



QUEEN MARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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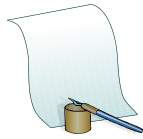
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Dear Families,



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It has been an exciting and busy January and I appreciate meeting with students, staff and parents to learn about all that goes on at Queen Mary. It is a vibrant learning community and a school we should all be proud of! Mr B.

Follow our school on twitter! @QMElementary or our website: queenmary.vsb.bc.ca



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.

Our Code of Conduct

Over the last few weeks the staff have met to discuss and update our expectations for students. We will be reviewing these at assemblies and in the classes and sending more information home to parents. As always our goal is to help students become respectful, contributing, positive school community members. As students become older, more mature and move through successive grades, they are expected to demonstrate increasing personal responsibility and self-control. At Queen Mary, we respect each other, respect learning and respect property. Our Code of Conduct details expectations for student behaviour while at school, while going to and from school, and while attending school functions or activities at any location, including on-line behaviour when it has a negative impact on the school environment or interferes with learning.



February 2017 Calendar updates are on our webpage and on School Day. Please refer to it often.

Upcoming Events

Next Pro D Day is Monday January 30th. There will be no school in session

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR to Our Queen Mary Community on January 28th 2017!

In celebration of the Lunar New Year the school will had a Lion Dance performance on January 25 at 10:00 am. It is a great show and parents are welcome!

School Opening Event

There will be a school opening event at Queen Mary on Monday, February 6 at 10:00 am. This event is organized by the VSB. There will be media present so we will ensure that any students asked to show off the new school have their media consent form signed. Parents are welcome to attend this event. There is supposed to me a representative from the Ministry of Education as well as the VSB at this event.

Basketball In Full Swing

There are three basketball teams this year! A senior boys (primarily grade 7) and a junior boys and a junior girls (grades 5 and 6). The kids are now into their second week of games. Please ensure your child shows up for practice so that they will get time on the court during the games.

To run these teams requires the support of both a teacher sponsor and at least one parent volunteer. Thank you to those parents and teachers who are volunteering their time to make this happen for the kids!

Next Ice Cream Day February 17th 2017

Will be in support of Anti-bullying Awareness

Don't forget your toonie!

Grade 7 Camp and Grad Planning Started

Grade 7 Camp planning and Grad planning has started by the teachers. We have a parent grad committee who will work with the principal and the teachers to plan the grad event

Other News

Lunch in Multipurpose for Division 4-14 and in Foyer for Division 1/2/3 is working really well and the school is focusing on clean up and proper recycling. We are also focusing on proper recycling to try and get our landfill waste down to less than 10% of all garbage. Your help with packing lunches that minimize waste is appreciated.

Remember students may not share their lunch (for allergy and dietary reasons)

VANCOUVER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Teachers are meeting to apply for some of the extra teacher allotment which VSB has received from the Ministry of Education. The school hopes to get some extra staff for Queen Mary!

Green Team

The Green Team committee met on Tuesday, January 24 and it is exciting to hear all the plans for our school and student learning! Two great Recycling/ Environment shows have been booked to reinforce this message. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.



LIBRARY MATTERS

We are so fortunate to have the wonderful Ms. Chong as Teacher Librarian. The library is always humming with readers and researchers! Congratulations to our Children's Literature Team and their recent competition!

INTERNET NEWS-BYTES

Instant messaging is very popular for communicating with friends and discussing homework, school projects and day to day thoughts. Just as you would make sure you knew who your child was going out with make sure you know who your child is talking to on the Internet by reviewing their buddy list with them. Visit <http://www.wiredsafety.org/parent.html> or www.bewebaware.ca

PAC NEWS

"Parenting in a Digital World" by SOLOS



This event drew over 50 parents and was a great success. If you did not get a chance to attend this event we have posted the resource materials on our website here.

<http://www.queenmarypac.com/news/parenting-in-a-digital-world-presentation>

There was also a lot of positive feedback from the grade 4-7 students who also participated in a student version of this presentation on Jan 6th.

2016/2017 Direct Drive Campaign

A notice went home just before the break. We have received approximately \$5,000 of our \$20,000 goal. The goal includes requests for donations towards technology, our new Arduino Uno club and indoor and outdoor athletic equipment. For more details on what this Direct Drive campaign is all about please visit our website. Donations should be made payable to the school and handed into Erin at the office.

<http://www.queenmarypac.com/fundraising/direct-drive-campaign-2016-2017>

PAC Meeting February 14th 2017 9am in the multi purpose room

Pink Day February 22, 2017 - Anti bullying awareness - more info to come