

March 8, 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#/=>

It is hard to believe this will be our last message of Term 2! With Friday, March 15th being the final day of school before the school break, our next Friday message to families will be on April 5th.

While enjoying our school grounds for play time over the break, please keep your children out of our gardens as bulbs have been planted and flowers are coming up! The Grade 2s have put much effort into placing signs amongst the daffodils at the front of the school to remind people of this request.

This Week's Highlights: (see PDF for photos)

Road Safety Blitz at Queen Mary

We hosted a successful Road Safety Blitz on Tuesday morning, reminding drivers to take care on the roads and ensure safety for all! A huge thank you to all who were involved: Trustee Mann, North Shore Safety Council, RCMP and NV Fire Department, ICBC, City of North Van, our QM PAC, and student helpers Ella, Ahoora, and Brycen!



Triple Ball for Grades 6 and 7

The Grade 7 Girls' Triple Ball Team are off to the finals at Mountainside Secondary! The team will be playing for a chance to be City Champions on Tuesday March 12th at 3:30p.m. Come see the game and support QM!



Nowruz Display in Front of Office

Persian calendar begins on the first day of spring that is called Nowruz, meaning 'New Day'. Persians and Farsi-speakers around the world celebrate Nowruz by gathering around a setting called Haft-Sin that means 'Seven Ss' in English.

The reason why this setting is named "7 S's" is that the core elements of Haft-Sin are 7 items whose names all begin with the sound /s/ in Farsi. They are all edible and symbolize concepts such as rebirth, love, health, and happiness.

We invite you to visit the display in front of the main office and enjoy the student-made signs posted in front of our school! Thank you to QM teacher Ms Tavangar, and the other parents and students who contributed to both displays.



Jump Rope For Heart Fundraiser

Thank you to all who made donations! Our community contributed \$790 to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, so close to our \$1000 fundraising goal!

Student-Led Learning Conferences

Queen Mary opened their doors to families as our Celebration of Student Learning events took place this Tuesday March 5th and Thursday March 7th. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to support our students in reflecting as they head into Term 3.

QM Math Festival

Thanks to Ms. Zhu for bringing the Math Festival to Queen Mary! Students and parents filled the gym as they experimented and inquired into a variety of math games and challenges. Thank you to Division 3 and 4 for leading the stations throughout the day.

Looking Ahead:

Grade 7 Fundraising: Cream Pony Donuts

Cream Pony pre-ordered donuts can be picked up at 3:00 p.m. in front of the school on Tuesday, March 12th. Thanks for supporting our graduating class!

QM PAC Annual Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting our school!! Orders will be available for pick up on Tuesday, March 12th at 3:00 p.m.



Term 2 Written Learning Updates (previous known as Report cards) can be accessed via My Education BC as of 4:00 p.m. on March 14th.

March 15th is the last day of classes for Term 2 with the 2-week spring break, which incorporates the Easter holidays, taking place from March 16 - April 1st. **School resumes on April 2nd.**

Spring After-School Programs at Queen Mary

G2 Athletics After School Basketball Programs - Register by March 15th

Registration forms attached – return to QM main office

Tuesdays – Grades 2 & 3

Thursdays – Grades 4 & 5

**If the fees are an impediment to registering, contact Jen Wilson for available financial supports*

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**. All QM parents/guardians are invited to take part. Check the QM Facebook Page for details on the next meeting.

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>

NVSD Events and Information

Upcoming NVSD events, registration information and public input opportunities (2024-25 school calendar and budget): [LINK HERE](#)

[News Item - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](https://www.sd44.ca)

Next week is **Education Week** at the North Vancouver School District. The week will include:

- Monday: 25-year Employee Recognition
- Wednesday: Community Report distribution – hard copy to 57,000+ households across the North Shore
- Thursday: Trustee Reception

Link to this month's **NVSD Arts Education Update**

In this issue registration information and links for:

- Spring After School Art Programs
- AFK Spring Break Day Camps
- Paradise Valley Summer School of Visual Art

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/zMg3hNdqkmAWCY5Q?ref=Link&loc=play>

Message from the Ministry of Education and Child Care:

Annual Student Learning Survey: Open to students in Grades 4,7,10, and 12, and their families

The purpose of this is to gather valuable information pertaining to educational experiences in B.C. public schools.

Families with children in Grades 4,7,10, and 12 are invited to complete the survey between now and May 3rd.

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 \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey)

The Prevention Project

The Exploitation Education Institute recently did presentations for NVSD students in Grades 7-9. They have now created the [The Prevention Project](#). It's an online hub featuring over 100 easy-to-watch videos and resources tailored specifically to parents and educators, for Grades 3 through 12. These resources tackle topics related to root causes—things like consent, online information sharing, sexting and so much more—in a way that is lighthearted, approachable, and engaging. Even better, the resources are free to access!

A reminder for this weekend: It is time to “spring forward”! On Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned forward 1 hour. Hope you can catch a nap to make up for the lost hour! ☺

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