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Our Mission

Our mission is to build a respectful community of lifelong learners. We work towards becoming caring, accomplished and cooperative citizens. We aim to provide an enriched environment in which children are encouraged to think, question, create and wonder.

Dear Queen Mary Community,

The recent inclement weather kept our building engineers busy ensuring that enough salt was spread, and that all walkways were cleared. Thank you for a job well done! The weather also brings home the importance of abiding by parking regulations around Queen Mary. While there is only a limited area for parents to drop off their children, bylaws allow for a 5 minute period to park and drop. If everyone abides by this bylaw, a steady flow of drop offs can work well. Often however, we see cars parking for up to 15 minutes waiting for children to be dismissed from school. This prolonged parking causes major problems for other parents, as well as for residents in the neighbourhood who find their alleys and side roads blocked by parents who cannot get near the school due to others who have parked for longer than the allotted 5 minutes. Please work with us to make drop off and pick up less of a nightmare for all parents and students.

Our Pink Day Assembly was a great success. Thank you to Ms. Ho and Division 6 for hosting. Our 'buddy benches' were introduced via some clever skits performed by a variety of QM students. The idea of the buddy bench is that any child who doesn't have a friend to play with, or who may be feeling a little down, can sit there and expect to be approached by a friendly face at recess or lunch. We look forward to seeing all students continuing to develop friendships at school.



Erin Gibbs
Principal

PARENT CORNER & PAC EVENTS: Our next PAC meeting is March 13th at 7p.m.

Queen Mary staff and students would like to thank PAC for our PINK day t-shirts. We all wore them for the PINK day assembly on the 27th. The ideas behind Pink Day are near and dear to us and we continue year round with our anti-bullying, inclusivity and acceptance themed projects and conversations in the classroom and on the playground. Thank you PAC for supporting us!

PAC has arranged for a First Aid Course for our grade 6 & 7 students. The training will take place over 5 hours on March 9th. The subsidized cost is just \$20 per student, and students who are unable to pay the fee for any reason will be covered by PAC. The Canadian Red Cross 'Stay Safe' course is outlined below, and is provided by Pacific First Aid. Our long-term goal is to see this course take place every second year so that every QM student leaves elementary with the ability to react to an emergency situation.

“Stay Safe” - Canadian Red Cross course teaches 9-13 year olds how to stay safe at home and in the community. First Aid elements include recovery position, conscious choking, asthma, anaphylaxis (includes use of EpiPen), poisoning, stings, wound care (minor cuts, nose bleeds, burns, life-threatening bleeding).

Pacific Autism Family Network event: Raphael Samaniego, is a 2nd year dental student at UBC. Along with many fellow students, she has organized an event called Sharing Smiles. In short, it’s an event wherein children with various intellectual or physical disabilities are paired with dental students to engage in different activities. Some of these activities include sports, games, quizzes related to oral health, and coloring! We do this in the hopes of getting future dental professionals more familiar with this demographic, and in doing so, reducing the disparity these individuals face in terms of access to proper dental care. The event is at the **Pacific Autism Family Network on March 3rd from 10 AM – 2 PM**. If there are any questions or if people would like to register, please do not hesitate to e-mail myself (r.samaniego@alumni.ubc.ca) or Andrea (ohthubc@gmail.com).

School Active Travel Survey: Share how your family gets to school with our community and the City of Vancouver. Between **Monday, February 26 to Friday, March 2, 2018**, students will take home an active travel survey to share more about how they walk, bike or roll to school. Each family should fill out one survey and send back it back with their youngest child attending Queen Mary. This survey is the second part of the City of Vancouver’s School Active Travel Planning program at Queen Mary. To learn more about the program, visit: vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/school-active-travel-planning



Please remember that the drop-off area on Trimble Street is not a parking zone. You are legally allowed to park in this area for a maximum of 5 minutes while dropping off or picking up students only. Please help us to keep the area safe for all of our children by respecting the traffic laws.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

All students have been sent home with information on how families can register on our new SCO (School Cash Online) system. It is important that all families register and attach their students to their profile. Payments for all events and school fees will need to be done online. No cash or cheque payments will be taken at the school level. You can register at <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/Home/SignIn>

COACHES CORNER

Thank you to all our coaches, staff and students who participated in our Basketball Season. Mr. Weitz, Mr. Buder and Mr. Smith, our parent coaches, and Mr. Klassen, Ms. Sekhon and Ms. Erin, our staff coaches and sponsors would like to celebrate the successful basketball and volleyball season with a Pizza lunch on Tuesday, March 6th for all those who participated.

Brain Gain mornings have started at Queen Mary! This is a morning homework club offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 – 8:55am in room 101. These sessions will be supervised by two Support Staff and often a Learning Support Teacher. The goal of these sessions is to provide students with as much support as possible. It is expected that students come with homework to finish, or an academic task that they need help with. Students of all ages are welcome. Please contact Learning Support Teacher Kerri Smith (kksmith@vsb.bc.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

SATISFACTION SURVEY: The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. Throughout February, March & April, the Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. If you are a parent of a child in grades 4 or 7, and you have not received your logon number by the end of February, please contact the school at 604-713-5464.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT QUEEN MARY

PROGRAM NAME	REGISTRATION WEBSITE	DAY/DATES/TIME
Ocean Explorer - Beach After School Program	seasmartschool.com/store	Wednesdays May 2 – June 20 th 3-4:45 \$240/child
Escape Room for Kids	www.escaperooms4kids.com .	Mondays Room 208 April 23 rd – June 4th 3:15-4:30

Mad Science	http://vancouver.madscience.org	Mondays Music Room April 16 th – June 11 th
Chess	http://vanchess.ca/locations/set/id/33/target/%252Fgroups	Wednesdays Room 208 Starts April 12 th 3-4:30
Young Rembrandts	www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver	Tuesdays Room 208 April 17 th – June 5 th 3:05 -4:15

SPRING BREAK WITH TASC – TRIMBLE AFTER SCHOOL CARE

REGISTRATION FOR TRIMBLE AFTER SCHOOL CARE (TASC) SPRING BREAK CAMP 2018 IS NOW OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN! WE HAVE PLENTY OF EXCITING ACTIVITIES PLANNED THIS YEAR FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND 12.

SPRING BREAK CAMP 2018 RUNS FROM MARCH 19TH TO 23RD, AND FROM MARCH 26TH TO 29TH.

THE SPRING BREAK CAMP 2018 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND REGISTRATION FORM ARE ATTACHED FOR YOU BELOW. YOU CAN ALSO FIND OUR CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND REGISTRATION FORM ON THE "SPRING BREAK CAMP 2018" SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE WWW.TRIMBLEVANCOUVER.COM.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU CAN EMAIL US AT TRIMBLEAFTERSCHOOLCARE@GMAIL.COM, OR COME AND VISIT US IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, March 5 th	Friend 2 Friend workshops for intermediate students
Wednesday, March 7 th	Goal Review Conferences/Student led 2:00 dismissal
Thursday, March 8 th	Goal Review Conferences/Student led 2:00 dismissal
Friday, March 9 th	Pacific First Aid Training for Gr. 6 & 7 students
Thursday, March 15 th	Ready, Set, Learn for pre-K students
Friday, March 16 th	Last Day Before Spring Break
March 19 th – April 2 nd	Spring Break
Tuesday, April 3 rd	Schools reopen