



Dear Queen Mary Families;

May 1, 2026

Amazing that it is MAY already! Where did the year go? We are looking forward to a fantastic finish to the school year with many fun and exciting events still ahead!

Enjoy reading our **APRIL QM NEWSLETTER!** ([attached](#) and posted to our QM Website)

### [May is Asian Heritage Month - Canada.ca](#)

This is an opportunity to learn more about the diverse culture of Asian communities in British Columbia and Canada. It is observed annually in the month of May and has been officially observed since 2002. As a community blessed with cultural diversity we will be acknowledging and making connections to the rich heritage and contributions of people of Asian origin to the Canadian multicultural mosaic.

**Red Dress Day** is Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### [Red Dress Day 2026: Take Action on May 5](#)

Red Dress Day is a day to remember and honour missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ peoples (MMIWG2S+). The inspiration for Red Dress Day lies in Canadian Métis artist Jaime Black's [REDress Project installation](#). We invite students and staff members to wear red to school in recognition of the significance of this day.

### **Fish Tank Needed!**

We are in need of a new fish tank for our annual salmon project. The one we have cannot be used next year. There are certain requirements that the fish tank needs to meet. If you happen to have a fish tank at home that is in good shape, has glass instead of plastic and has no sharp edges please let Mr. Polymenakos know [gpolymenakos@sd44.ca](mailto:gpolymenakos@sd44.ca).

### **REMINDER:**

#### **Family Photo Fundraiser!**

When was the last time you wrangled the fam jam for a family photo? Here's your chance! Grab a \*15-minute mini session\* with Queen Mary parent and photographer Nirmal, on May 23, 24, 30 or 31 for \*\$70 + tax\*. Includes 2 digitals & 2 x 6/8 prints. You will get an updated family photos AND \$10 goes straight to the Grade 7 grads for their year-end celebration. Win-win!

LINK HERE to book your photo appointment! [Queen Mary Grad 7 Family Portrait Fundraiser](#)

**QM PAC Contact Information:** [QM PAC Facebook Page](#)

## **Next week at Queen Mary:**

**Monday, May 4:** District-wide Professional Day. Schools are not in session for students on this day.

### **Tuesday, May 5: Red Dress Day**

- Track and Field - running events practice at the Mahon Track 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

### **Wednesday, May 6**

- Early Bird Choir Practice – 8:20-8:40am
- Long and Triple Jump practice during the noon hour (Track & Field)
- **Lights Up Theatre** after school program (for registered students)
- **JUST PLAY After School Sports (JUST PASS)** program for registered Kindergarten to Grade 2 students. Registration is still open: LINK HERE [Queen Mary After School Basketball Program 2026](#)

### **Thursday, May 7**

- Track and Field: Running events practice at the Mahon Track 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
- **Div 11 to Grouse Mountain**
- **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)
- **Hanging Basket Fundraiser** - Pick up between 3:00 – 4:00 pm on the southwest lawn in front of QM

### **Friday, May 8**

- Shotput practice during the morning recess (Track & Field)
- **JUST PLAY After School Sports (JUST PASS)** program for **Grade 3-5 students**. Registration is still open: LINK HERE [Queen Mary After School Basketball Program 2026](#)
- **Farsi Program for Kids 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the ART ROOM**. After school program for registered students - Registration is still open – LINK HERE to register <https://bit.ly/FarsiAfterSchoolQueenMary262>

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

Enjoy another warm, wonderfully summer-y weekend!

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