



Queen Mary Community School

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MISSION:

In the Queen Mary community we seek to create a RESPECTFUL, SAFE, ENJOYABLE learning environment where adults and children are empowered to maximize their strengths in the PERSONAL, SOCIAL, and ACADEMIC areas..

REMINDERS

CALLBACK

Please call the school on our 24-hour call-back line at **604-903-3720** if your child will be late or absent from school.

SCHOOL HOURS

Office Hours:
8:30am-4:00pm

Grades 1-7:

9:00 am - 2:45pm
recess 10:30-10:45
lunch 12:00-12:40
Half-Day Kindergarten
9:00 am - 11:30am
Full-Day Kindergarten
9:00 am - 2:45 p.m.
lunch: 12:00 - 12:40

There is **NO** supervision before or after school. Please have your children arrive at the school about 8:45 am and leave the school grounds promptly when dismissed after school.

Home of.....

QM Preschool/ Daycare:
Karen Feaver 604-985-1214

QM Out of School Care:
Karen Feaver 604-987-7073

QM Community

Services:

Doug Feaver,
Executive Director
604-987-7073

**QM Community
Project Coordinator**
Debbie Mahal
604-987-7702

PAC Executive:

Chair: Desiree Young
Vice-Chair: Kim Skealth
Treasurer: Annie Li
Secretary: Colleen Frampton
D-PAC Rep: Verna Dyck

Dear Parents,

At Queen Mary we take the job of student supervision and security very seriously, and would like to make parents and guardians aware of a number of safeguards we have in place to account for and assist all our students throughout the course of the day.

OFFICE CHECK-IN: We ask that parents, relatives, and other visitors to the school during the school day check in at the main office. We need to know who is in the school at all times.

SUPERVISION SCHEDULES: Students are under a teacher's supervision throughout their time in the classroom during the day. As there is no supervision before 8:50 am or after 2:45 pm, we ask that students try to stay out of the school before and after these times, **UNLESS** they are participating in teacher directed activities, eg. band, athletics, homework, etc. At recess and lunch we have 6-8 adults outside supervising students. Most are in radio contact with the main office, and Principal or Vice Principal. Students are expected to assist by following our supervisors' directions, and asking for assistance from our supervisors if any problems arise.

OUT of BOUNDS: Before and after school we ask that all students take great care around parking lots and roadways. At recess and lunch the staff parking lot and all roadways are out of bounds to all students.

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE DAYS: All students are expected outside every day at recess. Please have children dress appropriately for the weather. In cases of very wet weather, students will be advised they can stay inside in their classrooms, at lunch, if they are playing or working quietly.

Please assist us at Queen Mary by supporting our efforts to keep your children safe.

Sincerely,

Bill Reid, Principal

Debora Rolandi, Vice Principal

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE. PLEASE HAVE IT TRANSLATED.

這是重要通知，請找人翻譯。

Ceci est un avis important. Veuillez vous le faire traduire.

Dies ist eine wichtige Nachricht. Bitte lassen Sie sich die folgenden Seiten übersetzen.

これは重要なお知らせです。どなたかに翻訳してもらいましょう。

중요한 공지사항입니다. 이 내용을 번역해 주십시오.

این اطلاعیه مهمی است. لطفا از کسی بخواهید این اطلاعیه را برای شما ترجمه کند.

Este aviso es muy importante. Pida que alguien se lo traduzca.

Ito ay mahalagang patalastas. Mangyaring ipasalin ito sa inyong wika.

Đây là thông báo quan trọng. Xin nhờ người phiên dịch.

PHOTO RETAKES

If your child was absent for the October 1st photo day, or if you would like a retake, the photographer will be back on November 13th. Order forms must be completed and payment submitted at that time. Order forms are available at the school office.



IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

October	13	Thanksgiving – School Closed
	14	Christmas Choir first practice
	14	PAC General Meeting
	20	Coffee Morning @ 8:45 with Debbie Mahal in the LIBRARY
	24	District Professional Day – School Closed
	27	Grade 6 Vaccination Day 1
	29	PAC MONSTER MASH @ 6:30 – 8:00 pm
	31	Pumpkin Carving @ Noon Halloween Assembly @ 2:00 pm

STUDENT COUNCIL RESULTS

School-wide elections were held earlier this week by the students to vote for their Student Council Executive. The results are:

President – Sarah, grade 7
Vice President – Lea, Grade 6
Secretary – Kristina, Grade 5
Treasurer – Abtin, Grade 4



Thank you to all the students who put their names forward, and to all students who participated in the elections. All the candidates ran excellent campaigns and spoke very well in front of the entire student body at an assembly. A special thanks to Ms. Giese for all her hard work in organizing the elections and sponsoring the student council. It was an energetic and very worthwhile example of the democratic process in action.

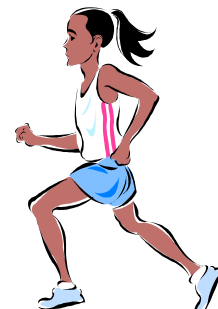
CHRISTMAS CHOIR BOYS & GIRLS Gr. 4-7



If you love to sing and wish to be an ambassador for our school, come join our Christmas Choir! We will sing at a variety of locations in our community, sharing holiday carols and holiday cheer. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 – 8:50 beginning Tuesday, October 14th, right after Thanksgiving. NOTE: We are also looking for an accompanist to join us. If you are interested, let us know in the main office.

TERRY FOX RUN

WOW !!! This year Queen Mary raised over \$ 1177.00. Congratulations and thank-you to all our students and community members for participating and being so generous. All Queen Mary students participated with great commitment and energy, with many of our younger students completing the extended circuit, even in the rain! This donation will go a long way to helping achieve the goals of the Terry Fox Foundation.



PAC HALLOWEEN DANCE, OCT. 29, 6:30 pm See You There !

2009-2010 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS OCTOBER 1, 2008

Kindergarten registration for the 2009-2010 school year begins October 1, 2008 through December 19, 2008.

Where: 2132 Hamilton Avenue (Lucas Centre)

When: Weekdays, October 1 through December 19, 2008

What to bring: Child's Canadian birth certificate or proof of citizenship and proof of current residence (ie. Hydro bill, purchase or rental agreement) and completed registration form.

Please note that local schools do not administer Kindergarten registration. All registrations are served through the Central Registration Office. For more information please contact 604.903.3368 or email registration@nv44.bc.ca

2009-2010 Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2008

Parents of children beginning Kindergarten in 2009 are welcome to this information meeting. The session will review English Half-Day, Early French Immersion and Inspirations 44 (All-Day) Kindergarten Programs and will answer parent questions on any aspect of Kindergarten in the North Vancouver School District.

Where: 2132 Hamilton Avenue (Lucas Centre)

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 22nd, 2008

What to bring: Your questions about kindergarten in the coming school year.

For more information please contact 604.903.3368 or email registration@nv44.bc.ca

SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

At the October 14th P.A.C. meeting, there will be an opportunity for parents to hear about our school's strategic plans and involve themselves in the school and its operation in a new and different context. The Queen Mary School Planning Council is a committee that enables meaningful parent participation in school decisions that affect student achievement.

School Planning Councils were created as part of School Act amendments of several years ago, with a mandate that will see them:

- prepare and submit a school plan (to the Board of Education) to improve student achievement,
- consult on matters referred to it by the Board,
- consult on allocations staff, resources, the educational programs, and services at the school,
- consult on matters referred to it by the principal, PAC, and staff,
- consult with PACs, teachers, students, and other school community members

The School Planning Council (SPC) is an elected representational committee, with three parent representatives, one teacher representative, and the principal of the school as chair. The SPC is required to consult with the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), the community, and staff regarding the carrying out of its mandate. This mandate is defined by legislation and North Vancouver School District Policy #410, which also identifies suitable and appropriate criteria for membership. SPC members shall:

- act in the best interest of all students,
- be guided by the school's and the North Vancouver School District's mission statement,
- act within the limits of the roles and responsibilities of an SPC,
- exhibit high standards of integrity,
- treat all other members with respect and allow for diverse opinions,
- encourage a positive environment in which individual contributions are encouraged and valued,
- accept the process of decision-making by consensus,
- respect that certain school matters are confidential,
- use established communication channels when questions or concerns arise,
- declare any conflicts of interest

If you are interested in joining this group and participating in its very important task, be sure to be there !

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HALLOWEEN

A few helpful hints from the local RCMP regarding Halloween:

Costumes:

Children should wear bright and reflective or glow lights can be added to any

The costumes should fit the children and than the child's ankles).

All costume accessories such as flexible material.

When buying a costume, make sure it

Children should wear masks that do can avoid masks by wearing makeup.



costumes to be easily seen at night. (Reflective tape and costume).

be short enough they will not trip. (No longer

swords or knives should be made of soft

is labeled "flame resistant".

not interfere with vision. Better yet, they

Safety tips:

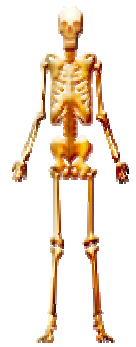
Young children should be accompanied by an adult.

Street safety is paramount when crossing streets! Remember to Stop, Look, Listen & Walk.

Children should stay in well lit areas and should only visit homes that have some form of outside lights turned on.

All candies should be inspected to make sure that no one has tampered with it. Discard anything that looks suspicious.

Children should trick or treat in one well known area and not wander into unknown neighborhoods.



WHEN TO KEEP SICK CHILDREN HOME?

Keep your child at home if he/she:

- ✱ Has a suspected or known communicable disease (has symptoms such as persistent cough or sore throat, a constant runny nose, vomiting or diarrhea, a rash of unknown origin, or a fever)
- ✱ Is too sick or lethargic to participate in normal school activities

Consider:

- ✱ The illness can spread to other children, their families and school staff
- ✱ Recovery can be delayed without adequate rest
- ✱ The school's inability to care for an ill child

For more information call:

Public Health at 604-983-6700, your family Doctor or BC NurseLine 24 hours at 604-215-4700

BC Health Guide/files online:

www.bchealthguide.org/healthfiles

HEALTH BULLETIN

Is your child on the Medical Alert List at school? This includes students with **serious allergies, diabetes, epilepsy, severe asthma, blood-clotting disorders, and serious heart conditions.**

- Medical alert forms are available at the school office: Please complete and return forms to the school as soon as possible as they communicate important information on the treatment or emergency plan as ordered by the doctor. Inform the school of any changes during the school year.
- Emergency medications: Please ensure that your child's personal emergency medication kept at the school has not expired.
- Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are also a great idea. Check out these websites: www.IdentifyYourself.com or www.medicalert.ca



