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May QM Monthly

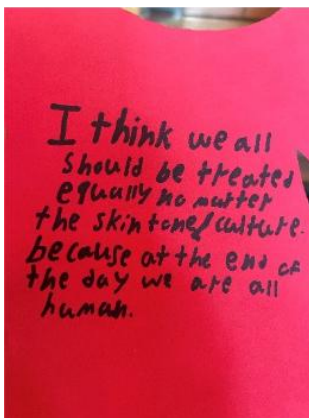
Police Week



North Vancouver RCMP Police Week gave Queen Mary students the opportunity to learn about safety, teamwork, and the important role police and emergency responders play in supporting the community. Queen Mary students walked to the RCMP headquarters and participated in a variety of interactive activities and events throughout the day. Students had the chance to ask questions, build positive connections with community helpers, and learn more about leadership, responsibility, and service. Through this experience students gained a greater appreciation for community involvement and the importance of working together to create safe and caring communities.

RED DRESS DAY

Students learned about the significance of, and reflected upon, Red Dress Day. Division 2s work hanging in the main hallway shares important messages and reminders.



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Butterflies

Students in Kindergarten have been inquiring into how living things are interconnected in their current IB PYP Unit of Inquiry, and as part of their exploration they have raised butterflies in their classrooms, watching them transformation from larvae to butterfly, while learning about life cycles and how to care for living things.



From one of our Kindergarten teachers:

Today was truly the most exciting day in our Kindergarten classroom!

As the children began to file into the classroom, one student immediately noticed that one of the butterflies was fighting to emerge from its chrysalis! We all watched as the first butterfly came out, wings crumpled, exhausted, but doing well. The children stared in awe and expressed their amazement with exclamations like, **“WHOA!”**, **“It’s MOVING!”**, **“I can see it!”**, **“WOW!”**, and **“Aw, I love you!”** It was magical.

By the end of the day, there were seven butterflies in total, and I’m sure there will be more by the time we return to school tomorrow morning. It was particularly special because we don’t often get to see them emerge; it happens relatively quickly and requires careful attention. To witness the first butterfly emerge and then continue sharing in the wonder throughout the day was such a gift. We couldn’t have asked for more.

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Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

Celebration of Canadian Jewish Heritage Month included learning about Jewish culture through dance. Thank you to parents Yael and Tal for teaching Jewish dances to our students!




Track Qualifications

What a season it has been for Track and Field! Our athletes trained hard, competed with determination, and demonstrated tremendous growth throughout the season. We are proud to be sending 36 student athletes to compete at the North Vancouver Elementary Track and Field Finals at Swangard Stadium next week.

Thank you to all of our coaches, volunteers, and student athletes for their commitment, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship. Your hard work and dedication have made this year's Track and Field season a great success. We wish our athletes the best of luck as they represent Queen Mary at the finals!



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Gr 3's at Skw'une-was

Heading to the Longhouse, the goal was that the students would learn the value of working together to achieve common goals, learn the value of their efforts, strengthen bonds among one another, and most importantly, to better understand how Coast Salish people lived in these lands in the past. The teachings by the elders provided students with new knowledge of the land, nature, and plant medicines. We hope that each child gained a feeling of new appreciation for the efforts that go into the daily tasks involved to live and thrive. The excitement in their eyes and the enthusiasm they shared was contagious. Every child gained an experience that they certainly will never forget.



Student Voice

As a student who has been through kindergarten to grade 6 at Queen Mary, this school has offered me a lot. I am not going to act like I am the perfect student I have made mistakes that I had to learn from and I still am. However, I also know I have been able to work through these mistakes because of all the supportive staff (teachers and EA's) in this school. For next year I hope this school can continue to give students a chance to be leaders. I am extremely grateful for this school for it has guided me through many lessons and mistakes.



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FUN DAY 2026

We all enjoyed a fantastic Spirit Week, leading up to an AMAZING FUN DAY! From the HUGE Bouncy obstacle courses in the gym and the DJ outside (guest starring DJ Paron), to the annual Tug-of-War competitions (YES, the teachers did beat the Grade 7s this year!)... the day was fantastic and enjoyed by all! Thanks so much to all the parent volunteers, our PAC Executive, and the organizing committee for their time and effort in making the day a success!





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IB Sharing- Grade 7 Exhibition

Grade 7s shared their learning at Queen Mary's PYP Exhibition (PYPX) on May 14, under the transdisciplinary theme of Sharing the Planet. PYPX is a meaningful culminating experience for students as they complete the Primary Years Programme. Working collaboratively, students explore real-world issues and topics they are passionate about through inquiry, research, and action. Throughout the process, students develop important skills such as communication, critical thinking, self-management, and collaboration while demonstrating the attributes of the IB Learner Profile. The PYP Exhibition empowers students to take ownership of their learning and share their understanding with the wider community in creative and impactful ways.

