

Dear Queen Mary Families;

March 13 , 2026

We said we were not going to send out a message today BUT as the week went along many important pieces of information came to our attention that we needed to get out to you before the holidays!

We appreciated the participation of families in the student-led conferences that took place this week, and the feedback families provided us to guide us on how to provide better communication and connection to learning within the framework of the IB Primary Years Programme. Your feedback will be helpful in addressing aspects of our school plan.

Congratulations to our Triple Ball teams, and their coaches (Mr. Ching, Ms. Thayer, Teacher Taylor, and Ms. Chapdelaine) for their outstanding effort on the court in the NVSD final tournament. The QM boys placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and the girls landed in 1<sup>st</sup> place for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row!! Many cheers for the QM Eagles!!

### **IMPORTANT QM INFORMATION**

Schools re-open on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have a short week due to the Easter Long Weekend with schools being closed on Good Friday (April 3) and Easter Monday (April 9).

### **QM PAC FUNDRAISERS: Order PICK-UP**

If you placed orders for PAC fundraisers (Purdy's Chocolates and Cobbs Bread) please note that orders for both will be available for pick-up at the school, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Atrium, on Thursday April 2 between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

**Soup orders** (Grade 7 Grad SOUP Fundraiser)- pick-up/delivery on Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> - watch for email notification.

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

### **First week back after Spring Break: The week's events**

#### **Monday, March 31**

- Volleyball club after school for registered students

#### **Tuesday, March 31**

- Soup Orders ready for pick-up/delivery (Grade 7 Fundraiser)

#### **Wednesday, April 1**

- Early Bird Choir Practice – 8:00 a.m.
- **JUST PLAY After School Sports (JUST PASS)** program for registered Kindergarten to Grade 2 students

## Thursday, April 2

- Purdy's Chocolates and Cobbs Bread orders ready for pick-up (3:00-4:00)
- 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](mailto: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 3 (Good Friday) and Monday April 6 (Easter Monday) – all schools are closed both days (statutory holidays)

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

## 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 Programs

**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](mailto:info@g2athletics.com) or hand it in at the school office.

### Farsi Program for Kids

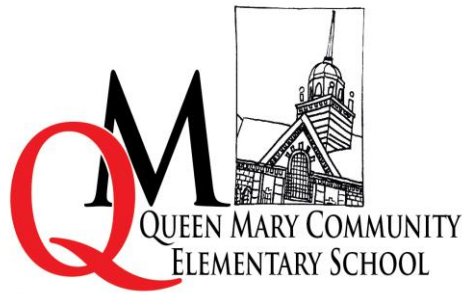
Fridays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Art Room (rm# 102)

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](mailto:info@farsidarbc.ca)

[LINK HERE to REGISTER](#)



## **Community NEWS and INFO:**

**Artists for Kids is pleased to offer two After School Art classes at the AFK Studio on Lonsdale this spring!** Classes will be held at the Artists for Kids Shadbolt Studio, located at 2121 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver. Visit the [After School Art page on the Artists for Kids website](#) for more information and to register - classes are filling up quickly, so don't miss out!

### ***Drawing & Painting!***

**Dates:** Every Tuesday from April 14th to June 2nd (8)

**Time:** 3:45 - 5:15 PM

**Grades:** 4-7

**Instructor:** Courtney Johnstone

**Class description:** In this course, students will learn about influential artists and styles, then create original drawings and paintings inspired by each period.

### ***Squish, Press, Sculpt: Clay Adventures!***

**Dates:** Every Wednesday from April 15th to June 3rd (8)

**Time:** 3:45 - 5:15 PM

**Grades:** 1-3

**Instructor:** Catherine Schechter

**Class description:** Students will be introduced to the world of ceramics through exploration and experimentation. They will learn several hand building and surface decoration techniques and will have the opportunity to create their own unique pieces. This class will cover the pinch, coil, and slab methods as well as underglaze, sgraffito, and glaze.

### **Queen Mary Community Garden**

Spring has sprung! We are looking for volunteers to help water the Queen Mary school garden from the end of May to mid-September. Families can sign up to water the garden for a week, during which time you are welcome to harvest the veggies and herbs that are growing! All surplus produce will be donated to the North Shore Food Bank to help individuals who are experiencing food scarcity.

Sign up for a watering and harvesting 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](mailto:carolinemcgechaen@gmail.com).

### **Parent/caregiver workshop: Navigating Screen Battles with Conscious Parenting.**

*(Presented in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health)*

Date: Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Location: North Vancouver School District Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor)

Registration: [Registration Form](#)

And lastly...Link here to the [North Shore Neighbourhood House page](#) on our school website to access the Newsletter for March, highlighting current programs for all ages, and upcoming opportunities for family fun in our local community!

We hope you all enjoy a wonderful Spring Break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> for a fun and event-filled final term for this school year!

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