

March 1, 2024

Dear QM Families:

\*Note: A PDF copy of this message, which includes PHOTOS, and an archive of previous weekly messages, can be found on our school website.

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/queenmary/About/Principal/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

With two weeks left of school before the Spring Break, we are feeling the excitement growing. I am certain all are looking forward to, at the very least, a change of routine and freedom to enjoy more leisure/play time (or sleep!). With student-led conferences taking place next week as well as the math festival at QM, we certainly have lots to look forward to!

**This Week's Highlights: (see PDF for photos)**

**Black History Month**

Grade 1's responded to Michael Tyler's picture book with powerful discussions and art.



## Pink Shirt Day

From morning announcements and pink t-shirts to art around the school...Queen Mary was covered in a sea of pink in support of Wednesday's Pink Shirt Day!



## Spirit Day #2 – Staff Student Swap!

Thanks to the QM Leadership Club for planning another successful event! The student-staff dress-up swap was great fun...especially for the staff members who appreciated the opportunity to “dress down” today!



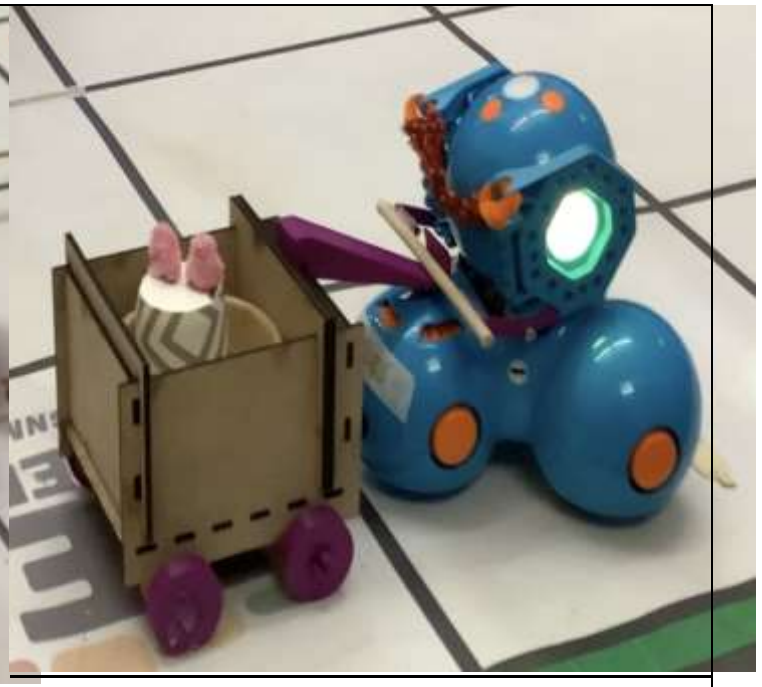
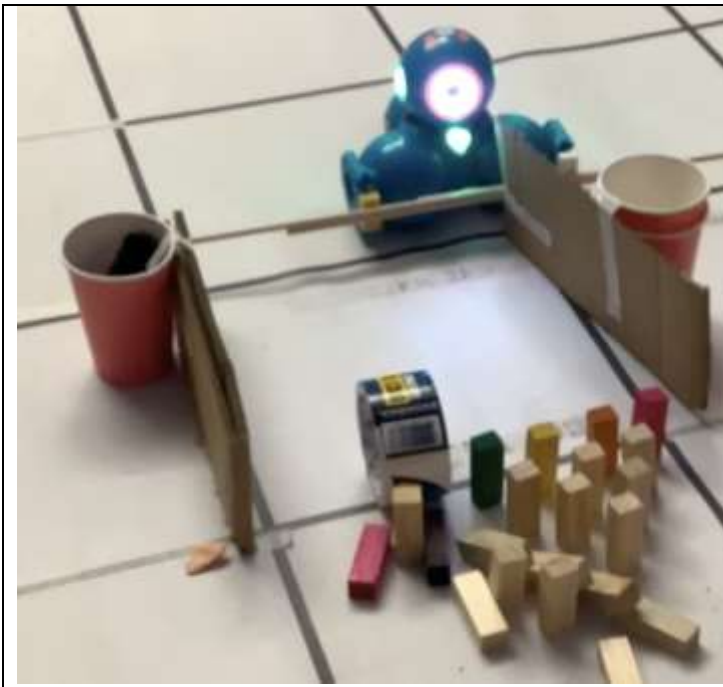
### Triple Ball for Grades 6 and 7

A BIG thank you to the parents, coaches, and fans of our fantastic Triple Ball teams! The Grade 7 girls finish their regular season with 16 wins and 0 losses and are off to the playoffs for a chance to play at the end of season tournament. The Grade 7 boys will also be heading to playoffs while the Grade 6 girls play their final game of the season next Tuesday. Go Eagles!



### Coding Club – Competition

With an all-out last-minute effort, all 3 teams in the Queen Mary Coding Club completed the 4 preliminary coding challenges in the Wonder League Robotics Competition. They now wait for results on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Congrats to “The Hilarious Hamsters,” “Cheese and Crackers,” and “Rainbow Park,”



## **LAST CHANCE!**

### **Grade 7 Fundraising:**

Cream Pony donuts can be pre-ordered on <https://munchalunch.com/schools/QueenMary/> until the end of the day today, March 1<sup>st</sup>! Thanks for supporting our graduating class!



#### **DONUT PRICES**

\$3.50 per donut  
\$20 per box of 6 donuts  
\$36 for 2 boxes of donuts



#### **WHERE TO ORDER**

MunchALunch

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/QueenMary/>

**Order by March 1, 2024**

**DATE FOR PICKUP** March 12, 2024

#### **NOTE**

Supplies on the 12th are limited so please pre-order

### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

**This annual fundraiser comes to and end TODAY at midnight!**

Thank you to all who have already made donations! We are so close to our \$1000 fundraising goal! Donations can still be made today by visiting:

[jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/43430](http://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/43430)



## **NEXT WEEK at QUEEN MARY**

### **Student-Led Learning Conferences with early dismissals (2:00 p.m.) – March 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**

On March 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> all students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. to allow time for our annual Student-Led Learning Conferences. PLEASE note these early dismissals in your calendars as we will not have staff available to supervise “forgotten” students!

By now, you will have received an email message from teachers inviting you into their classes and providing some explanation as to how the conferences will be run in their classrooms. If you did not receive an email please first check your “junk” folder, and if not there, email your child’s teacher to find out the details. We look forward to having many families into the school!

### **QM Math Festival**

Ms. Zhu has organized a Math Festival for QM students on **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will visit the gym throughout the day where a variety of math puzzles and games will be set up. Grade 6 students will be leading the math stations. The math stations will remain set up after school from 2:00-5:00 p.m. so that students can drop in and participate with their parents/guardians. Feel free to join us for this fun event!

### **QM PAC Annual Purdy’s Chocolates Fundraiser continues!**

Who doesn’t love chocolate... especially when buying it also supports our school’s resources, events, and clubs. Please share the following link with all your friends and families. The proceeds go directly back into our school helping our students. ❤️🍫

[Purdys Chocolatier Group Savings and Fundraising](#)

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Term 2 Written Learning Updates** (previous known as Report cards) can be accessed via My Education BC as of 4:00 p.m. on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**March 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day of classes for Term 2** with the 2-week spring break, which incorporates the Easter holidays, taking place from March 16 - April 1<sup>st</sup>. School resumes on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

***For other UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES of NOTE, please check the LIVE calendar on the main page of our school website.***

[Home - Queen Mary Community Elementary \(sd44.ca\)](#)

### **QM Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

Visit the Queen Mary PAC Facebook Page to stay informed, and to learn about ways to connect with and get involved in the school community. You can contact members of the PAC Executive members through Facebook or Email: [queenmarypac@gmail.com](mailto:queenmarypac@gmail.com)

[Queen Mary PAC | North Vancouver BC | Facebook](#)

**PAC Meetings:** Our next PAC meeting for this year will take place on **Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. All QM parents/guardians are invited to take part. Check the QM Facebook Page for details on the next meeting.

**Fun Lunch:** Orders must be placed using Munchalunch (online) by Saturday (by 11:59 p.m.), for the following week's Fun Lunch. If you have any questions about Fun Lunch food orders, please contact the PAC. Fun Lunch Order Munchalunch Login: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/QueenMary/>

THANK YOU to all who have volunteered this year to organize the lunch orders and get them into classrooms! To sign up to help with Fun Lunch, please go to: <https://signup.com/go/UuBuXCD>

### **NVSD Events and Information**

Upcoming NVSD events, registration information and public input opportunities (2024-25 school calendar and budget): [LINK HERE](#)

[News Item - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](#)

Highlights from this page: Deadline reminders!

**Late French Immersion (Grade 6 entry) – Applications accepted until March 8<sup>th</sup>.** For more information, visit the [Late French Immersion](#) web page.

**New Student Registration and School Transfer Requests for the 2024-25 school year – submit by March 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.** Registrations and transfer requests received after March 8 will be placed in schools based on catchments where space is available. Visit the [Student Registration](#) web page for further information,

### **Message from the Ministry of Education and Child Care:**

#### **Annual Student Learning Survey: Open to students in Grades 4,7,10, and 12, and their families**

The purpose of this is to gather valuable information pertaining to educational experiences in B.C. public schools.

Families with children in Grades 4,7,10, and 12 are invited to complete the survey between now and May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For further information and to link to the survey go to the **Student Learning Survey webpage**.

[www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey)

[Student Learning Survey for Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey)

Enjoy a little blast of winter again this weekend!

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