

Feb. 23, 2024

Dear QM Families:

*Note: A PDF copy of this message, which includes photos, is attached. It can also be found in the archive of weekly messages on our school website in the Principal's Messages section.

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

As the end of February approaches we start to look forward to the beauty of Spring, focusing in on renewal and growth. Our school-wide community of learners has committed to a stewardship project to rejuvenate and better care for our school grounds. Look for new plantings and revitalization of our gardens as the months progress. You can already see the daffodils poking their heads up along the front of our school!

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

Random Acts of Kindness: Be inspired by the positive message shared by Grade 3s on their classroom windows! (3rd floor North facing)



iTime Presentations:

The past two weeks have seen celebration of students' iTime Projects (independent inquiries). As part of Career Planning, students from Grades 4-7 conducted independent inquiries over the past several months and then presented their learning in various ways. Through this experience they developed their Approaches to Learning skills, reflected on their strengths, and set and worked toward personal goals.



Lantern Festival:

Grade 3s celebrate the upcoming Lantern Festival with collaborative art!



NEXT WEEK at QUEEN MARY

Pink Shirt Day: Wednesday February 28th

On the annual Pink Shirt day, next Wednesday, we encourage students to wear PINK shirts (or any pink clothing) to school. Teachers will be engaging students in various activities to facilitate reflecting on and taking action against bullying, with the message of this year's Pink Shirt Day: KINDNESS STARTS HERE. School-wide we have been focusing on this throughout the month with our "Random Acts of Kindness" initiative.

Additionally, we have been talking to students about the importance of reporting incidents of unkindness to adults and have initiated name-tag wearing of all adults outside on supervision at recess and lunch. We are challenging children to be able to name THREE of the "red jacket" supervisors by the end of February as we know children are more comfortable reporting to familiar adults. See if your child already knows the names of three adults at the school that they would be comfortable seeking help from, and encourage them to seek help for themselves as well as others when needed.

To learn more about the origins and goals Pink Shirt Day visit www.pinkshirtday.ca

We encourage you to refer to the attached document intended for parents/guardians, provided by the NVSD Social Emotional Learning Team.

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Spirit Day – Staff-Student Swap Day – Friday March 1st

The QM Leadership club is holding their second spirit day of the year next Friday, March 1st. Our school community will be participating in a "Staff-Student Swap Day" where students are encouraged to dress up as a teacher, and staff will dress up as students!



See Flyer:

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

This annual fundraiser continues through until March 1st for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Thank you to all who have already made donations! We are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way to reaching our \$1000 fundraising goal, to help fellow Canadians! Every little bit helps! You can access the QM fundraising page using this LINK [Queen Mary Elementary - North Vancouver | Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart \(crowdchange.ca\)](https://www.crowdchange.ca/Queen-Mary-Elementary-North-Vancouver-Heart-Stroke-Jump-Rope-for-Heart)

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Or this QR CODE:



QM PAC Annual Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser is on NOW!

Who doesn't love chocolate... especially when buying it also supports our school's resources, events, and clubs. Please share the following 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 other UPCOMING 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)

Triple Ball for Grades 6 and 7

There are TWO MORE "home" games left! Spectators welcomed! Snacks will be sold on both days as part of the Grade 7 Farewell Fundraising initiative.

Grade 7 Girls vs Cleveland Elementary – Monday February 26th 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Grade 6 Girls vs Blueridge Elementary – Tuesday, February 27th 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Grade 7 Fundraising: Donuts for Sale!!

Help our Grade 7s celebrate the end of their Elementary School years by purchasing Cream Pony donuts! This yummy treat can be pre-ordered on <https://munchalunch.com/schools/QueenMary/> from now until March 1st! Thanks for supporting our graduating class!



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

Looking Ahead: Mark Your Calendars!

Student-Led Learning Conferences with early dismissals (2:00 p.m.) – March 5th and 7th

On March 5th and 7th all students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. to allow time for our annual Student-Led Learning Conferences. Families will be invited into classrooms to view some of the work children completed during this term and to support their child in reflecting on their development of the IB PYP Approaches to Learning (communication, social, self-management, thinking, and research skills) and progress toward goals set in October.

Teachers will be sending messages to the families of their students next week with details of how these conferences will be run in their classrooms.

Term 2 Written Learning Updates (previous known as Report cards) can be accessed via My Education BC as of 4:00 p.m. on March 14th.

March 15th is the last day of classes for Term 2 with the 2-week spring break, which incorporates the Easter holidays, taking place from March 16 - April 1st. School resumes on April 2nd.

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

[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: 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

Upcoming NVSD events, registration information and public input opportunities (2024-25 school calendar and budget): [LINK HERE](#)

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

Late French Immersion information Session – Reminder for Parents of Grade 5 Students

Applications to the program will be accepted between January 9 and March 8. For more information, visit the [Late French Immersion](#) web page.

New Student Registration and School Transfer Requests for the 2024-25 school year

Submit requests between January 9th to March 8th 2024

Registrations and transfer requests received after March 8 will be placed in schools based on catchments where space is available.

Visit the [Student Registration](#) web page for further information,

2024-25 Elementary Band Program Registration - Deadline Reminders!

If you are still considering registering your child for the NVSD Band Program, PLEASE register by February 29th! Visit the [Elementary Band and Strings](#) web page for information and registration details, including program fees.

NVSD Arts Education Update

Use the following link for information and registration for:

- Spring After School Art Programs
- AFK Spring Break Day Camps
- Paradise Valley Summer School of Visual Art

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/zMg3hNdqkmAWCY5Q?ref=Link&loc=play>

Enjoy a splendid weekend!

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