



May 2, 2024

Dear QM Families:

*Note: A PDF copy of this message 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#/=>

As tomorrow is a Professional Day we are getting this message out to you a day early this week.

Please Note: Students do NOT attend school tomorrow, Friday May 3

Class photo date changed again... sorry!!

We had to change the original date of our scheduled class photos due to the NVSD Track and Field Event Schedule that was set just recently. We recognize the day before the long weekend was not ideal – fortunately the company has provided us with a final alternative! *CLASS PHOTO DAY is now set for Monday June 3rd in the a.m.*

May 5th: Red Dress Day

Red Dress Day marks the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited people in Canada. Since May 5th falls on a Sunday this year, **we will acknowledge this day at Queen Mary on Monday May 6th** by encouraging students to wear red to school and engaging students in age-appropriate learning in class.

Tomorrow, May 3rd, there is a community ceremony taking place at 11:00 a.m. at the Strength and Remembrance Pole located next to the RCMP detachment on 14th street, that anyone can attend. PLEASE see the attached flyer for details.

[Red Dress Day | The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)

[The REDress Project – Jaime Black \(jaimeblackartist.com\)](http://jaimeblackartist.com)

Invitation for Input into Class Placements for 2024-25

At this time in the school year we begin to look at class organization for the next school year. It is a process that takes much thought, consideration, collaboration, and consultation. At this time, and through to the end of May, we invite parent input into the class building process. PLEASE read the attached letter for details on how to make your requests.

IBO Evaluation Visit Preparation – We are seeking your input!!

In October 2024, the International Baccalaureate (IB) schools in North Vancouver (Capilano, Queen Mary, and Carson Graham) will be taking part in a routine IBO Evaluation visit. Parents/guardians have an important role in this process, by providing us feedback pertaining to some aspects of the standards and practices of the IBO.

Since we only received 6 responses so far....this is a second invitation to complete the following SHORT survey, (read some statements and simply select whether you think each is an "Area of Strength" or "Area for Growth" for Queen Mary)

Your feedback is important and valued!

[Queen Mary IB Evaluation Parent Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com)

Track and Field – First Track Meet on Tuesday!

PLEASE refer to the email sent earlier today regarding parent drivers.

For all school organized events, even if taking place after school, parents/guardians driving ANY children other than their own must have completed the **NVSD Volunteer Driver forms and a Criminal Record Check with NVSD**. This is a NVSD requirement to protect both the driver and the students.

For other UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES of NOTE, please check the LIVE calendar on the main page of our school website. A paper copy of the May events calendar was sent home earlier this week.

[Home - Queen Mary Community Elementary \(sd44.ca\)](https://www.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

[Queen Mary PAC | North Vancouver BC | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/QueenMaryPAC)

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 News and Events:

Cheakamus Centre Open House—Sunday, May 5

cheakamuscentre.ca

NVSD invites families to a fun day of nature exploration and discovery. This free public event includes great picnic-friendly food, access to our salmon hatchery, farm, Coast Salish longhouse, archery equipment, aquatic lab, forest lab, and MORE! Bring your own mug and don't forget to bring a toonie for parking. Sorry, no pets, and Cash Only concession.

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