

November 8th, 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#/)*

Today is National Indigenous Veterans Day. We acknowledged this important day at our school-wide assembly today. Students have been learning about the significance of remembrance as it applies National Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day (November 11th) in the context of an enduring hope for world peace. Messages for peace adorn our walls and our Japanese exchange teacher taught students about the significance of paper cranes while guiding them through the process of making origami paper cranes.

[Indigenous Veterans - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

[Remembrance Day & Veterans' Week - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

We encourage families to continue the conversations about peace and remembrance over this long weekend and encourage getting out to view the North Vancouver Remembrance Day Parade and ceremony on November 11th (details at the end of this message).



Reminder to Families: We notice there are many unsupervised children playing on the school grounds after school. **Please note that staff members are not available to supervise students before and after school.** We love the fact students are enjoying time here together, however, **it is important a supervising adult is present** in the event there are incidents of injury or altercations/behavior issues. Your supervision is requested, for safety reasons. THANK YOU!

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This Week's Highlights

Students enjoyed learning how to play Field Hockey under the guidance of coaches from the **West Vancouver Field Hockey Club** (<https://www.wvfhc.com/>). If your child expresses an interest in this sport, there camps and league/teams for youth run by the club that you might want to look into!



Next Week's Events:

Monday, Nov 11th - Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday (all schools closed)

UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES to NOTE:

(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 \(sd44.ca\)](https://www.sd44.ca)

QM Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

The next QM PAC meeting is on **Monday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m.** on ZOOM. 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/>

Did you know you can donate \$\$ on Munch-a-Lunch to go towards providing lunches for those who cannot afford to partake? These is an option you can select at the bottom of the order form – all donations go toward providing students with the opportunity to have a lunch who would not otherwise have this 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 Events

Community members are invited to view the North Vancouver **Remembrance Day Parade** on November 11th. The parade starts at JP Fell Armoury at 1513 Forbes Avenue at 9:30 am and finishes at Victoria Park at approximately 10:30 am. Community members are welcome to watch and walk alongside the parade. The parade will be followed by a formal ceremony that community members can attend, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Cenotaph in the middle of the eastern side of Victoria Park located in the 100 block of East Keith Road.

[North Vancouver Remembrance Day | Vancouver's Best Places \(\[vancouverbestplaces.com\]\(http://vancouverbestplaces.com\)\)](#)

Enjoy a reflective and restful long weekend.

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