



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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm | Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh | Squamish & səliłwətaʔ | Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Queen Mary acknowledges the history of our community and neighbourhood.

Games, Music & Outdoor Movie Night

June 14, 6pm at Queen Mary Elementary

Please join us for a special evening at Queen Mary! We are excited for our community to come together to celebrate a great school year. Please go to www.QueenMaryPAC.com where you will find links on the homepage for tickets, opportunities to volunteer, and additional information.

Most urgently...

- Volunteers are still needed to make this evening a success! We are expecting a big crowd and volunteers are essential to help with setup, food, games, and more. Please consider signing up using the "Volunteer" link on the homepage www.QueenMaryPAC.com.
- Tickets are free but required. Please note that tickets are separate for pizza and movie. Please select both or either as appropriate.
- Bring chairs & blankets for movie night, so your family will be comfortable

Please contact our PAC co-chairs with questions - Julie Lewis (JulieLewisSutherland@gmail.com) or Laura Sims (miss_ljsims@yahoo.ca).

Final details will be shared next week!

Important Upcoming Dates

- June 6 PAC Meeting (on Zoom)
- June 14 PAC Games, Music and Outdoor Movie Night
- June 17 Grade 7 Recognition Assembly (11:00am)
- June 22 Last day of Hot Lunch from Calhoun's
- June 28 Sports Day
- June 29 Last day of school for students
- June 29 Year End Reports go home

Wednesday Hot Lunch with Calhoun's Catering

Queen Mary is offering Hot Lunch on Wednesdays for the next 3 Wednesdays in June. Parents/Guardians can place their hot lunch orders online using an online system called "Munch a Lunch". To register/order, go to:

1. <https://munchalunch.com/schools/queenmaryvan>
2. Click the "Register Here" button (as shown below). The system will guide you through
3. After adding your child, click the green "Order Lunch!" button to order
4. The next time you place an order, click the "Login Here" button to access your account.



ORDERING DETAILS:

- Online ordering ongoing – choose as many or as few days as you like!
- If you need assistance with ordering, or do not have access to the internet, please contact mdavies@vsb.bc.ca
- Send cutlery to school with your child.
- If your child is absent on a hot lunch date, you are welcome to pick up their lunch at 1:10pm. Refunds are not available.

**Hot Lunch is a QM Fundraiser!
We appreciate your support!**



SHOW YOUR QUEEN MARY SPIRIT!

Visit our online Spirit Wear store here:

<https://urstore.ca/queen-mary-elementary-vancouver>

Queen Mary Staffing Updates

We made it to June! We are so grateful for our entire QM Team; their kindness, hard work, dedication and care have provided many opportunities for children to think, question, create and wonder!

This year, we are sad to say good-bye to some of our QM team and we wish everyone all the best in their next adventures! Each has had a positive impact on our community and will be missed.

Goodbye to Classroom Teachers Nozomi Senga (Gr. 1/2) and Jackie Andre (Gr. 6/7) who will be working with new school communities in the Fall. Nozomi is leaving due to QM's decrease in enrollment while Jackie was here on a short term placement in Division 2 while QM teacher, Kerri Smith, completed a practicum for her Masters degree. Both have fostered caring, supportive and safe classroom communities with opportunities for students to learn and grow socially, emotionally and academically.

Special congratulations to Erin Schneider who, after 13 years at Queen Mary, is retiring at the end of the month! We have been so fortunate to have Ms. Erin as part of our school community – she truly goes above and beyond to welcome, connect with, and support our students, staff and families. Over the years, in addition to her primary role as QM's Office Admin, Ms. Erin has coached sports teams, supported fieldtrips including Grade 7 camp, sponsored clubs such as Student Leadership and WE Day and helped significantly with several Queen Mary events and initiatives. Best wishes also to Lisa Breen who has worked in our office supporting students, staff and families every Monday and Tuesday (and many Wednesdays). Over the last four years, Ms. Lisa has been Ms. Erin's job share partner and she has worked collaboratively to ensure a smooth continuity of support and consistency of process.

In addition, this week, our principal Megan Davies, learned of an upcoming and unexpected transfer to Elsie Roy Elementary starting in August! Megan has thoroughly enjoyed her time working alongside our QM community. It has truly been an honour for her to be part of the QM team. She will miss Queen Mary's dynamic students, supportive families and incredibly caring and dedicated staff! Queen Mary will be welcoming Elyssa Derban, QM's new principal, in September. Elyssa comes to Queen Mary with extensive teaching, leadership and administrative experience at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vancouver, SET-BC and the VSB. She will be a valuable addition to the team!

We will continue to update the QM community regarding staffing as information becomes available and support and welcome them to our team. We will ensure that the transition to the new year is a smooth one and that our new team members are well-informed, comfortable and confident in their new roles at Queen Mary. Stay tuned!

Bike to School Week

This week, many QM staff and students walked, biked, took transit or scootered to school! Using active transportation to travel to school has many benefits including:

- Reducing congestion in QM's neighbourhood
- Arriving to school energized and ready to work and learn
- Participating in a sustainable, curriculum-linked activity
- Helping the environment
- Improving mental and physical health!



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.

Here are our anticipated School Fees for the 2022-2023 school year



SCHOOL FEES for (2022-2023)

Important Information – Please Translate

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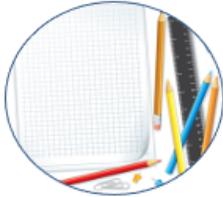
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Важная информация!Переведите,пожалуйста

GENERAL \$35.00 SUPPLY FEE



The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2022 – 2023 is \$35.00 per student*.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES

Student Agenda/Planner (some students) – \$5.00

Students at Queen Mary may be using an Agenda/Planner in grades 1-7. School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families.

Activity Fee (all students) – \$25.00

We are pleased to enrich your child's learning through a wide variety of opportunities including outdoor education/gardening, performances, online and in-person workshops and lessons and more. This supplementary fee supports the school in accessing talented and professional specialists who align with a particular educational theme or school-wide focus. Parent support has made these opportunities possible and we appreciate your continued contribution.

Math Workbooks/Program Booklet (some students) – \$15.00 - \$30.00

IXL Online Math and/or Literacy Program (some students) - \$15.00 - \$30.00

This year, some intermediate classes may be using a Math Practice and Homework Book. This material supplements the classroom math program. The workbook is available for purchase at the cost of \$15.00. Students are not obligated to purchase the workbook, and may opt to use their copy as a reference textbook instead, meaning the workbook will be returned at the end of the school year for another student to use in the future. Students opting to use the workbook as a textbook will be responsible for ensuring that it remains unmarked and in excellent condition in order to return the workbook at the end of the year.

This year, some classes may be using a Math Program called Numbers or Decimals that includes a Workbook. The workbook is available for purchase at the cost of \$20.00. Students are not obligated to purchase the workbook, and may opt to use their copy as a reference textbook instead, meaning the workbook will be returned at the end of the school year for another student to use in the future.

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This year, some classes may use IXL, a supplementary Numeracy and Literacy program that students can access at home and at school, to target foundational math and/or literacy skills as well as grade specific lessons and practice. The cost of IXL is TBD.

Field Studies – To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level

Kindergarten – \$25-\$100 Grades 1-2 - \$25-\$300

Grades 3-7 - \$50-\$300 Grade 7 Camp (TBD) – Approximately \$400

Throughout the school year your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

Other optional expenses throughout the year may include: hot lunch program, photos, Sports Day food, grade 7 hoodies, grade 7 leaving celebration, Tennis BC, team entry fees, etc. The school may also endorse school-wide charitable fundraising for organizations including Terry Fox, the Food Bank, the Poppy Fund, Red Cross and Heart and Stroke. A variety of PAC sponsored initiatives may also take place.

Participation in fundraising is voluntary.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, Megan Davies. All requests will be treated confidentially.

