

Dear Queen Mary Families;

May 8, 2026

MAY is KIND MIND MONTH at Queen Mary! [The Kelty Foundation](#)

Queen Mary is working with [THE KELTY FOUNDATION](#) this month, bringing the [KIND MIND](#) program to Queen Mary! This program is a fun and interactive shared endeavor between home and school, as a means of engaging in meaningful conversations about mental well-being.

Here is how the program will work! (Watch video linked below and review attached letter for further details)

Each week, between now and June 10th, your child's teacher will show a **Kind Mind Video** introducing a short challenge to do together at home with your child. A KIND MIND package will be sent home with each student on MONDAY, May 11th with the materials for needed for the "home" part of this program.

AT HOME, each week PLEASE:

1. Complete the weekly challenge in the booklet provided, with your child/children (a short 5-minute task!)
2. Sign in the booklet once that week's task is complete
3. Return the booklet to the classroom teacher by FRIDAY each week (booklets will be sent home again each Monday for that week's challenge).

Children who complete the weekly challenges and bring their signed booklet to school will have their names entered into a draw for a **class prize!**

On June 10th all students will be treated to a celebratory **Conf-DANCE hosted by DJ Beau of Rock'N'Beau** during the school day – a dance specifically designed as part of the program to create a sense of connection and belonging!

After June 10th, parents/guardians will be invited fill out a **feedback form**.

We encourage parents/guardians to view the attached video and look at the related resources for parents on the Kelty Foundation Website: [Parent Resources | Empower & Support Parents — The Kelty Foundation](#)

INTRO video: [Kind Mind Challenge | Mental Wellness Awaits — The Kelty Foundation](#)

Parents/Guardians also have access to the following informative workshops:

1. **Navigating Big Emotions: Kind Minds for Parents and Caregivers** <https://www.thekeltyfoundation.org/navigating-big-emotions>.
2. **Beyond Behaviour: Kind Minds for Parents and Caregivers of Sensitive, Anxious and Neurodivergent Children** <https://www.thekeltyfoundation.org/beyond-behaviour>

IN OTHER NEWS....

We realized we failed to include in last week's message that May is [Canadian Jewish Heritage Month](#), as well as Asian Heritage Month. Our apologies!

Planning for the 2026-27 School Year: Parent input for class placement has changed slightly this year!

Teachers get to know their students very well during the school year, however, if there are specific circumstances or information pertaining to your child that the current classroom teacher **does not have and should be aware of**, that you would like us to consider for class placement purposes, please fill out the attached form and email the form to queenmary@sd44.ca, or hand the form in at the school office by **May 29 , 2026**. **PLEASE refer to the letter and input form posted here on the website for all the details.**

If you have not already done so, if your children are NOT going to be attending Queen Mary next year, please contact the school office to let us know so other students waiting to get into Queen Mary can be accommodated.

FINAL REMINDER:

Family Photo Fundraiser!

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

Next week at Queen Mary:

Grade 7 IB Exhibition Week! This is a BIG week for our Grade 7s, who will be sharing their IB PYP Projects with students and parents throughout the week. The IB Exhibition is the culminating event in the journey of students through the IB PYP, where they put all their skills to use to learn about an area of passion or interest, and then present what they have learned to others. This year's projects all fit within the IB PYP theme "Sharing the Planet". Come and be amazed and informed by our knowledgeable students!

Monday, May 11: Kindergarten Orientation in the morning! (for students entering into Kindergarten at Queen Mary next year)

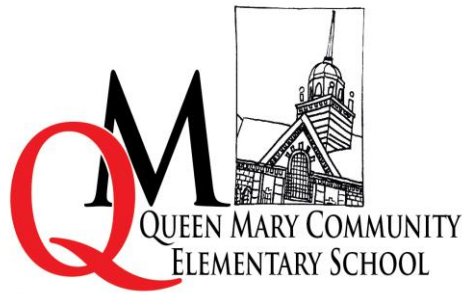
- High Jump practice during the noon hour (Track & Field)
- Volleyball club after school for registered students

Tuesday, May 12

- Track and Field - running events practice at the Mahon Track 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
- Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunizations
- Field Event Qualification **Meet 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at** Westview (gr. 4/5) or Capilano (gr. 6/7) for selected students

Wednesday, May 13

- Early Bird Choir Practice – 8:20-8:40am
- Track Event Qualification Meet gr. 4-7 at Sutherland 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. for selected students
- 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 14

- Track and Field: Running events practice at the Mahon Track 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
- **IB PYP Exhibition** – Parents invited to come to the school to view Grade 7s IB Exhibition Projects between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- **FUN LUNCH Day!**
 - Use [Munchalunch \(online\)](#) to place orders. Order by Saturday (by 11:59 p.m.) for the following week. Questions? Contact: queenmarypac@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>
- **QM PAC Contact Information:** [QM PAC Facebook Page](#) email: queenmarypac@gmail.com
- **FUN LUNCH FEEDBACK REQUESTED!** Please [LINK HERE](#) to share your feedback, which will be considered during the planning for next year's lunches! Thanks! [Queen Mary Fun Lunch - Have your Say Survey](#)
- **Red Fox** after-school program (for registered students)

Friday, May 15

- 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>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Monday, May 18th is Victoria Day (statutory holiday) – All schools will be closed on this day

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

To all those in the role of MOTHER out there...enjoy your special day this Sunday! Happy Mother's Day!

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