



November 22nd, 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 enjoyed another quiet week – a much appreciated chance to rejuvenate before the next flurry of events!! We have some busy, fun weeks ahead leading up to the end of this school term – hard to believe we are only four weeks away from the holidays!!

The first of our many events is QUEEN MARY's 110th BIRTHDAY, Monday November 25th. Although the school was rebuilt 10 years ago, it remains a heritage building of significance on the North Shore. Learn more about the history of QM school via THIS LINK.

www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=2413

On Monday, we encourage students, staff (and family members) to join us in sharing our SCHOOL SPIRIT and the celebration of QM's 110th birthday by wearing QM Logo wear or QM colours (red and black) to school.

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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, 2, 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

Annual Holiday Market – Donations accepted between now and Dec 16th

QM Holiday Market: (SEE attached PDF for further information)

We will be holding our annual “Holiday Market” again this year! This is set up for our primary students (Grades K-3) to “shop” at school for gifts to give to their family members.

When: Students (Kindergarten to Gr 3) Shopping: Wednesday, December 18th and Thursday December 19th
(throughout the day, classes will be scheduled for a “shopping” time)

Where: Queen Mary's Art Room

Purpose: To allow the primary students the opportunity to “shop” (using \$1, \$2, and other small change, as described above) for gifts for family - to experience the pleasure and joy of giving!

How this works:

- Gently used or new items are “donated” for the holiday market by our community members and families – anyone can donate so spread the word! *A wonderful way to clean out closets and “re-gift”!... **Wrapping paper is needed too!***
- Donated items can be dropped off in front of the main office by parents or sent with students to be handed in at the school office up until Dec 15th.



UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES to NOTE:

Wednesday December 4th – PAC event for Families (Movie Night in the GYM) – details coming!

Friday, Dec 6th – No school for NVSD students (NVSD Curriculum Implementation Day)

Thursday December 12th – Term 1 Written Learning Updates (Report Cards) become available to view on My Education BC

Friday December 20th – Last day of school for Term 1 (schools closed Dec 21-Jan 5th; Schools re-open Monday January 6th)

(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 November 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

MONOVA Event (Museum and Archives of North Vancouver - monova.ca/events/)

[Programs and Events - North Vancouver - North Vancouver Museum \(monova.ca\)](#)

Create and Connect: Festival of Light

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queenmarycommunityelementary.ca

Sunday November 24th 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – all ages

The program is a chance for families to learn about different cultures or see their own cultures represented at the Museum of North Vancouver. Now more than ever it is important that members of our community feel seen and included and can celebrate and learn about different cultures alongside one another. This is how we will help build bridges, understanding, and empathy.

For more information or to register in advance families can visit this link. No registration required, families can also just show up on the day, and it is barrier-free pay what you can for entry <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/create-and-connect-festivals-of-light-tickets-1075140186239?aff=oddtcreator>.

[Programs and Events - North Vancouver - North Vancouver Museum \(monova.ca\)](#)

Enjoy a wonderful, cozy fall weekend!

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