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QM Monthly News

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This Month's Highlights:

QM Choir Festive Community Performances

The Queen Mary choir performed at Lonsdale Quay, continuing the tradition of sharing Queen Mary spirit and the message of peace, hope, and caring in the community, through song and dance.



Holiday Market



Students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 enjoyed shopping for gifts for their family members at the annual Holiday Market! THANKS so much to everyone who made gift and/or money donations AND also a HUGE thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to "work" at the market, restocking tables and wrapping gifts for students to take home. All money collected is being gifted to Family Services North Shore.

Movie Night:

Students and families joined together at the school for a night full of laughter, pizza, popcorn, and holiday cheer. This event reflects our IB attribute of Caring, as we come together to support one another and celebrate as a community.

A huge THANK YOU to our amazing PAC for organizing, setting up, and cleaning up — your thoughtfulness made this magical evening possible!





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Drama Performances at Queen Mary:

Over three magical days, our drama students stepped boldly outside their comfort zones to share original productions with their younger "buddy" classes. From *The Message Within* and *The Adventures of Slappy Laslow (and Joseph)* to *Tiny is Mighty*, *The Dino/Unicorn Wars*, and the delightful *Holiday Puppet Show*, each performance showcased impressive creative mastery, collaboration, and courage. Seeing the young student audience members sit spellbound by their older peers' performances was a testament to the quality of the actors, who not only memorize lines, but also embraced risk-taking and vulnerability through their character development and improvisation. Under the guidance of their wonderfully skilled Drama teacher, Ms. Jodi, the performing students discovered the transformative magic that happens when we work together on a creative project and collectively share our creative voices. What a gift to our Queen Mary community!

Band and Choir Concert:



Band members from Larson, Norgate, and Queen Mary, along with the Queen Mary Choir, performed in front of a gym full of family members from the three schools' communities. All enjoyed a wonderful evening of music led by Band Teacher Mr. Metzger and Choir Leader Mr. Hopkins.





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Winter Art:

Our halls are adorned with fantastic student art representative of the winter and holiday season! Take a tour to enjoy these creative works!



Student Voices:

From an young primary student who is a Level 1 English Language Learner:

I came to Queen Mary this year. I am very happy to have “Choice Time” in my class at Queen Mary. I like to talk to my friends. I like to learn English. I like people that are nice, and they help me when I need help. I like when my teacher is being kind and helps me when I need it. I like the big building. I like math time.

IB Sharing

What is a central idea?

A central idea is the big takeaway that we want students to understand by the end of a unit of inquiry. It is universal, timeless, abstract, and transdisciplinary and is made up of two concepts and a verb.

It ensures that learning is meaningful, connected, and transferable beyond the classroom.

Can you spot the concepts and the verb in this central idea?

Holidays shape how communities celebrate, connect, and care for one another.

