

May 31, 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 got lucky with the weather today!!! Thank you to all families who could join us for our annual FUN DAY!! And, a HUGE thank you to the parents and staff members who volunteered their time to plan, organize, run stations, and help out generally today – this event would not be a success without your contributions! A special thank you to our PAC chair, Jen Dealey, for her leadership and to her “grill crew” for cooking over 700 hot dogs for the PAC-funded FUN DAY lunch! On behalf of all our staff and students, THANK YOU!!!!



Staffing Announcement:

Please join us in welcoming to Queen Mary our new Elementary Administrative Assistant, Tara Manky! Tara will take on this position as of Monday June 3rd, replacing Karin Scott who is retiring as of today. We thank Karin for being the cornerstone of our school, community, and family over the years. THANK YOU!

Planning for Next Year

We are moving along in our work to get set up for the 2024-25 school year. The following information has now been added to our school website:

- Bell schedule and daily school hours
- School fees and school supplies lists
- Calendar (showing statutory holidays and professional days)

Links to these are provided on the main page of our website.

This week's Highlights:

Talent Sharing Days

Queen Mary's got TALENT! Thank you to all our risk-takers who performed this week during our lunch events and to the Leadership Club for organizing such a memorable community building opportunity for our school.



NEXT WEEK at Queen Mary!

June 3rd: Class Photo Day

June 4th: **Swangard Track and Field** (NVSD Elementary finals – only for students who qualify). Participating students have been provided with all information pertaining to this event. Families are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from Swangard. As per NVSD policy, if you are driving ANY children other than your own to the meet, you must have completed the NVSD Volunteer Driver forms and a Criminal Record Check with NVSD. If your child does not have a ride or have other questions, please contact Cynthia Zhu (czhu@sd44.ca). The athletes are to arrive at 8:10 am (rain or shine) and to look for Mr. Fong in section C of the stands. Go Eagles!

June 3rd – 7th: **Go by Bike Week**

Students will be encouraged to ride their bikes to school (wear a helmet and lock bikes up at the bike racks at the front of the school and on the basketball courts, or to the fences) with fun activities all week long. Bike every day and get a sticker for the tally board in the atrium!

Other specific events include:

Wed: Free Bike Servicing courtesy of Obsession Bikes

Thurs: Bike Demos with North Shore Indoor Bike Park in the gym all morning

***Donate your older bikes and Obsession will service them for North Shore Family Services and please remind students they cannot bring their bikes into the school – must lock up outside (bike racks or fence)**

EVENTS:

June 5: Bike Rodeo (for select Primary classes – teachers of the classes participating will be notifying families)

June 6th – **QM Band Concert at QM** (starting at 6:30 p.m.) – Queen Mary and Westview Beginning and Continuing Bands will be performing together, and the QM Choir will also sing. Families of all performers are invited to attend!

Looking Ahead: JUNE EVENTS to NOTE! Mark your Calendars!

In addition to many classes having celebratory events and field trips here are some important school-wide event to note. Details will be shared in our Friday emails!

June 7th – Spirit Day – Multiples Day! Match your outfits with as many multiples of people as possible

June 13th – **Student Emergency Release Drill** (afternoon student gradual release for parents available to participate)

June 21st – **National Indigenous Peoples Day**

June 24-27 – **QM PRIDE week**

June 27 – **Last day of school** and **Grade 7 Farewell Assembly and reception** (1:15 p.m. start in the gym)

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 was sent home the first week of May.

[Home - Queen Mary Community Elementary \(sd44.ca\)](http://Home-QueenMaryCommunityElementary(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. Contact members of the PAC Executive members through Facebook or Email:

queenmarypac@gmail.com

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Parents/Guardians are invited to the final **Friday, June 7th Coffee Morning** for this year. Treats and social time – meet other parents and community partners! 8:45-9:30 a.m. in the atrium (1st floor) at Queen Mary.

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>

Happy weekend everyone!

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