



# Queen Mary Elementary School

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We are honoured to be working and learning together on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the x̱m̱əθḵəy̱əm | Musqueam, Sḵw̱x̱w̱7mesh | Squamish & səlilwətaʔ | Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Queen Mary acknowledges the history of our community and neighbourhood.

### Season's Greetings!

Thank you for your ongoing care and support – and for all that you do to help keep our Queen Mary community engaged and thriving. Also, many thanks to those who generously supported a family at our sister school, Queen Alexandra Elementary, by assembling and gifting a personalized and thoughtful Holiday Hamper. You have truly made a positive difference this winter! We hope that you have a restful and relaxing Winter Break and wish you a very healthy and very happy New Year!



### Masks

Masks continue to be a school requirement for staff and students (unless medically exempt). Thank you for sending your child(ren) to school with a reusable mask (and even storing some extras in their backpacks)! While the office has disposable masks available for rare occasions when a mask is forgotten, lost or damaged, we are very aware that disposable masks have a significant and negative impact on our environment. Did you know that the plastics in a disposable mask can take up to 450 years to fully degrade?! Unfortunately, there are some days that we give out close to 50 disposable masks! Yikes! Thank you for helping us reach our goal of handing out less disposable masks by always sending children to school with 1-2 reusable masks.



### Important Upcoming Dates

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| Dec. 17 | Last Day Before Winter Break                 |
| Jan. 4  | First Day Back (Tuesday)                     |
| Jan. 11 | 7:00pm PAC Meeting (Zoom)                    |
| Jan. 17 | Professional Development Day                 |
| Jan. 28 | Progress Reports go home                     |
| Feb. 9  | 2:00pm Dismissal (parent/family conferences) |
| Feb. 15 | 7:00pm PAC Meeting                           |
| Feb. 18 | Professional Development Day                 |
| Feb. 21 | Family Day – School Not in Session           |
| Feb. 23 | Pink Shirt Day                               |



## EDI and MDI

Early in 2022, Queen Mary Elementary will be participating in the Early Development Instrument (EDI) and Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) – two studies completed in collaboration with UBC’s Human Early Learning Partnership.

The EDI is a questionnaire pertaining to our Kindergarten students; it includes questions on a child’s social and emotional development, health and well-being, language and cognitive development and communication skills. The EDI is completed by our Kindergarten teachers and the results help us to better understand trends in child development. The MDI, completed by students in Grade 7, is a survey designed to learn about and better understand aspects of children’s social and emotional development, health, and well-being that contribute to their overall success in school and in life. Through the MDI, we can learn more about the health and well-being of students and identify the ways in which children’s success and well-being can be promoted in schools and communities. Educators use the information to improve education, support, and services for all students.

More details about the MDI and EDI (and a reverse consent form) were shared with Kindergarten and Grade 7 families last week.

Additional information (including past findings and community-based data/reports) can be found here –

EDI - <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/edi/>

MDI - <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>



## Travel Considerations

Safe travels to those who are planning trips over Winter Break! Protocols around travel are currently being reviewed and revised and it is imperative that families stay up to date and follow Federal requirements. As per current (Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – subject to change) protocols, fully vaccinated students may qualify for the “fully vaccinated traveler exemption”! However, students in Kindergarten through Grade 7 who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada cannot attend school for 14 days after their arrival back in Canada. For more information, here are links to BC’s updates and the Daily Health Check that covers health information and links to Federal requirements - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/covid/daily-health-check-english.pdf>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/response>



### Queen Mary’s Code of Conduct

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



**Queen Mary’s Mission Statement** is to build a respectful community of lifelong learners. We work towards becoming caring, accomplished & cooperative citizens. We aim to provide an enriched environment in which children are encouraged to think, question, create & wonder.