



April 12, 2024

Dear QM Families:

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

We have had a more calm and easy-going week with students re-settled into their daily routines. We hope you are feeling comfortably back into the school routines as well!

School Planning for 2024-25 School Year

For school administrators, this term is spent organizing everything for the next school year. Currently we are in the processing of establishing the 2024-25 school fees and working on student numbers in terms of registrations.

Please email me if your child/children will **NOT be returning to Queen Mary** for the next school year. The sooner we know the number of students leaving QM the sooner we can confirm the number of seats we have available for incoming students for next year.

PLEASE hold back on sending any class placement requests until I send out the request for this information in May.

QM Spirit Day – International Day of Pink

International Day of Pink is an annual global event that serves as an anti-bullying and anti-homophobia initiative. We hosted a photo booth in the gym to capture the spirit of this day. Thanks to all the staff and students who showed their support in our day of action.



Squamish Language Festival

Halth Skwayel (good day)! Spring is a time of new beginnings, growth, and bright ideas. Here at Queen Mary, the leaders of our Indigenous program wanted to bring to life our vision of an inclusive QM community by offering a Skwxwú7mesh Language festival to all students.

With the help of our Indigenous student leaders, the Indigenous program put forth our very first Skwxwú7mesh Language Spring Festival. The day consisted of learning, curiosity, laughter, and a lot of fun! Indigenous student leaders taught QM students the Skwxwú7mesh words for colours, numbers, and local animals through various interactive games.

Going forward, we will continue with our work to weave Skwxwú7mesh Language into our everyday learning, with the goal of strengthening our sense of inclusivity and diversity in our school. When we can come together as one, there is nothing we cannot achieve.

Huy chexw a (thank you)

Elizabeth Nahanee, Indigenous Support Worker



REMINDER: Student-Made Art Cards for Sale

Your child has created a work of art at school that you can purchase in the form of greeting cards, puzzles, notebooks, etc. By now you should have received your child's SAMPLE CARD – please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have not! Find instructions on HOW TO ORDER on the inside of your child's sample art card. **The Order Deadline is April 22nd (midnight)!**

A portion of funds from the sale of each card will go toward supporting our school's Grade 7 farewell events.

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Upcoming Events of Note at Queen Mary:

Track and Field

Track season is upon us! There will be a sign-up meeting on Friday April 19th in the gym for any Gr 4-7 students interested in participating in the following events:

- High Jump
- Long Jump
- Sprints, Relays, and Long-Distance Running
- Shot Put

Take a moment this weekend to speak with your child about the possibility of joining the QM team!

Permission forms must be signed and returned to the school office before participation in any practices.

QM Professional Day: Monday April 22 (students do not attend school on this day)

April 22 is also **Earth Day**. QM Students will be celebrating Earth Day on Friday April 19th with a whole-school assembly and participation in various activities inclusive of school, community, and shoreline clean-up. More details of the day's events will be provided to families by classroom teachers.

QM Scholastic Book Fair April 23-26

- Held in the QM Library (2nd floor next to the office)
- **Tuesday April 23 from 5 :00 – 7:00 p.m. is the Book Fair Family night** – come for book shopping and entertainment!
- The Book Fair will be open for one hour after school throughout the week for students and families to shop
- Students will also have a shopping time at a noon hour (as scheduled below)
 - Tuesday: Kindergarten & Gr1
 - Wednesday: Gr 4 & 5
 - Thursday: Gr 2 & 3
 - Friday: Gr 6 & 7

**if sending your child to school with money please place it in a sealed envelope or zip-lock bag with your child's name on it. We cannot be responsible for lost \$*

The PAC is looking for parents/guardians to help with this book fair during the “shopping” hours and for set-up/pack-up. If interested in helping, here is the link for parent volunteers to sign up.

<https://signup.com/go/mbZishf>

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 \(sd44.ca\)](https://www.sd44.ca)

QM Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Hanging Basket Flowers for Sale

- Friday, April 26: Order forms and payments are due.
 - Order online and pay in MunchaLunch: www.munchalunch.com/schools/QueenMary, or bring the form and cash or cheque payment to the school office.
- Thursday, May 9, 3:00-5:00: Baskets arrive at Queen Mary for pick up, 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the south lawn at West Keith Road.

Annual QM Fundraiser – Thank you for the support!!

SEE FURTHER INFO ATTACHED

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](#)

PAC Meetings: Our next PAC meeting for this year will take place on **Monday, April 29th @ 7:00 p.m.** in-person! Meeting will be held in the QM Library - All QM parents/guardians are invited to take part.

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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LAST CALL for Participation: Ministry of Education and Child Care Survey

Annual Student Learning Survey: Open to parents/guardians of students in Grades 4,7,10, and 12. Our Grade 4 & 7 classroom teachers will be having the students in their classes complete the survey in the coming weeks. This survey is open until May 3rd so there is still time take part! The purpose of this is to gather valuable information pertaining to educational experiences in B.C. public schools. Your participation has great value! 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

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

ENJOY the sun this weekend!

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