



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 & səliłwətał | Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Queen Mary wishes to acknowledge the history of our community and neighbourhood.

International Travel

With Winter Break approaching quickly, some families may be planning to travel internationally over the holiday. While fully vaccinated students may qualify for the “fully vaccinated traveler exemption”, 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 is a link to BC’s Daily Health Check that covers information (and links) to the Federal requirements - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/childcare-to-grade-12/covid/daily-health-check-english.pdf>

Important Upcoming Dates

Nov. 22	Deadline to order Purdys chocolates (PAC Fundraiser)
Nov. 25	2pm Early Dismissal (Goal Setting Conferences)
Nov. 26	Professional Day – School Not in Session
Nov. 30	Wreath and Planter pick-up date (PAC Fundraiser)
Dec. 8	Purdys chocolate pick-up date (PAC Fundraiser)
Dec. 14	PAC Meeting (7pm on Zoom)
Dec. 15 & 16	Holiday Raffle for all students (PAC Fundraiser)
Dec. 17	Last day before Winter Break
Jan. 4	First day back after Winter Break (Tuesday)

(QM PAC Fundraising Information - <https://www.queenmarypac.com/fundraising>)

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth

As technology continues to evolve and become more accessible, raising and educating children in a digital era can seem overwhelming. While apps and devices change, people’s use of and typical behaviours regarding technology remain relatively consistent.

When considering how to raise digitally responsible youth, moderation and transparency are key! Maintaining an open, transparent, and ongoing dialogue with children regarding the internet, technology, social media, and video games is crucial.

The Safer Schools Together Program offers several suggestions for navigating technology and devices with your child. Their tips include:

- Introduce technology at a pace that aligns with your own comfort level and your child’s age
- Take responsibility for your child’s online safety
- Be familiar with the apps your child is using
- Know your child’s passwords
- Be approachable when digital issues arise
- Remind children of the permanence of anything posted online or sent electronically
- Keep phones and devices out of a child’s bedroom; nighttime access to a device may prevent a child from getting enough sleep

For more information, here is a link to the “Safer Schools Together” guide to raising digitally responsible youth - <https://saferschoolstogether.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Raising-Digitally-Responsible-Youth-Guide-2020.pdf>

Construction Near Queen Mary

BC Hydro is working in our area from Nov. 17 – Nov. 30. They are installing underground civil infrastructure. The work will impact the south side of West 6th Avenue between 30 meters and 60 meters east of Trimble Street.

There will be temporary disruptions to vehicle and pedestrian traffic and lane and road access will be maintained and directed by traffic control personnel.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while this project is completed. Please contact BC Hydro with questions – projects@bchydro.com or 604 623 4472.

Fall and Winter Weather at Queen Mary

We hope that everyone has been able to stay safe, dry and warm during our recent rainy, windy, colder and darker days! On days when school is in session, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather – typically, students go outside for every recess and lunch break!

On days with heavy snow, the VSB will post information about snow closures on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations, including:

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| • CKNW (980 AM) | • CKWX (1130 AM) |
| • CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM) | • BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11) |
| • CJVB (1470 AM) | • CITY TV (Cable channel 13) |
| • CFHG (96.1 FM) | |

Please check the VSB website or listen to the radio/TV stations listed above to learn about school closures.



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.