

Feb 24th, 2023

Dear QM Families:

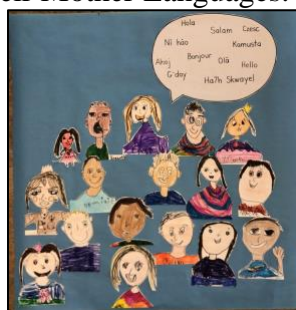
**Note: A PDF copy of this message, and an archive of previous weekly messages can be found on our school website. The PDF version (see attached) contain photos/ images.*

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

We hope you all enjoyed the four-day weekend – this “short” week has been action packed!

Highlights from this week at Queen Mary:

On Tuesday, staff and students acknowledged **International Mother Language Day**, celebrating our multi-lingual community. Stories were read and shared in languages other than English, and classroom walls and doors became decorated with greetings in the languages spoken by children of the class. Below, a Grade 2 student added their Japanese version of The Three Little Pigs to the classroom library, and Kindergarten students drew pictures of themselves and printed greetings in their Mother Languages.



On **Pink Shirt Day** student leaders from the QM Social Diversity Club visited classes to read stories aloud. The stories read had themes connecting to being kind, inclusive, and respectful of differences, while raising awareness of how to be an “upstander” and stand up against bullying. A noon-hour dance party, held in the gym, was enjoyed by students of all ages.



IMPORTANT Information about the QM BAND PROGRAM:

Parents of Grade 4-6 students – please refer to the email I sent out earlier today!

We are in need of a few more registrations for both the beginning and continuing band for us to be able to keep our BAND program at QM for next year!

Specific schools are selected by NVSD to host the Band programs each year, based on a minimum number of registrations. We need to ensure we have at least the minimum number of students registered to have the Band Program placed at QM for next year.

PLEASE, if you are in the “deciding stage” still, we hope you will register for this program, and do so by February 28th. (Financial support available if needed – contact Jen Wilson for details).

Register via School Cash Online: LINK

<https://sd44.schoolcashionline.com>

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

Thank you to all who have taken part in our **Jump Rope for Heart** annual fundraiser. QM’s fundraising campaign will continue until the end of February.... just a few more days to contribute!! In addition to supporting the work that the foundation does to help Canadians, there are great rewards for individuals for fundraising (gift cards) AND Queen Mary receives a % back in funds to be used toward equipment for our Physical Education classes.

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

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.

AND....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, March 1st 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#/=

Enjoy the snow this weekend!!

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