

October 31st, 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#/)

Happy Halloween!!

And to all those celebrating Diwali, we wish you all the best throughout the days of this important celebration!!

Our event-filled week has flown by! We had a very successful IBO Evaluation visit, followed by a fabulously fun Halloween family event (thank you PAC and volunteers!) and then the always enjoyable Halloween dress-up day!!



While children have tomorrow off school to “recover” (i.e. indulge in candy-eating), staff members will be at Queen Mary spending the day together to reflect on the many commendations the IBO evaluation team shared with us, and to review the areas the visiting team identified as aspects we could focus on next in our growth as an IB PYP school.

We are looking forward to a quieter time at QM next week as we launch into November.

In this week's message:

1. Halloween safety reminders
2. Next week's events
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**PLEASE help keep our school community safe this evening!**

Fireworks and firecrackers are not allowed on school property. Visit the City of North Vancouver and District of North Vancouver websites for information on municipal fireworks regulations. PLEASE immediately report any suspicious activity seen on our school grounds (potential for vandalism), or fireworks being let off on our school property, to the RCMP by calling the non-emergency line 604-985-1311 (or if serious or significant concern call 911).

**NEXT WEEK at Queen Mary:**

The West Vancouver Field Hockey Club (<https://www.wvfhc.com/>) will be providing instruction in PE classes throughout the week.

**Sunday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour as we all "Fall Back" and gain an extra hour on the weekend!



**Friday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>:**

National Indigenous Veterans Day & Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 a.m. in the gym (parents/guardians welcomed)

[Indigenous Veterans - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

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

PAC coffee morning 8:45-9:30 in the atrium – open to all parents/guardians

**Monday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** - Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday (all schools closed)

[Remembrance Day \(legion.ca\)](#)

**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 \(sd44.ca\)](#)

**QM Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

The next QM PAC meeting is on **Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** on ZOOM. Email the PAC for the link if interested in attending.

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**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](mailto:queenmarypac@gmail.com)

Facebook Link: [www.facebook.com/QueenMaryPAC](http://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/>

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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 \(vancouverbestplaces.com\)](#)

Enjoy a reflective and restful long (in fact, one hour extra long!) weekend.

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