



November 15th, 2024

Dear QM Families:

**Note: A PDF copy of this message, 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#/=](https://www.sd44.ca/school/queenmary/About/Principal/Pages/default.aspx#/)

We have been enjoying a quiet week this week, after a number of event-filled days. With the business of the holiday season quickly approaching we encourage everyone to take this quieter time to pause, breathe, rest, and rejuvenate.

REMINDER: Order your commemorative QM logo T-shirt or sweatshirt **BY TODAY, FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15th** to get it in time to wear on **November 25th** for our annual QM Spirit Day, celebrating **Queen Mary's 110th Birthday!** You can order your QM "Spirit Wear" on munchalunch. Youth and adult sizes available. See attached flyer for further info!!

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The Giving Tree Initiative

This holiday season, let's come together to support families within the Queen Mary Community through the QM Giving Tree initiative. During this financially challenging time, our goal is to provide some extra support for those in need.

How You Can Help:

We invite you to send a cash donation or gift card to school (suggestions below) with your child or drop it off at the school office. These donations will go toward the creation of "Holiday Hampers" for local families. Gift cards will be included directly in the hampers, while cash donations will be used to purchase additional items for them.

As a thank you, each child who brings in a donation will receive a paper ornament to color. They can print their name on it or leave it blank to remain anonymous. These ornaments will be hung on a large paper Christmas Tree displayed outside the library on the second floor, as a way to recognize our community's contributions. Each day, we will update the star at the top of the tree with our total donations. Every bit helps - small or big – any contribution is appreciated!

Donating students will also be entered into a draw for a special holiday gift basket filled with treats for the whole family. These baskets will be displayed in the office window, and the lucky winners will be announced during the last week of school.

Important Dates:

• Donation Collection: November 18-December 9, 2024

Gift Card Suggestions: Loblaws, Walmart, London Drugs, Shoppers, Tim Hortons, McDonald's, Starbucks, and other local options. Feel free to get creative—shopping rewards points can be a great way to give back!

Food & Toiletries Drive:

It's that time of year again! Our annual Queen Mary Holiday Drive begins on Monday and runs until December 10th! Please help support families in your school community this Holiday Season with donations of the following (collection boxes will be in classes- just send items to school with your child).

As a way to get a wide range of items the following is requested:

Grades 5,6 and 7 classes will be collecting donations of toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soaps etc.)

Kindergarten, Grades 1,3 and 4 classes will be collecting non-perishable food items (cans, soups, rice, noodles, cereals, cookies, treats, jams and spreads etc.)

***THANK YOU for your generous support,
The QM Elves***

UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES to NOTE: We have no special school-wide events next week.

(Please routinely check the LIVE calendar on the main page of our school website for most up-to-date list of school events)

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

QM Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Monday, Nov 25th - QM PAC meeting 7:00 p.m. on Zoom – all parents invited to attend. Email the PAC for the link if interested in attending.

Queen Mary PAC Facebook Page: visit it frequently to stay informed, and to learn about ways to connect with and get involved in the school community.

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

You can contact members of the PAC Executive members in the following ways:

Email: queenmarypac@gmail.com

Facebook Link: www.facebook.com/QueenMaryPAC

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/>

Fun Lunch donations welcomed! Just select the option to donate at the bottom of the order form. All donations go toward providing students with lunches, who for financial reasons, would not have this option available to them!

If you are interested in helping with the Fun Lunch program this year (organizing the lunch orders and get them into classrooms), please sign up via this link:

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



Community Information and Events

Discover Programs Available at North Vancouver Recreation Centres:

- Programs and activities offered by NVRC
- Information on fees and passes
- How to use the NVRC website and register for programs

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 20th, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Languages: English and Farsi

Location: Harry Jerome Recreation Centre

See INFO FLYER attached – English and Farsi

Enjoy a wonderful fall weekend!

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