

Feb. 16, 2024

Dear QM Families:

*Note: A PDF copy of this message, which includes PHOTOS, and an archive of previous weekly messages, can be found on our school website (About our School > Principal's Messages).

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

Happy Family Day Weekend!

After another fun, event-filled week we hope you all are able to take some time together this weekend to enjoy some relaxing and fulfilling family time! **Monday, February 19th** is BC FAMILY DAY and all schools are closed, AND tomorrow, **Friday February 16th** is a **Professional Day** for all North Vancouver students. Staff members will be involved in workshops and training sessions taking place at schools. Students do not attend school tomorrow! Students can enjoy a 4-day "weekend"!

QM PAC Annual Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser begins this week!

Who doesn't love chocolate... especially when buying it also supports our school's resources, events, and clubs. You can place orders using the following link. Please also share the link with all your friends and families. The proceeds go directly back into our school helping our students. ❤️📱

[Purdys Chocolatier Group Savings and Fundraising](#)



For upcoming QM 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)

This Week's Highlights: (see PDF for photos)

Lunar New Year: Beware of dragons roaming the halls of Queen Mary School! The children in our Kindergarten classes learned about Lunar New Year by reading books, watching videos, and making dragon hats and masks. Other displays of celebration are adorning our hallway bulletin boards.



Black History Month:

This week, students from the Leadership Club shared the origin and starting moments that inspired February's Black History Month, on morning announcements. Classes took part in informative and impactful Black History Matters workshops led by dynamic presenter, Giselle. (<https://www.phtheatre.org/black-history-matters-grades-k-7/>)



Random Acts of Kindness:

Gratitude Jars! Students in Division 3 have been taking time every week to practice showing gratitude to each other. This week, students took the opportunity to fill each other's jars with expressions of gratitude.



A collaborative art piece by the students in Division 10 brightens the hallways with colourful hearts.



Our JUMP ROPE FOR HEART event was a great success!

The gym was set up for circuit training and students from the Leadership Club created a fantastic demo video showing how to perform all the fitness activities. Classes watched the video before going for their “20-minute workout”, facilitated by the student leaders.

Thank you to all who have already made donations to **the Heart and Stroke Foundation!** We are approaching our \$1000 fundraising goal, helping fellow Canadians! You can easily link to our fundraising page using this LINK or the QR code.

jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/43430



Triple Ball for Grades 6 and 7

There are a few “home” games left – we invite spectators to our gym to watch the games and support our Triple Ball teams! During our home games, snacks are sold as part of the Grade 7 Farewell Fundraising initiative. See the home game schedule below (game location and times set by the NVEAA committee).

Home Game Schedule – 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Grade 7 Girls – Monday February 26th 3:30 – 4:30pm

Grade 6 Girls – Tuesday February 20th, Tuesday February 27th

Grade 7 Fundraising:

Cream Pony donuts can be pre-ordered on <https://munchalunch.com/schools/QueenMary/> from now until March 1st! Thanks for supporting our graduating class!

QM Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

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



CREAM PONY

GRADE 7 FUNDRAISER

DONUT PRICES
\$3.50 per donut
\$20 per box of 6 donuts
\$36 for 2 boxes of donuts



WHERE TO ORDER
MunchALunch
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/QueenMary/>
Order by March 1, 2024

DATE FOR PICKUP March 12, 2024

NOTE
Supplies on the 12th are limited so please pre-order

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

PAC Meetings: Our next PAC meeting for this year will take place on **Monday, February 26th on ZOOM @ 7:00 p.m.** All QM parents/guardians are invited to take part. If planning to attend, email queenmarypac@gmail.com prior to each PAC meeting to get the ZOOM link information.

Fun Lunch:

Our PAC executive and parent volunteers organize lunches for students weekly, delivered by various vendors, for a minimal fee. 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 Events and Information Page: Upcoming NVSD events, program registration information and public input opportunities

[News Item - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](#)

This link will take you to February's NVSD page, which includes links to important information and registration details *for the following*, and many other events, programs and initiatives.

- 2024-25 Budget – Input opportunities
- Academies
- Artists for Kids: After school art programs and spring break camps
- Paradise Valley Summer School of Visual Arts
- Elementary Band and Strings Programs – Register by Feb 29th!
- Late French Immersion
- New student registrations and transfer requests for 2024-25

Happy Family Day!

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