

Feb 10th, 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 versions (see attached) contains photos/ images.*

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

With the **Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser** launched and well underway, we will feature **Black History Month** in this week's communication.

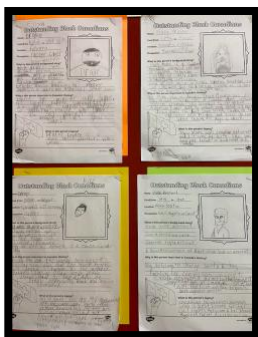
Black History Month

The Queen Mary school community has been engaging in important dialogue and inquiries around Black History Month. The walls lining the hallway to the gym have displays of Black Canadians who have positively impacted the world including top journalists, athletes, musicians, and politicians. Staff and students have used this as an opportunity to dive deeper into the origin and intention of Black History Month and have engaged in a variety of ways.



Grade 6 and 7 leaders have been collaborating daily to share the morning announcements to the school community. This week, announcements highlighted the many quotes, stories and triumphs of Black activists from our past and present.

Grade 4 and 6 students took a trip to look at the posters around our school and inquired into a Black Canadian of their choice. Throughout their research block, Grade 6 students made connections to their Unit of Inquiry and the topic of economy, and discovered that many of these leaders put others before their own self-interest. Grade 4s discussed the history of Black History Month in Canada and why it is important to celebrate the impactful contributions that Black Canadians have made and continue to make to Canada and the world.





Division 14 students have been learning about Black youth who have made a positive impact on the world in their own inspiring, motivating, and powerful ways.

Upcoming Dates of NOTE:

Tuesday, February 14th: Jump Rope for Heart Event Day AND Valentine's Day... wear pink or red to school!

All students will take part in 15 minutes of "circuit training" (continuous exercise), set up in our gym, as a way to emphasize the importance of daily physical activity. Please make sure your child/children come to school with running shoes and wearing clothes that are comfortable for running and skipping!

Link and instructions for on-line Fundraising:

- Go to <https://www.jumpropeforheart.ca>
- Click on "Join Your School" (pop-up will say "students and teachers")
- In the "school" search bar type: Queen Mary Elementary-North Vancouver (you will see a photo of our school)
- Click on "View School" or "Register" and follow the steps

Cookies For Sale on Valentine's Day

The Grade 7s continue their Grad Fundraising next week with a Valentines Cookie Sale. The Grade 7s will be selling beautiful handmade cookies by QM-Mom owned company "[WhiskUpHappy](#)".

Students can purchase cookies on Tuesday at the Lunch Recess. Parents can purchase on Tuesday from 2:30-3:30. Sales are in the atrium, or outside the front of the school, weather permitting.

Cookies are \$2 each.



Friday, February 17th: NVSD Professional Day (students do not attend school on this day)

Monday, February 20th: BC Family Day – schools are closed.

Tuesday, February 21st: International Mother Language Day - more info coming.

Wednesday, February 22nd: Pink Shirt Day – wear pink!

Monday, February 27th: Black History Matters Assembly

QM Coding Club

We are VERY happy to announce that all three of the teams (Grade 6 and 7 students) competing in the Wonder League Robotics Competition have been invited to the finals. We thank Carol V for the time she has spent teaching, mentoring, and coaching these ambitious students! We wish the teams good luck as they enter into the final round of competition.

Free Tickets to Vancouver Warriors Home Games!

When members of the Vancouver Warriors Lacrosse Team visited QM last week they left us with a number of free admission tickets for children. If you would like some of the free tickets, please email Jen Wilson (jwilson@sd44.ca) and indicate how many children's tickets you would like. The tickets will be placed in an envelope and sent home with your child/children. Tickets will be distributed on a "first come – first served" basis until they are all gone.

<https://www.nll.com/schedule/full-schedule/>

QM PAC NEWS:

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

PAC Meetings: The next PAC meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 22nd 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

LINK HERE for all NVSD Events and Registrations for February (as sent this week by NVSD)

[https://www.sd44.ca/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=1196&ListID=d00680b1-9ba1-4668-9328-d82dd27dacd4&TemplateID=Announcement_Item#/=">](https://www.sd44.ca/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=1196&ListID=d00680b1-9ba1-4668-9328-d82dd27dacd4&TemplateID=Announcement_Item#/=)

Through this link you can find invitations to provide feedback and input to the **2023-24 school calendar** and the **NVSD budget priorities**, as well as registration links for programs for students.

IMPORTANT REMINDER : 2023/24 NVSD Elementary Band and Strings Programs

Register before Feb 28th to get the discounted rate!

<https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

The Band Program is open to Grades 5 – 7 students, and the Strings Program is open to Grades 4 - 7 students. All registrations must be completed via the Band and String NVSD website page. Earlybird Registration ends FEB 28th 2023. Register before this date for reduced fee. **Bursaries are available - contact School Principal.* Visit the NVSD Band and Strings web page for further information and registration details.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

QM Community Garden - Plots Available!

There are some garden plots in the Queen Mary (QM) community garden (located at the West side of the school grounds) that are exclusively reserved for parents/guardians of QM students. These garden plots can be allocated to families who currently have a child attending QM. A few of these plots have become available. If you are interested in a plot, you must also be willing to join the North Shore Community Garden Society for the time period you have the plot. (see attached PDF for info).

Please email president@nscgardens.ca if you are interested in having a garden plot!

We wish you all a beautiful weekend!

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