



Oct 24, 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#/)

The last week of October at Queen Mary is an exciting event-filled week!!

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NEXT WEEK at Queen Mary:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: We are hosting a team of evaluators from the **International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)** for our routine 5-year evaluation visit. The IBO evaluators will be spending time in classes, talking with students, and meeting with staff members and representative members of our parent community. After this visit they will provide us feedback on our implementation of the Primary Years Programme at Queen Mary, which we will then use to set our school goals and action plan.

Wednesday October 30th: Family Halloween Party!

ALL families are invited to attend! 4:00-7:00 in the QM gym. Costumes/dress-up encouraged! Games, prizes! Treats for sale!! (cash only)

Entrance fee - \$5 per family (fee included with pre-ordered pizza dinners; otherwise pay with CASH at the door)

You can pre-order a Pizza Dinner for your family on Munchalunch (orders accepted online until 12:00 NOON on Tues Oct 29th)

*all children attending must be accompanied by an adult

Our PAC is still needing volunteers to help to make this event a success – help needed leading up to and during the event. Please use this link to see what help is needed and to sign-up if you can!

[QM Fall festival — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

SEE FLYER

Halloween is Thursday, October 31st!

On **Thursday October 31st, Halloween Day**, we invite students to wear costumes to school.

Please abide by the following costume expectations as stated in the attached letter from our NVSD Superintendent:

- Costumes should allow for students to be easily recognizable; no masks or face coverings please! (consider using face paints instead)
- Costumes must be appropriate for school setting and for all ages
- Replica weapons (e.g., guns, knives, swords etc.) are not allowed

Please read the attached Superintendent's message to families if you have not done so already

QM Primary classes will be doing a **costume parade** outside starting at 9:15 a.m. during which time the choir will also perform. Parents/Guardians and younger siblings are welcome to join us outside to watch this entertaining parade! The Primary costume parade will then leave the grounds and travel to a senior's center in our community, returning to the school by recess.

PLEASE help keep our school community safe on Halloween.

Fireworks and firecrackers are not allowed on school property. There are also strict requirements for use of any fireworks in the community (permits required). 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.

Please review with your children of the dangers of fireworks to keep them safe!

Thursday October 31st is ALSO the last day to **order Cream Pony Donuts!**

Order through [Munchalunch](#) before October 31st at 11p.m. Proceeds from sales go toward the Grade 7's year-end events. Pick up will be on **Thursday November 7th** at 3:00 p.m. in the atrium.

Prices:

2-pack (variety) \$36.00

6-pack (variety) \$20.00

Individual Donut \$3.50

Friday November 1st is a Professional Day at Queen Mary! We hope this provides a much-needed rest for families after a very busy week!

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 \(sd44.ca\)](http://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/>

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

Howl-o-ween at The Shipyards – SEE FLYER ATTACHED

The City of North Vancouver is hosting a free Halloween x Superdogs event at The Shipyards on Saturday, October 26 from 12:00pm-5:00pm. For more information, see <https://www.cnv.org/parks-recreation/the-shipyards>.

[Howl-o-ween at The Shipyards featuring The Superdogs, Saturday, October 26, 2024, 1 - 5pm - The Shipyards | City of North Vancouver \(cnv.org\)](#)

NSNH October Newsletter – Attached – Lots offered for families!

MONOVA: Museum of North Vancouver - 115 West Esplanade

A family event to celebrate Día de los Muertos - A Latin American tradition! (LINK here for more info)

Sunday Oct. 27 11:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Screening of “Coco” at noon, enjoy Latin-inspired crafts, and savour delicious treats from “Los Elotes” food truck (Mexican-style corn). Bring a photo for our community ‘ofrenda’ and honour your passed loved ones and their lives.

Entry Fee: Pay-what-you-can

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Create and Connect: Día de los Muertos Tickets, Sun, Oct 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite

Enjoy the beauty of the fall season this weekend!

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