

# 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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### NEWSLETTER #3

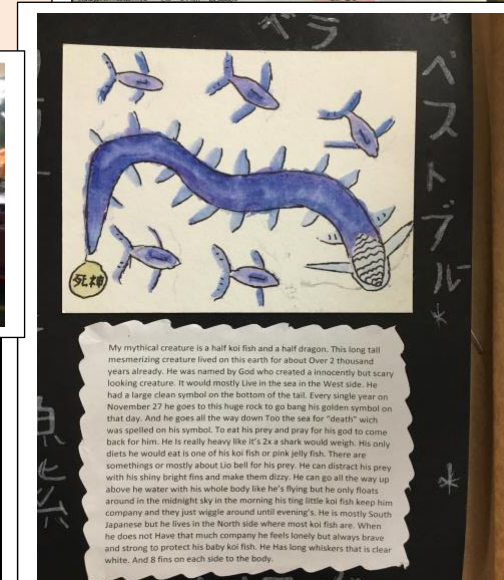
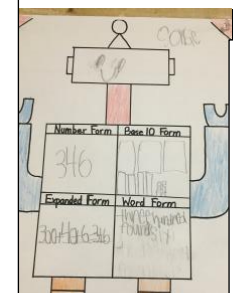
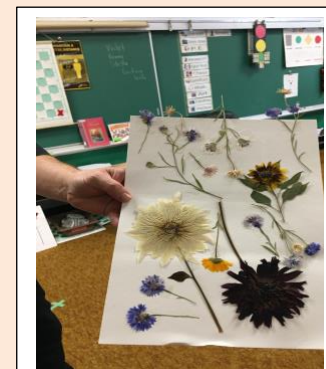
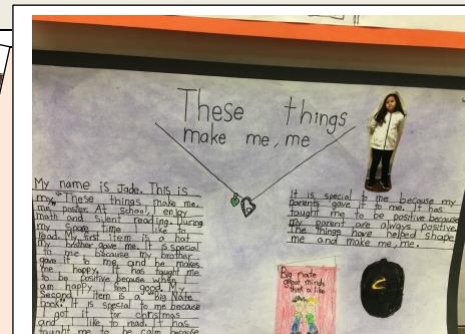
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#### Principal's Message

Thank You – Nightingale Community! On Friday October the 9<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Terry Fox Run. Although it rained, students had a great time. With everyone's support, the school will donate \_\_\_\_\_ to the Terry Fox Run. The heroic Canadian is gone but his legacy continues. Thank you to Mr. Doolan for sponsoring this important event.



### Learning Experiences at Nightingale Healthy Hawks





## Mini-School Applications for Grade 7s

- **General Registry:** while there is no district test, parents are invited to express their interest in applying to mini schools by completing a contact info form at <https://govsb.ca/secondary-programs>. This form is open from November 9<sup>th</sup>-December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Info Nights:** Each Mini School program will host their annual info sessions. However, all these sessions will be either virtual or offered as prepared and web linked presentation. The updated attached brochure houses links to all programs' info sessions.
- **Applications:** As is the case every year, students will need to apply directly to programs they are interested in attending. Schools are still developing their revised application processes, but will share their application process at their info sessions and will provide links to online processes on their school websites. Processes such as interviews and auditions may be arranged virtually. Families can expect to be asked to submit documents digitally, including submitting grade 7 CSL reports when they come out in early January.
- **Offers:** As is usual, schools will begin offering placements to students on February 24<sup>th</sup>, with second offers coming out on March 2.

## AREA COUNSELLOR

Every school has an Area Counsellor as part of its staffing. Area Counsellors are teachers who have also completed a Master's Degree in Counselling Psychology or a related field. Ms. Joshi is our Area Counsellor and she is usually at Nightingale on Thursdays and Fridays. She is available to provide support to individual students, groups of students and classes in response to current needs. She is a resource for parents and families as well as an important member of our School-Based Team and facilitates referrals to special education and community services.

### Support includes:

- Counselling for individual students on a variety of personal and school issues
- Developing students' self-awareness, self-regulation, social skills and problem-solving skills
- Targeting social skills or issues such as anxiety, grief or peer conflict through small group work
- Supporting teachers' implementation of District supported social emotional learning programs, such as:
  - ⇒ Abuse Prevention (Let's Talk About Touching / Safe Bodies, Strong Kids)
  - ⇒ Anxiety Strategies (EASE - Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators)
  - ⇒ TAPS - Talking About Personal Space

If you would like to contact Ms. Joshi please call the Nightingale School office (604-713-5290) or email [ajoshi@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ajoshi@vsb.bc.ca).

## SUPER SCIENCE

Florence Nightingale Elementary student who are registered for Super Science Club!

This year, Super Science Club Program will be delivered online through Zoom. You will be participating from home and will need access to a device and connection to the internet. As always, SSC will continue to be a free program. Sessions will be running for registered Florence Nightingale students on the following days:

Tuesday Oct. 13th (Primary 3:30-4:15 / Intermediate 4:45-5:30)  
Tuesday Oct. 20th (Primary 3:30-4:15 / Intermediate 4:45-5:30)  
Tuesday Oct. 27th (Primary 3:30-4:15 / Intermediate 4:45-5:30)  
Tuesday Nov. 3rd (Primary 3:30-4:15 / Intermediate 4:45-5:30)

Students who attend all four weeks will be invited to a livestreamed science celebration at the end of the session and will receive a year long family membership to Science World.



Halloween is an exciting time for kids. Due to PHO Guidelines, the school will need to take extra precaution: there will be no sharing of candies/food at school. Students may come dressed in a costume (No fake weapons, scary props, Halloween masks - non-toxic makeup is a safer alternative to a Halloween mask). Older students will still be required to wear non-medical masks. If you are planning on going Trick or Treating with your child/ren, please refer to BCCDC Guidelines: [Halloween BCCDC](#)

## Vancouver Public Library – Mt. Pleasant Branch

The following information is from April Ens, VPL Librarian, Mt Pleasant Branch.

“Almost all of the VPL branches are open now for limited service, which includes browsing the shelves and picking up holds. Library hours are not the same as they were before the closure, so be sure to check our [website](#) before stopping by.

I wanted to share that VPL is running a number of **online/virtual** programs that some of your kids might be interested in registering for:

- [Tween Book Clubs](#) for kids in Grades 4-7 (tomorrow they're talking about Tui Sutherlands "Wings of Fire" series)
- [Write Now](#), creative writing workshops for kids in Grade 4-7
- [Reading Buddies](#), for Grade 2-4 little buddies who will be paired up with a teen big buddy to practice their reading
- [Early Readers' Book Clubs](#) for kids in K-3 (talking about Princess in Black on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> & Binky the Space Cat - Dec 1<sup>st</sup>)
- [Halloween Howl](#), scary stories for K-3s (running both Friday Oct 30 and Sat Oct 31<sup>st</sup>)

The full list of VPL kids' programs is on [our events' page](#).

Thanks so much,

### April Ens

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## Weather

As we are into Autumn, we will be experiencing increasing amounts of rainy weather. Usually students will be going outside at recess and lunch. Given the enthusiasm with which children play, it would be a great help if families could send young students with a change of clothing. Having a change of clothes will reduce the frequency of times the office calls home when children come in wet from recess and lunch activities. With very few exceptions our students will be outside, so please dress appropriately.



Oct. 21 & 22 - Parent-Teacher Conferences - **DISMISSAL AT 2:00 pm**

Oct. 23 Professional Development Day - **SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION**

OCT. 29<sup>th</sup> PAC MEETNG @ 6:30 pm



## Student Forms

In September students brought home a variety of forms and most have been returned. However, there are still quite a few outstanding. If you have not already done so please return the forms to the school as soon as possible. Please make sure the forms are signed in all the appropriate places. If you have changed your address, please submit a new proof of residency document. For any questions or concerns regarding these documents please contact the school.

