



Queen Mary Elementary School

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We live, work and learn on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish people. Queen Mary Elementary School wishes to acknowledge the history of our community and neighbourhood.

Welcome Back!

We hope you've had a wonderful summer and have been able to spend time with family and friends!

Welcome, especially, to our new students, families and staff!

Please let us know how we can help you settle in!

Many QM staff spent time throughout the summer, particularly throughout the month of August, preparing for the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you, especially, to our building engineers

Frank Wang and Jose Baquiran who did a fantastic job

throughout July and August cleaning classrooms and

common areas – our building looks amazing!

We are ready for an engaging, caring, creative

and scholarly year!



Important Upcoming Dates

Sept. 5	Grade 1-7 students begin attending from 9:00am – 3:00pm
Sept. 11	PAC Family Pizza Night (5:30pm) and PAC Meeting (6:30pm)
Sept. 12	First full day of Kindergarten
Sept. 14	Terry Fox Assembly (time TBD)
Sept. 20	Meet the Teacher 5:00pm – 6:30pm
Sept. 21	Professional Day – School not in session
Sept. 27	Individual Student Photos
Sept. 28	Orange Shirt Day
Oct. 4	2:00pm dismissal for Goal Setting Conferences
Oct. 8	Thanksgiving Day – School not in session

Please see the QM and QM PAC websites for additional 2018-19 Important dates.

Opening Week Procedures

New students will report to the library on Tuesday morning. On Tuesday they will be assigned to a grade appropriate class for the remainder of the week.

Our Kindergarten students will follow the gradual entry schedule mailed during the summer.

Grade 1 students will meet in their previous classroom on Tuesday and then in the Music Room across from the Kindergarten room on the ground level for the remainder of the week.

Grade 2-7 students will go to last year's classroom.

During the first week, we will confirm our enrollment and registrations, review class placements and grade assignments, and move students to their new classes as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience!

School Fees & Forms

This week, several forms are being sent home. Please keep them stapled and in the order that they are delivered.

Completion and return of the forms is very important as the information allows Queen Mary staff to protect your child's safety and well-being. Please read them carefully, fill them out and return them to the classroom teacher by September 14th, 2018.



Information outlining School Fees will also be sent home soon! For payments, Queen Mary is ONLINE with School Cash Online (SCO). Families who are new to QM will need to register with SCO by visiting the SCO website <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com> and selecting the "Get Started Today" option (returning families can access their account by visiting the website and selecting "Sign Into Your Account"). **THANK YOU!**

Week One Student Pick Up

As grade groups may be rotating among different classrooms, we recommend the following pick up spots for Primary students:

Kindergarten – North Entrance at the Undercover Area

Grade 1-3 – West Playground

Grade 4-7 – As determined by families (preferably away from the Primary students)

New Staff!

Please welcome the following staff members to our Queen Mary family:

Yukiko Akisada – Student Support Worker

Lisa Breen – Office Admin Assistant (Mon/Tues)

Andrea Byron – Grade 1/2 Teacher

Megan Davies – Principal

Ruth Hanson – Speech and Language Pathologist

Sophia Kotsovos – Student Support Worker

Michelle Tappert – Grade 5/6 Teacher



Medical Conditions

1. Please ensure that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school ie: anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizures, severe asthma and serious heart conditions.
2. A "Medical Administration" form, completed by a physician, is required for any medication being dispensed by a school staff member. Copies of these forms are available in the office.
3. Parents choosing to keep medication such as an epi-pen or inhaler in the First Aid Room at school are responsible for checking expiry dates and providing new supplies as needed.



Vancouver School Board Safe Arrival and Absence Protocols Reporting Student Absences (A District-wide Process)

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please report this absence as early as possible. **Parents should leave a message on a dedicated VSB answering service by calling 604 713 5464 and pressing 1.** Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To Report Your Child's Absence – Please Call 604 713 5464 (press 1) prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.



District-Wide Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent/guardian promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

Thank you for your assistance and support in following these essential protocols and for helping us to keep your children safe!



Bell Schedule	
Welcome Bell	8:55am
Homeroom	9:00am
Recess	10:30am – 10:50am
Lunch	12:10pm – 12:57pm
Dismissal	3:00pm

Queen Mary's Mission Statement

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.

Queen Mary's Code of Conduct

We respect everyone's learning by respecting ourselves, others and our surroundings.

