



April 5, 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.

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

Welcome Back! Happy Spring!

We hope everyone enjoyed having a break from the school routines, allowing more time to spend together as a family doing what you love! Students have thoroughly enjoyed a week of reconnecting with classmates. We have a wonderful positive energy flowing through the school!

As we launch into the final school term, please be reminded of the following school procedures and expectations:

Signing children out during the school day (e.g., appointments etc.)

PLEASE be reminded of the following procedures when taking your child out of school during the school day:

- Come into the school to the office
- Sign your child out
- The office staff will contact the teacher to have your child sent to the office
- Wait at the office for your child to meet you

This is for safety reasons – please adhere to these procedures.

PLEASE do not go directly to the classroom door to get your child – this is disruptive to the learning environment.

When entering the school day at any time during the instructional day or during the noon hour/recess breaks, PLEASE proceed directly to the school office (even if simply dropping off something for your child). This is for safety and security reasons, and to minimize disruptions.

Student Cell Phones/Apple Watches

Students are not to use personal cell phones during the school day unless a staff member gives them permission to do so. Cell phones must be kept on silent mode. Parents should contact the school directly if they need reach their children instead of sending messages via cell phones/Apple watches.

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THANK YOU!

We have many exciting events to look forward to this term!

Here are a few to note right away:

Student-Made Art Cards – QM Fundraiser

Your child has created a work of art at school that you can purchase in the form of greeting cards, puzzles, notebooks, etc. Watch for your child's SAMPLE CARD coming home in their backpacks! A portion of the purchases will be donated to our school's Grade 7 fundraiser. Find instructions on HOW TO ORDER on the inside of your child's sample art card. **The Order Deadline is April 22nd (midnight)!**

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Wednesday, April 10th is **International Day of Pink – Spirit Day!** We encourage all members of our school community to wear as much pink as possible in recognition of this day, established with the purpose of creating a more inclusive and diverse world. The leadership club will be hosting a photobooth in the gym during recess for students and staff to take photos.

This year's theme is VISIBILITY: *"celebrate visibility in all its forms - being seen, acknowledged, respected, and listened to"* www.dayofpink.org/en/home-2023

Visit www.dayofpink.org to learn more!

QM Professional Day: Monday April 22 (students do not attend school on this day)

April 22 is also **Earth Day**. QM Students will be celebrating Earth Day on Friday April 19th with a whole-school assembly and participation in various activities inclusive of school, community, and shoreline clean-up. More details of the day's events will be provided to families by classroom teachers.

QM Scholastic Book Fair April 23-26

- Held in the QM Library (2nd floor next to the office)
- Tues April 23 from 5 :00 – 7 :00 p.m. is the Book Fair Family night – come for book shopping and entertainment!
- The Book Fair will be open for one hour after school throughout the week for students and families to shop
- Students will also have a shopping time at a noon hour (as scheduled below)
 - Tuesday: Kindergarten & Gr1
 - Wednesday: Gr 4 & 5
 - Thursday: Gr 2 & 3

- Friday: Gr 6 & 7

**if sending your child to school with money please place it in a sealed envelope or zip-lock bag with your child's name on it. We cannot be responsible for lost \$*

The PAC is looking for parents/guardians to help with this book fair during the “shopping” hours and for set-up/pack-up. If interested in helping, here is the link for parent volunteers to sign up.

<https://signup.com/go/mbZjshf>

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)

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, April 29th 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>

Message from the Ministry of Education and Child Care

Annual Student Learning Survey: Open to parents/guardians of students in Grades 4,7,10, and 12. Our Grade 4 & 7 classroom teachers will be having the students in their classes complete the survey in the coming weeks. This survey is open until May 3rd so there is still time take part! The purpose of this is to gather valuable information pertaining to educational experiences in B.C. public schools. Your participation has great value! For further information and to link to the survey go to the **Student Learning Survey webpage.**

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey

[Student Learning Survey for Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

With the excitement of the return to school and adjustments back to school routines, we assume some will be quite exhausted by tonight... adults included... so we wish you all a restful and rejuvenating weekend!

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