

Feb 16th, 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) contain photos/ images.*

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

Happy Family Day Weekend!

We are sending our “Friday” message to you today, to remind everyone there is no school tomorrow (NVSD Professional Day) AND no school MONDAY (BC Family Day). We hope you have the opportunity over this long weekend to enjoy some activities and relaxation as a family!

This has been a fun, energy-filled week!

Thank you to our QM PAC executive parents and volunteers for bringing Valentine’s Day cheer into Queen Mary, decorating our atrium and sweetening the day with cookie sales!



Valentine’s day was also our **Jump Rope for Heart Event** day with all students taking part in a 20-minute circuit training session in our gym. We can see the fundraising is well underway – thank you for supporting the good work that the Heart and Stroke Foundation does for Canadians! QM’s fundraising campaign will continue until the end of February.

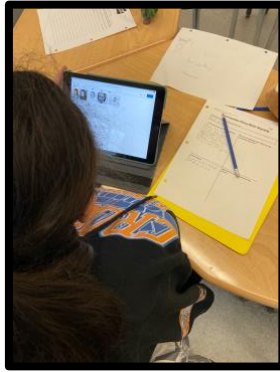
Link and instructions for on-line Fundraising:

- 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



For Heart & Stroke month, students of Division 4 participated in a 3km or 5km run at Mahon Park.



Learning focussed on **Black History Month** continues throughout the building. Students in Division 6 have been engaging in inquiry and discussions around the intention and impact of prioritizing Black history and Black futures.

An event-filled February continues next week with **International Mother Language Day** being acknowledged in classes on Tuesday and **Pink Shirt Day** taking place on Wednesday.

On **International Mother Language Day** we will be celebrating our multi-lingual community with the sharing of stories and writing in multiple languages in classes. Classroom doors will be decorated with welcoming phrases in the languages of the students in the class. Parents/guardians will be able to view the decorated doors when visiting QM for the Term 2 celebration of learning “open house”, taking place from 2:15-5:00 p.m. on March 7th and 9th (2:00 dismissal on these two days).

On **Wednesday**, February 22nd, we encourage all students to **wear PINK** in recognition of **Pink Shirt Day**. The focus of this day will be on how to create a more kind and inclusive community, raising awareness of how to be an “upstander” and stand up against bullying.

Upcoming Dates of NOTE:

- Monday, February 27th: Black History Matters Assembly for all classes
- Friday March 3rd: Term 2 report cards will become available for parents/guardians to access on My Education BC
- Tuesday March 7th and Thursday March 9th : **2:00 p.m. dismissal** for all students; **2:15 – 5:00 p.m. Term 2 celebration of learning “open house”** . All families are encouraged make plans to visit the school on either Tuesday or Thursday to view student work (student-led conferences) and speak with classroom teachers. More information coming from classroom teachers!

Friday March 10th is the last day of classes for Term 2. Schools will be closed for Spring Break from March 13th -24th, re-opening on Monday March 27th.

We still have a number of **free children’s tickets to Vancouver Warriors home games!**

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.

<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 Registration for programs for NVSD students

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER : 2023/24 NVSD Elementary Band and Strings Programs. **Register before Feb 28th to get the discounted rate!** 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

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

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

Reminder: QM Community Garden - Plots Available!

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

Happy Family Day!

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