

April 21st, 2023

Dear QM Families:

\*Note: A PDF copy of this message, and an archive of previous weekly messages can be found on our school website. The PDF version (see attached) contains photos/images. [https://www.sd44.ca/school/queenmary/About/Principal/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd44.ca/school/queenmary/About/Principal/Pages/default.aspx#/)



### Happy Earth Day!

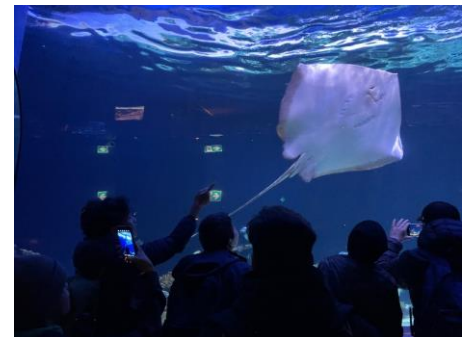
Officially, Earth Day is tomorrow, but we recognized this important day at QM today. Students in Grades 1-4 participated in an assembly and then several classes took part in a community and shoreline clean-up.

We hope you have some time tomorrow to acknowledge Earth Day in a way that is meaningful to your family. The City of North Vancouver has listed a number of easy “at home” options on their website AND is inviting all families to take part in their family-friendly event at Moodyville Park on the main grass area, just east of the playground, on Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

[Earth Day | City of North Vancouver \(cnv.org\)](https://www.cityofnv.org/earth-day)

### Adventures at the Aquarium

This week Division 3 and 4 students adventured to Ocean Wise to inquire into migration, extreme environments and technological advances for exploration as part of their Where We Are In Place and Time Unit of Inquiry. Thank you to Nicki Casley, Diana Smith and Jessica McIlroy for your support throughout the day!



## Queen Mary Hockey League

The "QMHL" is up and running every Thursday featuring students from grades 2 and 3.



## Staff Vs. Grade 7 Volleyball Match



It was a hard-fought battle, but the staff prevailed. Congratulations to the grade 7 girls triple ball team who had the QM teachers and staff worried at one point! You set a great example for the generations to come! A huge thank you to all the fans who created an electric atmosphere regardless of who they were cheering for!



## UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES to NOTE:

**Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> is a District-Wide Professional Day** – students do not attend school on this day

### **Track and Field for Grades 4-7**

Students participating in track and field have the opportunity to compete in upcoming mini-meets. Permission forms for these events will be sent home with participating students next week.

<b>Track Meets:</b>	<b>Field Meets:</b>
<b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b> Mini Meet 3:30 – 5:00 Location: TBD	<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b> Grades 4 &5 Westview Elementary Grades 6 & 7 Capilano Elementary
<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b> Track Qualifiers 12:00 – 4:00 Location: Sutherland High School	<b>May 30<sup>th</sup></b> Grades 4 &5 Westview Elementary Grades 6 & 7 Capilano Elementary
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b> Track Championships 12:30 – 4:30 Location: Sutherland High School	

## **QM PAC NEWS:**

### **QM PAC Annual Hanging Basket Fundraiser is now on!**

There are 10 beautiful arrangements available for purchase from Grootendorst's Flowerland Nursery, with orders arriving just in time for Mother's Day! Share this order information with family, friends, and neighbours:

Order online: [www.munchalunch.com/schools/QueenMary](http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/QueenMary)

OR

Complete the order form (attached) and hand in at the school office with payment.

**Orders due by SUNDAY APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>**

Basket PICK-UP: Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on the southwest side of the lawn of the school.

### **You are all invited to a QM Parent & Guardian Social!**

**Where?** Brown's Social House – Lynn Valley

**When?** Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

Purchase your tickets in advance on Munch-a-Lunch. Tickets include appetizers, and a door prize ticket! Take part in the Silent Auction fundraiser for QM!

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

*See attached flyer for more details.*

Email: [queenmarypac@gmail.com](mailto:queenmarypac@gmail.com) Facebook Link: [www.facebook.com/QueenMaryPA](http://www.facebook.com/QueenMaryPA)

**PAC Meetings:** The next PAC meeting will take place on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> on ZOOM**. All QM parents/guardians are invited to take part. If planning to attend, email [queenmarypac@gmail.com](mailto:queenmarypac@gmail.com) on the days just prior to each PAC meeting to get the ZOOM link information.

**PAC calling Volunteers!** Help make QM the amazing place that it is while working alongside and getting to know other fantastic families! To sign-up as a volunteer, email [queenmarypac@gmail.com](mailto:queenmarypac@gmail.com) or write your name on any list on the rolling board located in the school atrium (1<sup>st</sup> floor).

**Fun Lunch:** Orders must be placed by Thursday (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/>

To sign up to volunteer to help with fun lunch, please go to: <https://signup.com/go/pcBHMwG>

## **NVSD Events and Information**

### **QM featured in the NVSD BLOG**

Scroll down on the main page of our website or link [HERE](#):

[Keeping up with Queen Mary Elementary - Learn, Share & Grow Blog - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](#)

### **Cheakamus Centre Open House – Families invited – Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>**

2170 Paradise Valley Rd, Brackendale, 10:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

[Outdoor Education and Camp in BC | Cheakamus Centre](#)

Looking for a fun family outing? Plan a trip to the Cheakamus Centre for their open house! Families will get to visit the salmon hatchery, farm Coast Salish longhouse, try some archery, and much more! This is where NVSD students get to go for their Outdoor School and Skw' une-was programs, so it is a great way for children to see the facility before they go.

**AFK Summer Day Camps – Registration is now open!** Various programs available for students from Grade 1 to 12!

Campers will enjoy a week full of studio art activities including drawing, painting & printmaking taught by an art specialist teacher. Each week will be unique and students will learn in small cohorts with expert art teachers guiding the class. All art materials are provided. Campers will experiment with many art materials and techniques. They will also have the opportunity to explore outdoor art making and recreation time.

For more information, please visit the AFK website [HERE](#)

[Spring & Summer Day Camps - Artists for Kids \(sd44.ca\)](#)

### **Community Programs**

#### **NV City Library Programs for Grades 6-8 Students**

***Magic: The Gathering club*** takes place on Mondays from 3:45-5:00pm.

Do you love playing *Magic: The Gathering* or are you curious about how to play this popular trading card game?

Youth in grades 6 to 8 are welcome to join this casual club at City Library led by grade 7 student Attila.

*Magic: The Gathering* is a fun, competitive card game. New players are welcome. Meet like-minded youth and make new friends! This program is filling up quickly so register here to save your spot: <https://www.nvcl.ca/events/magic-gathering-club-0>

Enjoy an “Earth-friendly” weekend!

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