

Dear Queen Mary Families;

April 2, 2026

Welcome back! We hope this short week helps with easing back into the scheduled routines of the school days! It has been a joy to have the children back into the building – there is lots of positive energy to start of our final term of the school year.

With tomorrow being the Good Friday Statutory holiday, we are sending this message out to you today. Please note that schools will also be closed on Easter Monday, April 6th, so enjoy the 4-day weekend!

IMPORTANT QM INFORMATION

We have had an interesting restart to the school term with the small fire that occurred before the entrance bell in the bathroom by the gym on Tuesday. Due to the quick response of staff members it was contained to the garbage pail and did not cause any further damage. We are still working on identifying the person or people who started the fire - our investigation efforts have not resulted in any leads yet. If, during your conversations at home you hear of anything that might help us “crack the case”, please contact me by phone or email and we will follow up on any information we receive.

We will be acknowledging the [International Day of Pink](#) on Wednesday April 8th by inviting all students to wear pink to school. Similar to the Canadian Pink Shirt Day, this date is recognized internationally to bring attention to and to encourage all to stand against bullying, discrimination, and hate.

TRACK and FIELD season is here!

Students in Grades 4-7 interested in taking part in Track and Field were invited to an information meeting that took place today, where participation permission forms were handed out. Students **MUST** hand in this signed permission form before taking part in any practices. Event practice days and times are included on the form. The practices for the running events will begin next week, starting on Tuesday April 7th at the Mahon Track 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. (Meet at Mahon Track or meet at the QM gym entrance at 7:45 for staff-supervised walk to Mahon). Field event practices will begin the week of April 13th.

Taking part in the meets is optional for participants - if students want to just join for fun and fitness and do not want compete at the meets they are still welcome to join in on the practices!

Students who missed the sign-up session can get a permission form at the office.

QM PAC Contact Information: [QM PAC Facebook Page](#)

Next week at Queen Mary:

Monday, April 6 – Schools are closed (statutory holiday)

Tuesday, April 7

- Track and Field: Running events practice at the Mahon Track 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. (Meet at Mahon Track or meet at the QM gym entrance at 7:45 for staff-supervised walk to Mahon) **Must bring completed permission form to take part!*

Wednesday, April 8 – wear PINK for the International Day of Pink

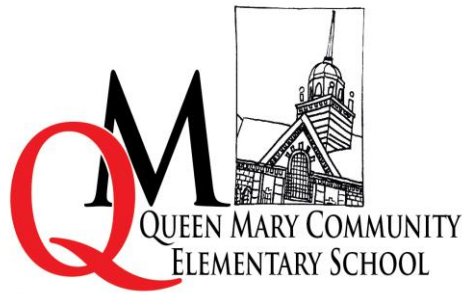
- **Grade 4 to Cheakamus / Outdoor School**
- Early Bird Choir Practice – 8:00 a.m.
- Div 10 to Stanley Park Ecology
- **Lights Up Theatre** after school program (for registered students)
- **JUST PLAY After School Sports (JUST PASS)** program for registered Kindergarten to Grade 2 students

Thursday, April 9

- Track and Field: Running events practice at the Mahon Track 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. (Meet at Mahon Track or meet at the QM gym entrance at 7:45 for staff-supervised walk to Mahon)
- **Grade 4 at Cheakamus / Outdoor School** (don't forget to cancel/re-direct hot lunch if you ordered for your gr. 4 student)
- Drop-in open gym basketball for Grade 5 and 6 students 8:00 a.m. for interested students.
- **FUN LUNCH** Day!
 - Use [Munchalunch \(online\)](#) to place orders. Order by Saturday (by 11:59 p.m.) for the following week. Questions? Contact: queemnarypac@gmail.com
 - *Fun Lunch donations welcomed* - select the option to donate at the bottom of the order form.
 - Interested in volunteering to help distribute these lunches? Sign up using this link: <https://signup.com/go/LdqeYMJ>
- **Red Fox** after-school program (for registered students)
- Long Distance Running (for students who have signed up) – meet at 3:10pm at the gym doors

Friday, April 10

- **JUST PLAY After School Sports (JUST PASS)** program for **Grade 3-5 students**. Registration is still open (see below for details)
- **Grade 4 return from Cheakamus / Outdoor School**
- **Farsi Program for Kids in the ART ROOM** (after school program for registered students)



TERM 3 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS at QUEEN MARY – Enrollment still open!

Lights Up Theatre

Spring Show: Mary Poppins

This spring, the Lights Up after-school students will fly into the magical, musical world of Mary Poppins! Inspired by the beloved films, “Mary Poppins” features iconic songs, exciting dances, and extraordinary imagination. From chimney sweeps to dancing penguins, it is sure to be supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

- Wednesdays 2:22 – 4:30 p.m. in the QM Library April 8 – June 3 2026
- LINK TO REGISTER: [Queen Mary Elementary \(North Vancouver\) - Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools](#)

HOOPS 4KIDS JUST PASS – Spring Program

JUST PLAY After School Sports (JUST PASS) is an after-school sports program by [G2 Athletics](#)

Grades K-2: Wednesdays 2:30 PM - 3:45PM

Grades 3-5: Fridays 3:15PM - 4:30PM

[Link HERE](#) to register, or complete the [PDF form](#) (available at the school office) and email it to info@g2athletics.com or hand it in at the school office.

Farsi Program for Kids

Fridays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Art Room (rm# 102)

April 10-June 12

Give your child the opportunity to learn Farsi in a fun and engaging way! For more information call 778-929-7014, or email

info@farsidarbc.ca

[LINK HERE to REGISTER](#)

Community NEWS and INFO:

The Queen Mary Community Garden is looking for volunteers to help take care of the garden plots from the end of May to mid-September. Families can sign up to water the garden for a week and harvest the veggies and herbs that are growing if so desired! Any unharvested produce will be donated to the North Shore Food Bank to help individuals who are experiencing food scarcity.

Sign up for a watering week (or two!) here: <https://signup.com/go/bKPTJGu>.

Volunteering questions? Interested in learning more about the QM school garden? Email Caroline McGechaen at carolinemcgechaen@gmail.com.

Have a lovely long weekend!

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