



April 26, 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#/=>

Time flies when having fun!! We can't believe we will be welcoming in the month of May next week!!! We have a quiet week ahead with no school-wide events planned.

Please Note: Friday May 3rd is a District-wide Professional Day. Students do NOT attend school next Friday.

May 5th: Red Dress Day

Red Dress Day marks the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited people in Canada. This day of awareness honours Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people who have been subject to disproportionate violence in Canada. Red Dress Day was inspired by [Métis](#) artist Jaime Black's *REDress Project* installation.

As May 5th falls on a Sunday this year, we will acknowledge this day at Queen Mary on Monday May 6th by encouraging students to wear red to school. Queen Mary teachers will inform and bring awareness to students in a respectful and sensitive manner in ways suitable for the age of the students.

To learn more:

[The REDress Project – Jaime Black \(jaimeblackartist.com\)](http://jaimeblackartist.com)

IBO Evaluation Visit Preparation – We are seeking your input!!

In October 2024, the International Baccalaureate (IB) schools in North Vancouver (Capilano, Queen Mary, and Carson Graham) will be taking part in a routine IBO Evaluation visit, during which time representatives from the IBO will be spending a few days in each school to assess the implementation of the Programmes. Through this process the IBO provides schools feedback on areas of strength and areas for growth.

Throughout this year our staff members have been working on a self-study process to prepare for this visit. Parents/guardians have an important role in this process, by providing us feedback pertaining to some aspects of the standards and practices of the IBO.

We would greatly appreciate if you can take a few minutes of your time to connect to the following survey, where we will ask you to read some statements and simply select whether you think each is an "Area of Strength" or "Area for Growth" for Queen Mary. Added details or examples are invited, to support your responses.

[Queen Mary IB Evaluation Parent Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://surveymonkey.com)

Track and Field

We had a successful first week of practices despite the rain here at QM. Thanks to the coaches for getting our Gr 4-7 team going. Please refer to the practice schedule below and to remember to return permission forms before attending any practices.

Practice Schedule:

Long Jump	High Jump	Sprints & Relays	Shot Put
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wednesday 12:25 (east field)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 8 am (gym)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuesday & Thursday 8am (Fenway Track)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 12:25 (West Field)

Physics Challenge!

Division 3 and 4 spent an afternoon exploring different ways to slow down a marble as they inquired into the laws of friction and momentum.



Thank you to all who shopped at our annual **QM Scholastic Book Fair** this week! Teachers very greatly appreciate the books purchased for their classrooms – very generous of you! A portion of the funds raised is given to the school for purchase of books for our library.

THANK YOU also to the PAC, parent volunteers, and our Teacher Librarians, who contributed their valuable personal time to run this fundraiser!

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 will be sent home next week (by May 1st).

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

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

Join us in person for the April PAC Meeting: *Monday, April 29th @ 7:00 p.m.* Meeting will be held in the QM Library - All QM parents/guardians are invited to take part. ***CHILD CARE will be provided!***

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.

FLYER

April showers, bring May flowers! Enjoy a wet weekend!

Jennifer Wilson, Principal jwilson@sd44.ca

Jonross Fong, Acting Vice Principal jfong@sd44.ca

QM Office Phone: 604-903-3720