

April 19, 2024

Dear QM Families:

*Note: A PDF copy of this message that include 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#/=>

What a gorgeous spring week we have had!! Students are spending more time outside engaging in learning. As the sun's rays intensify in the coming weeks, please be reminded to send children to school with hats and wearing sunscreen to protect them during outside play and learning.

Crossing Guard Update

Please join us in welcoming our new Crossing Guard, Terry Almack. You will see him on duty starting next week. Thank you to Joanna and David for filling in during Gail's absence and through the hiring process – we will continue to see them occasionally as needed.

Annual Salmon Release

The Grade 2s took our salmon fry for release on Thursday. They placed 59 fry, that they have carefully cared for and studied since placing them in our salmon tank as eggs many weeks ago, gently into Mosquito Creek. Our previous Indigenous Support Worker, Ann Marchand attended to share in the send-off, honouring the moment with traditional teachings and ceremony.



Earth Day Assembly

Thanks to our wonderful UBC Teacher Candidates, Sheena and Eliza, for guiding our school through an informative and inspirational Earth Day Assembly! With the help of the QM Leadership Club, the students were able to kick-off their stewardship initiatives as they heard from the band, choir, and different class contributions.



With our school-based Professional Day taking place this **Monday April 22**, which is the official Earth Day, we encourage families to take advantage of the many opportunities available to engage in celebrating and taking care of our natural world.

Local Earth Day Events:

Taking place at Moodyville Park on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. is a family-friendly event - everyone is welcome! Join in on [the invasive plant pull](#), stop by the educational booths, and enjoy activities hosted by local environmental and other organizations. Taking place in the main grass area, just east of the playground.

For more ideas and local event visit the City of North Vancouver Website.

[Earth Day | City of North Vancouver \(cnv.org\)](http://Earth Day | City of North Vancouver (cnv.org))

Red Cross First Aid Workshop

This Thursday, the two Grade 6 classes participated in an all-day CPR training program thanks to the support and instruction from the Sea 2 Sky Red Cross leaders.



REMINDER: Student-Made Art Cards for Sale

Your child has created a work of art at school that you can purchase in the form of greeting cards, puzzles, notebooks, etc. Find instructions on HOW TO ORDER on the inside of your child's sample art card. **The Order Deadline is April 22nd (midnight)!**

A portion of funds from the sale of each card will go toward supporting our school's Grade 7 farewell events.

Upcoming Events of Note at Queen Mary:

Track and Field

Track season is upon us! There was a sign-up meeting today, Friday April 19th in the gym for any Gr 4-7 students interested in participating in the following events:

- High Jump
- Long Jump
- Sprints, Relays, and Long-Distance Running
- Shot Put

Take a moment this weekend to speak with your child about the possibility of joining the QM team! Permission forms must be signed and returned to the school office before participation in any practices. Additional forms are available at the school office.

QM Scholastic Book Fair April 23-26

- Held in the QM Library (2nd floor next to the office)

- **Tuesday April 23 from 5 :00 – 7:00 p.m. is the Book Fair Family night** – come for book shopping and entertainment!
- The Book Fair will be open for one hour after school throughout the week for students and families to shop
- Students will also have a shopping time at a noon hour (as scheduled below)
 - Tuesday: Kindergarten & Gr1
 - Wednesday: Gr 4 & 5
 - Thursday: Gr 2 & 3
 - Friday: Gr 6 & 7

**if sending your child to school with money please place it in a sealed envelope or zip-lock bag with your child's name on it. We cannot be responsible for lost \$*

The PAC is looking for parents/guardians to help with this book fair during the “shopping” hours and for set-up/pack-up. If interested in helping, here is the link for parent volunteers to sign up.

<https://signup.com/go/mbZishf>

For other UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES of NOTE, please check the LIVE calendar on the main page of our school website.

[Home - Queen Mary Community Elementary \(sd44.ca\)](https://www.sd44.ca)

QM Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Hanging Basket Flowers for Sale

- Friday, April 26: Order forms and payments are due.
 - Order online and pay in MunchaLunch: www.munchalunch.com/schools/QueenMary, or bring the form and cash or cheque payment to the school office.
- Thursday, May 9, 3:00-5:00: Baskets arrive at Queen Mary for pick up, 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the south lawn at West Keith Road.

Annual QM Fundraiser – Thank you for the support!!

SEE FURTHER INFO ATTACHED

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. You can contact members of the PAC Executive members through Facebook or Email: queenmarypac@gmail.com

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

PAC Meetings: Our next PAC meeting for this year will take place on **Monday, April 29th @ 7:00 p.m.** in-person! Meeting will be held in the QM Library - All QM parents/guardians are invited to take part.

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>

NVSD News and Events:

Cheakamus Centre Open House—Sunday, May 5

cheakamuscentre.ca

NVSD invites families to a fun day of nature exploration and discovery. This free public event includes great picnic-friendly food, access to our salmon hatchery, farm, Coast Salish longhouse, archery equipment, aquatic lab, forest lab, and MORE! Bring your own mug and don't forget to bring a toonie for parking. Sorry, no pets, and Cash Only concession.

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ENJOY some time outdoors in our incredible natural environment this weekend!

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