QUEEN MARY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 3RD 2016

Queen Mary Community Elementary

The Queen Mary Community works together to create a respectful, safe, and caring environment where we are inspired to be knowledgeable, active learners with a global perspective.



We say farewell to an eventful September and welcome the cooler days of fall!

After a actionpacked month of significant events, including the annual Terry Fox Run and Orange

Shirt Day (pictured here) we are hopefully all now feeling settled in our school day routines, looking forward to the changing of the leaves and cooler days of fall. Students are deeply engaged in their first IB Units of Inquiry, Basketball and Cross Country teams are up and running, student leadership committees are forming, and Halloween costumes are being planned... Queen Mary is a busy place!

THIS WEEK is International Walk to School Week

WIN PRIZES for walking or rolling to school this week! How? Students who walk or wheel to school during the Week of Oct 3-7th can submit a ballot, upon arriving at school, saying they walked, biked, "scootered", skate boarded, or bused to school. Our "Green Team" students will be at the front of the school each day collecting the ballots. Names will be drawn at noon each day during the week for the PRIZES!

Don't miss these QM PAC dates and events!

Oct 3 - General PAC Meeting 6:30-8:00 IN LIBRARY Oct 19 - order deadline for Fun Lunch Oct 20 - order deadline for Emergency Kits Oct 25 - Coffee Morning

Oct 26 - Fun Lunch Oct 28 - Halloween Dance

Nov 7 - General PAC
Meeting

Nov 19 - Family Photo Day

VISIT the QM PAC website for more INFO! http://www.queenmarypac.ca

Parent/Guardian Community Luncheon Friday Oct 14th

MEET OTHER PARENTS & hear Guest Speaker!
12:00– 1:30pm at Queen Mary, in Multipurpose Room.
Register by Tuesday October 11 - contact Maria
Morisseau, North Shore
Neighbourhood House,
Community Programmer
604-290-2384
mmorisseau@nsnh.bc.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you available between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. any days during the week?



We are looking for adults to help us with the daily food program

- to assist us in getting healthy snacks onto trays and delivered to classrooms.
- If you are interested in helping, even if it is just one morning per week, please contact the school office with your expression of interest! 604-903-3720
 - THANK YOU!



NORTH SHORE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

REGISTRATION FOR FALL PROGRAMS NOW ON – SEE 'PROGRAMS AND SERVICES' SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE



QUEEN MARY FAMILY LEARNING PROGRAM

BEGINS OCT. 6TH – SEE "PROGRAMS AND SERVICES" SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO



QM STUDENT LUNCH PROGRAM

GET YOUR ORDER ENVELOPE FOR OCTOBER LUNCH PROGRAM AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE – DUE OCT 17TH QUEEN MARY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 3RD 2016

Upcoming School EVENTS

All of the following can also be viewed on our school website under the "about our school" tab in the "events" section.

Student teachers will begin working in some of our classes this month, mentored by our outstanding teaching staff - some from UBC and others from Australia! Please join us in welcoming them to our school community!

Michael Borolotto Presentations for Students - Friday October 7th - Inspiring students to be their best and pursue their dreams. http://www.positiverebel.ca/ presentations/

Thanksgiving Day - Monday October 10th - Schools closed

STAND - The Film - Tuesday October 11th - Youth for Conservation presentation for Grades 5-7

Shakeout BC - Thursday October 20th - Students will be practicing earthquake drill procedures along with thousands of other BC residents during this province-wide initiative.

PROVINCIAL Professional Day - Friday OCTOBER 21ST

- Students do NOT attend school on this day!

PAC Community Coffee Morning - Tuesday, October 25th - 8:45-9:30 in our school library. Parents & Guardians: Meet members of our "extended" Queen Mary community and enjoy time some social time, coffee, and treats.

PAC Family Halloween Dance - Friday October 28th - 6:00-8:00 p.m. Join other Queen Mary families in the gym for for some frightfully fun family time!

Halloween Day - Monday October 31st - We welcome students in their Halloween costumes - but please leave fake weapons and masks at home!!









Changes to reporting on student learning for the 2016-17 school year at Queen Mary:

As mentioned at our curriculum night presentation, there will be some changes to the way we will be reporting on student learning for this year. Queen Mary is one of five schools in the NV School District taking part in a pilot project this year that intends to enrich assessment practice through more meaningful communication between students, parents and teachers. Parents/guardians will receive a formal written reports card on February 10th and June 29th. In November, instead of the traditional report card, parents will be asked to sign-up to attend a "3-way" conference, involving the student, parent, and teacher. Conference dates are set for November 15, 17, 21, and 22. More specific information will be communicated to parents/guardians about this new format in the coming weeks.

