focus Pro-D Day organized by VSB. This inspiring day began with a welcoming song performed by Alec Dan, Musqueam Nation, an introduction from Howard Grant, and hearing voices of the youth on their experiences growing up as a minority. The keynote speakers were truly inspiring: Carolyn Roberts (SFU Prof) and Joe Truss (Principal), both gave us a historical background on colonialization. Following these sessions, Nightingale Staff reflected on what we currently do at Nightingale that promotes Indigenization and celebration of BIPOC. We look forward to working with our students to promote what Elder Howard Grant refers to “we are one mind, one people and one heart.” One way in which we will continue to support indigenous education is to continue working with Master Aaron Nelson-Moody (Splash), a Squamish carver working with the Coast Salish tradition. Splash will be returning, albeit on-line! We look forward to more carving, storytelling and cultural sessions. Splash will begin his work with Nightingale on December 4th and it will continue into the new year. We would like to thank the PAC for contributing to this important educational project.

Ms. Morgan



GRATEFUL - DIVISION 5



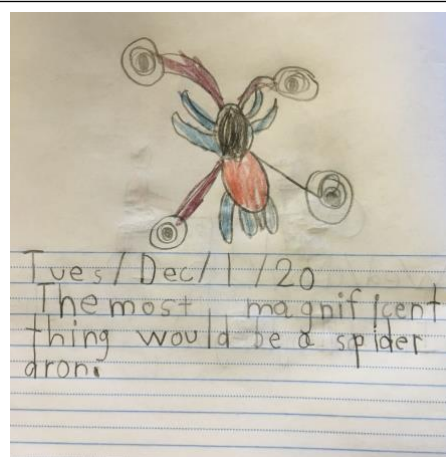
Division 2 Winter Fundraiser

This past term, Division 2 has been exploring issues related to housing, homelessness, and distribution of wealth in Canada and in our community specifically. We would like to use the knowledge that we have gained to contribute to an organization working to help people experiencing homelessness in our community. To this end, we would like to conduct a fundraising drive at Nightingale, the proceeds of which would go to **Covenant House**, an organization that helps youth experiencing homelessness. To donate please go to <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.co> or visit our website at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/florence-nightingale>. You will need your child's usual first name, last name and birthdate to

Covenant House is a Canadian organization for youth experiencing homelessness. Youth experiencing homelessness usually will not be able to have their basic needs met. But Covenant House stops this by supplying them with shelter, food, and reliable care from adults and peers. For youth, housing is a meaningful need—this is where they grew up where they met friends and developed relationships, but without that all their needs crumble down. - Rufus

Our class has been discussing the topic of housing and we decided to donate to the Covenant House. The Covenant House is an organization where they help 16-24-year-old who struggle from homelessness. Once there they can build a positive future, feel safe and belonging. - Saskia

Student Engagement – Division 8



GOODYBYE: Ms. Antonia Lopezdemunain has been a central part of Nightingale Hot Lunch Program life for 8 years. She will be well remembered for distribution of lunch bags and daily lunches, especially during COVID-19 time. Antonia, we would like to thank you for all your hard work, dedication and commitment. You will be missed very much. We would like to wish you happy retirement.

We would also like to thank Ms. Giovanna Martino (OAA), for all your support and dedication. Ms. Martino filled in for Ms. LoAn Lam who has returned from her maternity leave. We would like to welcome Ms. Lam.



DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROTOCOLS

As we continue to navigate the times during COVID, the staff at Nightingale continue to work diligently and tirelessly to try and keep school as "normal" as possible for your children. Staff are committed to keeping children safe and are doing their best to remind children of the COVID protocols while working hard to avoid having this overshadowing everything we do.

Public Health Officers' orders which requires all us to significantly reduce social interactions both at school and at home. On November 19th, Dr. Henry specifically indicated that parents socializing with each other outside schools at drop off and pick up before and after school is not permitted under the current orders. Please ensure you are making your way home or to work as soon as you have dropped off or picked up your child. With the exception of our Kindergarten parents, we are asking all parents to please drop off and pick up your child outside the school entry and exit points. You are still able to see your child make their way onto and off of the grounds and staff are supervising to ensure your child's safety. Please do not come onto the blacktop areas Kindergarten parents, once your child makes their way to their zone, please exit the grounds immediately.

A reminder due to COVID-19 protocols only VSB staff and students are allowed in the school. Despite notices posted on doors and communication via newsletters, emails and verbal reminders from staff, we still have parents/guardian entering our buildings if they find a door ajar or unlocked. We respectfully ask that all members of our community, including parents and guardians, abide by this rule and important safety requirement. Let us all work together to keep our Nightingale community safe. Thank you.

Message from the PAC

Please support the PAC's annual fundraising drive! With no events due to the pandemic, this is the main fundraiser to support our school. Contributions can be made through schoolcashionline and will support the purchase of upgraded technology in classrooms. Help us reach our goal of \$7,500!

School Closure Information

Information regarding school closures in the event of snow or other emergency situations, will be provided to the following radio stations by 6:00 am on the morning of the closure:

- KKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- City TV (Cable channel 13)



In addition, information on snow closures will be available online at www.vsb.bc.ca

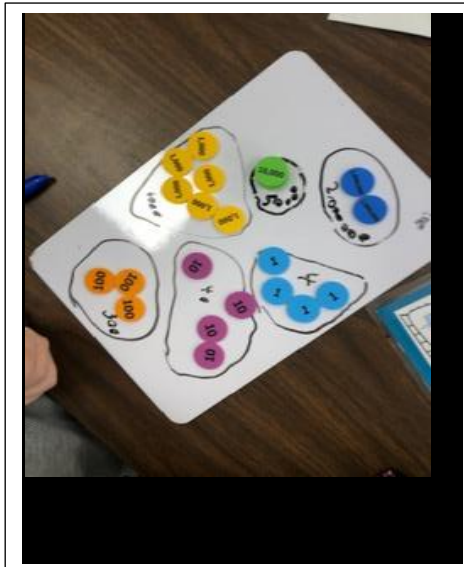
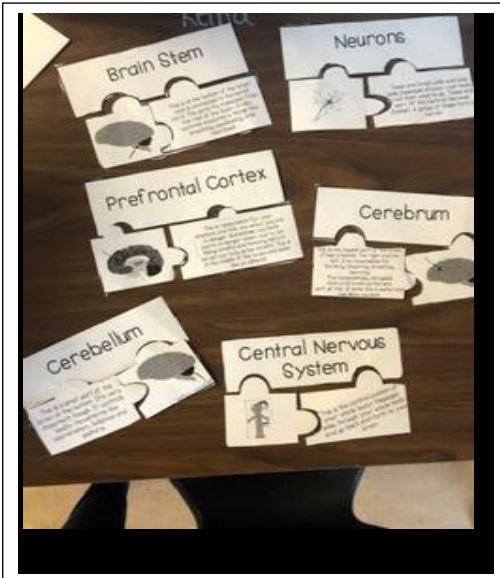
Rain or Shine We're Playing Outside

Our outdoor play is proving to be fun with students developing creative games during their breaks and getting lots of fresh air and exercise. The wet weather does encourage splashing in puddles along with the occasional slips and falls resulting in muddy shoes and clothes. Please send clothing and an extra pair of shoes (labelled in a bag) for your child to keep in their cubby in the event they require a change of clothes.

Mark Your Calendar

Dec 1-10	School Wide Health & Safety Inspection
Dec 18	Last Day before Winter Break
Jan 4	School Re-Opens
Jan 12	Fire Drill
Jan 18	Pro-D - School Not in Session

Student Engagement – Division 7



Student Engagement – Division 6

