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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

The first day for the hot lunch program in the new school year will be Monday, September 8th.

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year at Queen Mary ! We hope that you and your family have had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

We have had a very smooth opening, and are looking forward to an exciting and productive year for all our students and staff. It is great to see the energy and anticipation of all the students over their first few days in their new grades and classes.

While the children are settling in to their new classes and the routines of the year, we would like to encourage all of our community members to drop in to the school when they have a chance and meet their child's new teacher and pay a visit to the new Principal and Vice Principal. (we would love to meet you!)

There are many areas throughout the school that parents (and other relatives) can help out with, and particular, the Queen Mary Parent Advisory Council is always looking to welcome new members. Mark your calendars with the date of the first PAC meeting of the year. **7:00 pm in the library, on September 9th**. And planning is already underway for a fun event on the afternoon of September 16th! More helpers are always needed.

Looking forward to a successful year !

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. لطفاً 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.

IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES

September 8	9:00 am	Welcome Assembly in the Gym
		Hot lunch program begins
September 9	7:00 pm	PAC General meeting in the Library
September 16	5:00 pm	PAC Welcome Event (details coming soon!)
September 18	6:30 pm	Queen Mary Open House
September 25	1:15 pm	Terry Fox Run
September 26		PROFESSIONAL DAY – NO School
October 1 –	Morning	Student Photo day

STUDENT SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

We would like to remind all our students that while the use of bicycles, skateboards, scooters, and rollerblades may be used as methods of transportation to get to and from school, we must insist that they are stored and /or locked up safely for the duration of the day. For safety reasons, students are asked to NOT use their bicycles, skateboards, scooters, and rollerblades on the school grounds.

On a 'community' note we ask students to respect our neighbours and their property - when you are walking to and from school, please stay on the sidewalks, obey all the traffic and crossing rules, and do not cut through lawns or yards.

CODE OF CONDUCT

QUEEN MARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

This *Code of Conduct* has been established to ensure a safe, caring and healthy learning environment for all students, staff and visitors at Queen Mary Community School.

In the words of the North Vancouver Board of School Trustees: "...appropriate student conduct is based on respect for oneself, and for others and is essential to the development of healthy, responsible people."

In the North Vancouver School District students are expected to:

Attend school regularly

- Observe school rules and codes of student conduct
- Respect the rights of others and their property
- Respect the health and safety of others
- Respect the learning environment of others
- Behave in a way that brings credit to their school, home and community.

We believe that all schools should be free of inappropriate behaviours such as:

- Interfering with the learning of others
- Engaging in acts of bullying, harassment, intimidation and/or violence
- Using threatening language or behaviours (including Internet communication)
- Bringing weapons, including toys and replicas, to school
- Participating in unsafe and/or illegal acts.

QUEEN MARY

Our Code of Conduct is part of daily life at Queen Mary, and helps students and staff to find common language and understanding of how to get along safely and respectfully with each other. All school staff intervene daily to teach, re-teach and reinforce the appropriate conduct of our students through discussions:

- in classroom meetings,
- during school assemblies,
- on the playing fields,
- in the hallways and washrooms.

THE QUEEN MARY CODE OF CONDUCT

- Respect for myself and others
- Safety for myself and others
- Responsibility for my learning and actions

Professional Day, Friday, September 26 !

HOW DO WE TALK WITH STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR CONDUCT (BEHAVIOUR) AT QUEEN MARY ?

Student behaviour *is always* considered in the context in which it occurs. The age of the child, frequency of the behaviour and the circumstances surrounding the incident are all taken into account.

All school personnel at Queen Mary can respond to the behaviour of students that they observe or witness.

- If the student's behaviour supports or demonstrates our Code of Conduct a student may receive a **Gotcha!**
- If the student's behaviour does not support the Code of Conduct they may:
 - Be asked to stop and talk about their behaviour,
 - Be warned about their behaviour,
 - Receive a BEHAVIOUR REPORT from a staff member

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A STUDENT RECEIVES A 'GOTCHA' ?

A student takes their Gotcha to their classroom teacher. Gotcha's are collected in each classroom and once the Gotcha target has been reached the entire class celebrates their appropriate behaviour by having a Gotcha Party!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A STUDENT RECEIVES A BEHAVIOUR REPORT ?

The staff member and student meet and complete the Behaviour Report together, and:

- The student learns about how their observed behavior does not support the Code of Conduct
- The student signs the Behaviour Reports to acknowledge they understand how their behaviour did not support the Code of Conduct
- The Behaviour Report is given to the student's classroom teacher
- The classroom teacher monitors student Behaviour Reports and determines an appropriate action including;
 - Discussion with the student,
 - Entry in to the L.O.F.T. program at Q.M.
 - Contacting the home (parent/guardian)
 - Meeting with the Principal regarding the student's behaviour

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

At Queen Mary, we believe all students and staff members should contribute to our positive school environment by:

- Providing and respecting a purposeful learning environment
- Promoting and demonstrating self-discipline
- Modeling cooperation and consideration of others
- Modeling safety and responsibility.

We expect all students to follow our Code of Conduct both on and off the school grounds so that their behaviour brings pride to themselves, their home and to their school at all times.

By following our Code of Conduct, we believe students, visitors and staff members are able to establish a safe, respectful and responsible environment in which there is an appropriate balance between the rights of the individual and the rights of others.

RISING EXPECTATIONS

While we expect all Queen Mary students and visitors to support our Code of Conduct to the best of their ability, it is understood that we do have higher expectations of students and visitors as their time as a member of the Queen Mary Community grows. Older students are, and will continue to be, given more responsibility and maintain a clear ability to model the appropriate behaviour that supports and teaches our Code of Conduct to both new and younger students at Queen Mary. In this respect, inappropriate behaviours from established and older students at Queen Mary will be dealt with greater consequence than for younger students or those new to our school. However, serious breaches of the Code of Conduct, (acts of violence; weapons/drugs; or other unsafe or illegal acts) depending on circumstances, could result in serious disciplinary actions.

OPEN HOUSE



A note to parents, that on Thursday, September 18th, we are holding an Open House beginning at 6:30 pm. Parents and students are invited to tour the school, get their passports stamped throughout the school, and to hear an overview of what will be happening in their classrooms. Parents will have an opportunity to get to know their child's teacher a bit better, and ask questions related to the year ahead.

The classroom sessions will end at 7:00 when Mr. Reid will invite the parents to the gym for a welcome to the year and a short introduction to the state of the school, staff, and students. Please join us in the gym for the 15 minute session !

When Should I Keep My Sick Child At Home?

There are several important issues to consider when trying to determine if your child is too ill to attend school:

1. The protection of your child. Their recovery could be delayed and they are more likely to acquire other illnesses, as their resistance is reduced.
2. The protection of other children and adults in the school.
3. The ability of your child to function at school.

With these issues in mind, please keep your child home if he/she:

1. has a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. mumps, measles, rubella, chicken pox, pink eye) Keep them home . . . until they are no longer infectious.
2. has a fever
3. is too sick or too tired to participate in **ALL** normal school activities.
4. has symptoms such as persistent cough, constant runny nose, etc. If these symptoms do not clear up within a reasonable time, please see your family doctor.



Should the school find it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have made arrangements when you are not available. **Please inform the school of these arrangements.**

Students Leaving the School

Students are not to leave the school grounds at any time during the day unless they have given their teacher a note, signed by their parents, **each** day that they want to leave. Students are to sign out at the office before they leave.

Queen Mary Staff 2008-2009

Principal	Mr. Bill Reid	Community Coordinator – Ms. Debbie Mahal
Vice Principal	Ms. Debora Rolandi	First Nations Liaison – Ms. Anjie Dawson
DIV 1 – Gr. 6/7	Ms. Susan Cummins	First Nations Support Workers – Ms. Jeanette Baker
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Band	Mr. Kostas Roumeliotis	Ms. Daniela Madi
Counsellor	Ms. Pam Quenville	Ms. Kelly Martin
Learning Support Teacher – Ms. Barb Ellwood		Ms. Angie Gentile
Learning Support Worker – Ms. Wendy Squire		Ms. Nancy Bryant
Speech Pathologist – Ms. Judy Israel		Food Aides
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		Mr. Khosrow Khanverdi
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