



May 17, 2024

Dear QM Families:

*Note: A PDF copy of this message that 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#/="](https://www.sd44.ca/school/queenmary/About/Principal/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

Thank you to all who joined us this week for the **IB PYP Exhibition**. The Grade 7 students appreciated having the opportunity to showcase their learning and share their projects – a celebratory culmination of many weeks of dedicated effort and hard work. Special recognition goes to the families for supporting their children through the experience of working on a long-term project, the Grade 7 teachers for their guidance and instruction, and the staff members who acted as mentors.

Our next BIG ENVENT is FUN DAY! Friday May 31st!!

After months of planning in collaboration with our PAC executive (thank you Jen D!!) we have an amazing event lined up for our school community this year! Our PAC Chair, Jen Dealey has taken the lead on this incredible event and she needs your help to make sure all goes smoothly. In addition to all the fun activities (that you will learn more about in next week's message), our PAC has arranged to provide a BBQ lunch for ALL students and staff.

Volunteers are needed on Fun Day as well as the Wednesday before – May 29th - for prep and organization.

If you are available on either day PLEASE click on the link below to volunteer – it is a fun way to engage with other parents and community, while also making sure this event is FANTASTIC!

signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=120769200111#choose_event_page

[SignUp.com Mobile](#)

The Butterflies are Here!!

Many classes are currently exploring the wonders of our natural world in their current Units of Inquiry, through the IB PYP Theme “Sharing the Planet” - a natural fit with the incredible changes of birth and regrowth associated with the Spring season.

In Kindergarten, students have had a first-hand experience in watching the complete metamorphosis of the lifecycle of a butterfly, nurturing each stage: egg to larva to pupa... and this week... to butterfly!! There has been a great, yet gentle and quiet, excitement as they watched this fascinating transformation take place!



Shakespeare in Division 3

An inquiry into expression and performance art! Students performed two plays to an audience after weeks of memorization, set design, and rehearsals.



Track and Field

The QM Eagles represented our school very well at this week's track and field qualification meets, with many earning a spot to compete in the NVSD Elementary School Track and Field Finals, taking place in June. We congratulate ALL students who competed, for their dedication to practices, for putting forth their best effort, and for showing team spirit by encouraging and supporting one another. Students who do not qualify for the final meet in June are still encouraged to continue to come to practices, in the event that a replacement athlete is needed for the finals (due to injury, illness, absence)... in addition to reaping the health benefits associated with the exercise. Go Eagles!!



Planning for 2024-25 School Year

Reminder: Input for class placements is due to Principal Jennifer Wilson (via email) by the end of MAY! Please read the attached letter before sending in any requests. This letter can also be found under the **Principal's Messages** section of our school website.

Next Week at Queen Mary:

Monday May 20 – Victoria Day! All schools are closed for this statutory holiday.

Tuesday May 21

- Kindergarten Orientation – for children entering Kindergarten at QM in the fall

Session 1: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Session 2: 11:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

Children attending must be accompanied by their parent/guardian/caregiver for the duration of the session.

*All families of our incoming Kindergarten children were sent (via email) an invitation to this event – if you did not receive one please come to Session 2!!

Wednesday May 22

- Grade 3s in Division 11 attend Skw'une-was Program

- QM Choir and Band perform at Westview in the morning

Thursday May 23

- Grade 3s in Division 11 attend Skw'une-was Program, returning to Queen Mary by 3:00 p.m.

- Grade 3s in Divisions 9 & 10 attend Skw'une-was Program

Friday May 24

- Grade 3s in Divisions 9 & 10 attend Skw'une-was Program, returning to Queen Mary by 3:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead: QM Talent Sharing Week – May 27th – May 30th

The Leadership Club is transforming our prior “Talent Show” event into a week of Talent Sharing! These school community building events will take place during school lunch breaks and is open to any students who may be interested in sharing their talents. To keep our events low stakes, we will not be inviting parents and keeping the events for students to drop in during lunch.

If you find your living room turning into a stage and rehearsal studio... now you know why!

For other UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES of NOTE, please check the LIVE calendar on the main page of our school website. A paper copy of the May events calendar was sent home the first week of May.

[Home - Queen Mary Community Elementary \(sd44.ca\)](http://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. Contact members of the PAC Executive members through Facebook or Email: queenmarypac@gmail.com

[Queen Mary PAC | North Vancouver BC | Facebook](#)

Parents/Guardians are invited to the **Friday, June 7th Coffee Morning!** Treats and social time – meet other parents and community partners! 8:45-9:30 a.m. in the atrium (1st floor) at Queen Mary.

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>

Community Information:

Rugby Team Tryouts for Grade 4-7 Girls

See the attached flyer for details! Tryouts are on May 21st and/or 24th.

HAVE A FANTASTIC LONG WEEKEND!

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