

Dear Queen Mary Families;

Jan. 30, 2026

Please enjoy reading our **January Newsletter** posted in this section of our QM Website.

Happy February everyone! February is an important and busy month! In addition to a number of special dates and events, February is:

- Black History Month
- National Inclusive Education Month
- QM Jump Rope for Heart Fundraising Month

IMPORTANT QM INFORMATION

Black History Month

Broadening and deepening students' knowledge and understanding of Black history will be an area of focus in classes throughout the month of February. We have many excellent fiction and non-fiction books on display in our library for students to sign out – we hope some of these make it to your home to read and talk about together.

[February is Black History Month - Canada.ca](#)

National Inclusive Education Month

Members of the Queen Mary community strive to make inclusion a priority through our Code of Conduct, IB PYP Learner Profile, and in teaching and learning. Acts of inclusion will be a special focus for student GOTCHAs, as a way of highlighting the importance of this month. Differentiation of instruction, as an integral aspect of inclusion, will be a topic of discussion at our February staff meeting.

[February is Inclusive Education Month - Inclusion BC](#)

Jump Rope for Heart and Heart and Stroke Foundation Fundraiser

Every year, for the month of February, students and staff members at Queen Mary take part in the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser. Help us reach our \$1000 fundraising goal, helping fellow Canadians! Donate online throughout the month of February!

USE THIS LINK to connect to our school's fundraising page on the Jump Rope for Heart Website:

[Queen Mary Community Elementary - North Vancouver | Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart](#)

Our "JUMP ROPE for HEART" event takes place on **Thursday February 12th**. At assigned times during the day classes will take part in a 20-minute circuit training session in the gym. Please send your child to school on February 12th wearing clothing appropriate for exercising.

QM PAC Contact Information: [QM PAC Facebook Page](#) Connect to learn about the many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year!

Next Week's School Events

Monday, February 2

- Volleyball club after school for registered students

Tuesday, February 3

- Early Bird Choir Practice – 8am
- **Coding Club** in the Library after school (for registered students)

Wednesday, February 4

- Div 6 to AFK Gallery – 8:45am
- **JUST PLAY After School Sports (JUST PASS)** program for registered Kindergarten to Grade 2 students.
- **Lights Up Theatre** after school program. (for registered students)

Thursday, February 5

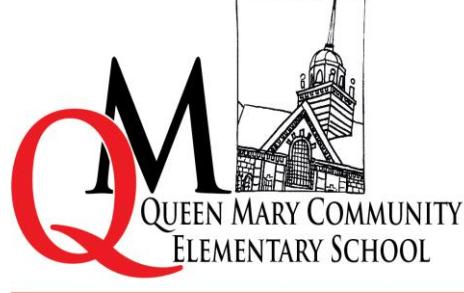
- Drop-in open gym basketball for Grade 5 and 6 students 8:00 a.m. for interested students.
- Div 5 to AFK Gallery – 8:45am
- **PAC-Sponsored Coffee Morning** in our Atrium – all parents/guardians welcomed! Treats and social time!
- Grade 1 to HR MacMillan Space Centre – 9:30am
- **FUN LUNCH Day!**
 - Use [Munchalunch \(online\)](#) to place orders. Order by Saturday (by 11:59 p.m.) for the following week. Questions? Contact: queemnypac@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>
- **Skating Club** (for registered students)
- **Red Fox** after-school program (for registered students)
- Long Distance Running – meet at 3:10pm at the gym doors

Friday, February 6

- Div 6 to Shipyards skating - 11am
- **Noon-hour Lego** program for registered Kindergarten and Grade 1 students.
- **JUST PLAY After School Sports (JUST PASS)** program for registered Grade 3-5 students.

Extra-Curricular and After-School Programs at QM: All registration information for extra-curricular and after school programs run by outside organizations published on our school website in ONE DOCUMENT. Registration is still open for several of the programs being offered (registration also linked to programs listed above)

All upcoming school events can be found on our **LIVE CALENDAR** on the main page of our website.



NVSD Information for Families – Reminders:

If you have a child currently in Grade 4,5 or 6 **interested in taking part in the QM NVSD Band Program next year**, register by **Friday, February 27th** to get the reduced rate! SEE ATTACHED letter previously sent to QM families. Bursaries for financial assistance are available if required (DUE to JEN W by FEB 12th please!). The [NVSD Band and Strings Website](#) provides further details about the program and the registration process.

Visit the NVSD Student Transfer and Registration (STAR) [online registration portal](#) for new enrolments or transfers for the 2026-27 school year, for students in Grades 1-12. Register children online and upload all relevant documents.

NVSD Secondary School International Students in need of homestay placements for the school terms beginning February and September 2026, and February 2027. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please contact the International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. Visit the [International Education](#) section of the school district website for more information.

The public comment period for the proposed 2026/27 School Calendar is open until midnight, February 11, 2026. Share your feedback on the proposed calendar via an MS Forms survey, on the NVSD [public District Calendar web page](#). The school calendar for the 2026/27 school year will be finalized at the February 24, 2026, Public Board Meeting.

Have a lovely weekend!

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