

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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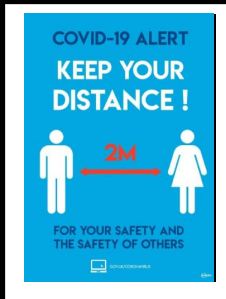
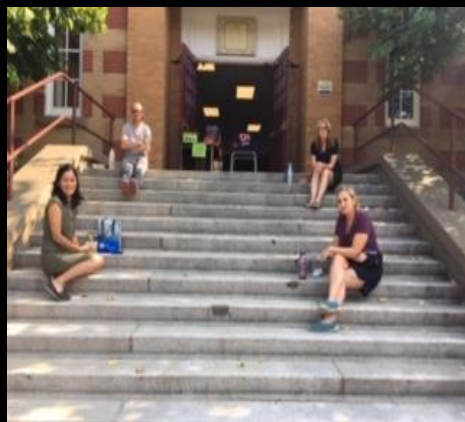
October 2020

Dear Nightingale Families,

As we continue to navigate the daily challenges of educating students during a pandemic, we are grateful to have completed our first month at Nightingale safely. To all families, thank you for your patience and support! It has been a learning process for both the staff and students. We will continue to adjust our plans and programs as the year unfolds. All of us must remain careful both at home and at school to keep our community healthy and safe. The goal is to provide excellent learning experience, while maintaining the safest environment possible. To that end, parents/guardians please note that this year’s Terry Fox Run, parents will not be able to watch their child participate. Each division will run at a different time and in a designated zone. Due to health and safety measures, we will not do what we have done in the past-gather in front of the school to warm up and run as a whole community. Thank you for your understanding.

Ms. Morgan

We invite you to access the site at airsprogram.org



Maintaining Distance

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct. 12 th	Thanksgiving School Not in Session
Oct. 21 st	Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences (2:00–7:00)- Students Dismissed at 2:00 pm
Oct. 22 nd	Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences (2:00–5:00)- Students Dismissed at 2:00 pm
Oct. 23 rd	Professional Development Day School Not in Session
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day - School Not in Session

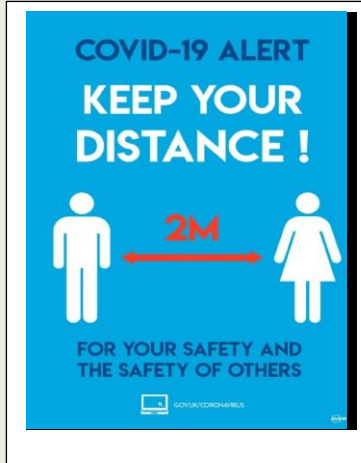
SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

We will continue to implement our Safe Arrival Program. Our student’s safety is very important. If your child is going to be away please phone the school to report this absence asap. Please leave a message on our dedicated answering service line: 604 713-5159 Ext 59.

Arrivals & Departures

It is lovely to see families again! A Reminder: please maintain 2m social distancing outside at drop off and dismissal. Wear a mask if you are unable to maintain 2m distancing. Please avoid congregating during drop-off & pick-up times. Throughout the school day, we are encouraging students to maintain distance within the school and on the playground. It is really important for all of us to model the importance of maintaining distance to keep our community healthy and safe.

For now, to ensure we adhere to the PHO and MOE protocols we are asking parents to arrive close to 8:58 am as possible.



No Wheels on School Grounds During Arrival & Departure Times

School has begun and many of our children enjoy riding their bikes and/or scooters to school. Please remind your child that riding a bicycle/scooter on the school grounds is not permitted. If you are cycling to school with your child, please continue to serve as role models by dismounting before entering the school grounds. **This is to prevent from any accidents occurring during drop off and pick up times.**

We are very fortunate at Nightingale to have Student Support Workers who go beyond the call of duty to provide excellent service to our students. They are also vigilant during recess and lunch when supervising your children. In addition, they are also supervising/welcoming families during drop-off and pick-up times. **Please do not forget to greet them and please be respectful if you are requested by our support workers to not ride on school grounds during these times.** This is also part of our Code of Conduct to keep our children safe. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to call Ms. Morgan- the Principal.

Thank you to our Student Support Workers – Ms. Bresweth & Ms. Stanke for training student to use markers to avoid more than 2 students using the washroom



Students waiting for their turn to wash hands

VSB Dog Policy

Dogs are not allowed on the school grounds, playfields or in the school at any time between the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and during other organized school events outside of these hours unless they are service dogs. Please take some time to review the VSB's Dog Code posted on the bright green signs on the fences which includes more detailed information.

Our school grounds and buildings are very active places with many children playing and moving about. Some children are afraid of dogs and/or allergic to them. School age children may put themselves at risk without thinking and get hurt by a dog.

Unfortunately, dog feces have been left on our playgrounds, which is a concern for our students' safety and hygiene when they engage in healthy outdoor play and as you can imagine it creates unpleasant odours. Allergic reactions, unhygienic situations arising from pet feces, and the possibility aggression contributes to the School District's decision to prohibit dogs in/on school properties during the school day.



Field Trips:

Due to physical distancing, it is unlikely there will be field trips in the Fall or Winter. The spacing requirements on buses will make transport costs too expensive, and at this time, parents are not permitted to transport students other than their own child (ren). At this time students can participate in local outdoor, walking field trips if physical distance can be maintained and school staff are able to supervise. When there are changes with respect to school excursions, we will let our families know.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



Single Class Cohort on Play structure during Recess