



June 21, 2024

Dear QM Families:

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

We are at the time of the year for recognizing and celebrating good times, growth and change, and accomplishments! In these final days together before the summer break we hope everyone in our school community is feeling a sense of pride for all that has been achieved over the course of the year. It is also a time to say thank you, and to some, farewell. To those moving on from our school community, whether it be transitioning to High School or transferring to another school nearby, or for those moving to places in other parts of the country or world, we hope the memories of time spent at Queen Mary are fulfilling and lasting.

We would not be the wonderful school that we are, without the involvement of parents/guardians, and we would like to take this opportunity to give a very big heart-felt THANK YOU to all of you for your contributions over the year, whether it be attending/volunteering at school events and field trips, helping with PAC fundraising and community-building initiatives, or engaging with your child to extend and enhance their classroom learning, your contributions are INVALUABLE!.

We give a special “shout-out” to our tremendous QM PAC leaders for their support of staff members and students by running fundraising events, organizing spirit days, Fun Lunch, decorating the school for special holidays, and of course FUN DAY!!... and so much more. We also want to recognize the energy and effort our PAC leaders and parent volunteers put into events and initiatives that make QM a warm, welcoming place that provides QM families with a sense of connection and belonging. QM PAC – we are so very grateful for all that you do!

Highlights from This Week

The Staff Team Won!!

We commend the members of the Grade 7 Volleyball team for their valiant efforts in their final match against the QM Staff Team on Monday... Champions vs. champions! Thank you for joining us and we wish these exceptional student athletes all the best in their future engagement with team sports as they move onto High School.



PRIDE Parade

The weather cooperated to provide us with a gorgeous afternoon for our annual Pride Parade. Staff and students proudly walked together around the city block for this whole-school celebration of “Be You, Be True”. Under our Social Diversity club's guidance, classes have also been contributing to the making of an art installation sharing this message.

National Indigenous Peoples Day

Today, June 21st, students at QM celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day in many different ways. In classes students continued their learning about local Indigenous history, culture, and traditions. Intermediate students played Lacrosse, with student leaders getting coaching from Aaron Skye. Primary students enjoyed a taste of Bannock and played games that taught them words in the Squamish language. Huy chexw a to our Indigenous Support Worker, Elizabeth Nahanee, for her work in organizing events for this day, and to our Indigenous students and guests who contributed to making this day a special day of celebration.



NEXT WEEK at Queen Mary:

Message from the QM Library

We are asking for help! If your child has an outstanding book, they will be bringing home a notice. We have searched their classroom; can you please help them look for the book at home so we can maintain our wonderful collection at school? We appreciate your help!



Lost and Found - Please collect items belonging to your children!

All clothing items, lunch and water containers, footwear, umbrellas etc. will be set out on tables in the atrium (1st floor) until June 26th. Please come into the building to check for items belonging to your family and also remind your children to check the tables themselves for missing belongings.

Any items remaining as of Tuesday June 25th will be offered to any of our community members to help themselves to! Items remaining at the end of the day on June 27th will be disposed of given to charity.

June 25 – **Summary of Learning** (formally known as Term 3 report cards) published for parent/guardian access on MyEducation BC

June 27 – **Last day of school (regular 3:00 p.m. dismissal)** and **Grade 7 Farewell assembly and reception** (for the families of Grade 7 students, 1:15 p.m. start in the gym).

QM Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Stay connected over the summer through the Queen Mary PAC Facebook Page! Contact members of the PAC Executive members through Facebook or Email: queenmarypac@gmail.com

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The LAST Fun Lunch for this school year is on Thursday, June 27th

Orders must be placed using Munchalunch (online) by Saturday (by 11:59 p.m.)

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!

Fed Fox Summer Program Registration – FREE

Red Fox Active Play is a FREE registered program for children (ages 5 - 13). Red Fox will be holding outdoor Active Play on Thursdays during July from 12 - 3PM at Ray Perrault Park in North Vancouver. See PDF attached for all details!

This is our last message for this school year. We will be sending out a welcome back message to all families on Thursday, August 29th, in preparation for schools re-opening on September 3rd for the 2024-25 school year.

We wish you all a healthy, happy summer!!

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