



April 28th, 2023

Dear QM Families:

Did you know there are TWO Queen Mary schools?

It has been brought to my attention that some parents in our QM community have been somehow receiving messages from the Queen Mary school in Vancouver! The fact there are two schools in the lower mainland with the name Queen Mary can cause confusion, however, there is a distinguishing feature in the school names - we are Queen Mary **Community** Elementary, and the Vancouver school is just Queen Mary Elementary... but with a google search of just "Queen Mary" both schools come up, and the Vancouver school is listed first...and both schools have a "QM PAC"!

Please make sure you bookmark the sites associated with our school to avoid any confusion:

School:

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

QM PAC

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

UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES to NOTE:

Red Dress Day – Friday May 5th

Red Dress Day marks the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited people in Canada. At Queen Mary teachers will bring recognition to this day in ways suitable to the age of the students.

This day of awareness honours Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people who have been subject to disproportionate violence in Canada. Red Dress Day was inspired by [Métis](#) artist Jaime Black's *REDress Project* installation.

We encourage students to wear red to school on May 5th, taking part in the nation-wide recognition of this important day.

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

NVSD Professional Day: Monday May 8th Students do not attend school on this day.

QM PAC NEWS:

QM PAC Annual Hanging Basket Fundraiser ...LAST CHANCE! Orders due by SUNDAY APRIL 30th

Choose from 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

OR

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

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

Did you get your tickets yet?? QM Parent & Guardian Social and Silent Auction Fundraiser

Where? Brown's Social House – Lynn Valley

When? Friday May 5th, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

See attached flyer for more details.

Email: queenmarypac@gmail.com Facebook Link: www.facebook.com/QueenMaryPA

PAC Meetings: The next PAC meeting will take place on **Wednesday, May 31st on ZOOM**. All QM parents/guardians are invited to take part. If planning to attend, email 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 or write your name on any list on the rolling board located in the school atrium (1st 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

Cheakamus Centre Open House – Families invited – Sunday May 7th

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'one-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

North Shore Neighbourhood House Newsletter

View the attached newsletter to learn about family-friendly events in our area, as well as child, teen, and adult programs!

SEE FLYER on the community programs section of the QM website.

As we make a crazy leap from winter weather to summer...dig out that sunscreen and enjoy the outdoors this weekend!!

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