

March 6 Message to QM Families:

### **IMPORTANT QM INFORMATION**

#### **Spring Forward this weekend – for the last time!**

This weekend, BC will adopt permanent, year-round daylight saving time after clocks shift forward an hour on Sunday, March 8, 2026. More information about this permanent change can be found here: [BC Gov News](#)

#### **Term 2 Written Learning Update and Student-Led Conferences**

All families are invited to the Term 2 Student-led Conferences being held on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on both dates.

Families are invited to visit their child's/children's classrooms any time between 2:00 and 4:00 on these dates to see their child's work and see examples of their learning. Teachers will be available for any questions.

Sometimes parents/guardians might like to have a more confidential conversation with a teacher about learning progress. You can contact your child's teacher directly to arrange a meeting of this sort, any time over the course of the school year.

**Term 2 Written Learning Updates** will become available for parents to view on [MyEducation BC](#) after school on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **LOST and FOUND: Please collect belongings!**

While in the school next week PLEASE take time to check our lost and found hanging on the rack located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the hallway on the LEFT. All clothes hanging and anything in the bench seat is all lost and found. PLEASE collect clothing misplaced before spring break!

#### **We are hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from March 10-12 in the Library**

Families are welcome to come into the library to shop for books after school:

Tues. 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Wed. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thurs. 2:00-3:00 p.m.

You can also give the "gift of books" to teachers' classroom libraries – teachers will have "wish-lists" posted in the Book Fair.

## QM PAC FUNDRAISERS:

**Purdy's Chocolates** : To order visit [Purdys.com](http://Purdys.com) and use fundraiser code # 000027752

Order by March 24<sup>th</sup>!

**COBS BREAD: Hot cross buns, scones, pies!** Use [Munchalunch \(online\)](#) to place orders. Order by March 24<sup>th</sup>!

*\*Orders for both will be available for pick-up at the school on Thursday April 2 between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.*

## **Grade 7 Grad SOUP Fundraiser continues!**

**LINK HERE to order:**

<https://raise.mitchellssoupco.com/queenmarycommunities/queenmarycommunitiesw26?a=31&at=1769614372955&as=k>

Soups, stews and curries perfect for busy nights! Orders need to be in by March 13. **Orders can be picked up from the school the week after Spring Break.** Large orders can be personally delivered.

**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, March 9**

- Volleyball club after school for registered students

### **Tuesday, March 10 \*2:00 dismissal for Student-Led Conferences**

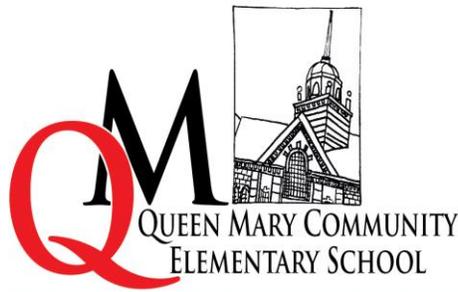
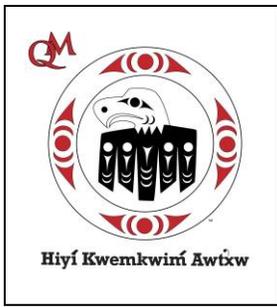
- **Student-Led Conferences 2:00-4:00 (Open House "drop-in" style)**
- Book Fair open for family shopping 2:00-5:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, March 11**

- Early Bird Choir Practice – 8:00 a.m.
- **JUST PLAY After School Sports (JUST PASS)** program for registered Kindergarten to Grade 2 students.
- Book Fair open for family shopping 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Term 2 Written Learning Updates published on MyEd

### **Thursday, March 12 \*2:00 dismissal for Student-Led Conferences**

- **Student-Led Conferences 2:00-4:00 (Open House "drop-in" style)**
- Book Fair open for family shopping 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Drop-in open gym basketball for Grade 5 and 6 students 8am 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, March 13

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

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 now open!

#### Lights Up Theatre

##### Spring Show: Mary Poppins

This spring, our Lights Up afterschool 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 attached **PDF form** (also available at the school office) and email it to [info@g2athletics.com](mailto:info@g2athletics.com) or hand it in at the school office.

## **NVSD NEWS and INFO:**

### **2026 NVSD Chess Championship**

SD44 Chess Championship is happening again on Monday, May 4th (Pro-D Day, so no classes are missed) at Sutherland Secondary School, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Registration will open on Monday, March 9th at 4:00 p.m.** Link to register: [Home - North Vancouver School District Chess Championship \(sd44.ca\)](https://www.sd44.ca/home-north-vancouver-school-district-chess-championship)

- See attached is a [poster](#)
- Registration fills up quickly; once we have reached capacity, students will be added to a waitlist.
- Students can compete in the Primary, Intermediate or Secondary divisions. Students can register in an older division if they wish, but they cannot register in a younger division.
- ***New this year: Adult division!*** Parents/guardians of NVSD students can also enter into the tournament!
- The top three finishers in each division will receive prizes. All participants will be encouraged to bring lunch and snacks. Parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- To complete the tournament in the given time, participants will be limited to 40 Primary students, 50 Intermediate students, and 32 for the secondary division.
- There is no cost for students to participate, and the tournament is open to all SD44 students K-12, and all skill levels are welcome.
- Send questions to [chess@sd44.ca](mailto:chess@sd44.ca).

### **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](#)

Description: Struggling with screen time battles, gaming limits, or social media boundaries? You're not alone. In this practical and heart-centered workshop, parents will learn how to set clear, confident limits around screens and technology using Non-Violent Conscious Communication, inspired by Marshall Rosenberg, without power struggles, shame, or disconnection. Discover how to move from reactive "because I said so" parenting to grounded leadership that builds trust, cooperation, and long-term digital responsibility. You'll also experience simple somatic (body-based) tools to stay calm and regulated during tech conflicts so you can respond instead of reacting.

### ***And lastly, a reminder: Ministry of Education and Child Care Student Learning Survey***

To be completed by parents with children in Grades 4, 7, 10, 11, and 12. Click on this [Student Learning Survey](#) link to share your thoughts and feedback.

We will not be sending an email on Friday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – so have an amazing Spring Break!! We will look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>.

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