



# Queen Mary Elementary School

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## January 11th, 2019 (Newsletter #5)

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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 that everyone had a wonderful Winter Break with family and friends and wish our families, staff and community a happy, healthy and prosperous 2019! We're really looking forward to the remaining 6 months of the school year! Please let us know how we can best support your child and family – feel free to reach out to your classroom teacher, Lisa or Erin in our front office or our principal, Megan Davies. Happy New Year!



## Student Leadership at Queen Mary

Queen Mary is fortunate to have Student Leaders who take on leadership roles and initiatives at school each day. Some leadership tasks or roles include Daily Announcements, Office Monitors, Lunch Supervisors, Primary Classroom Helpers, Crossing Guard Safety Patrol, Charitable Fundraising, Buddy Bench and School Spirit.

This month, Student Leaders have organized Wednesday Spirit Days! January 9th was PJ Day and many students and staff showed their QM spirit by wearing their pajamas to school! The remaining January Spirit Days are:

- Wed. Jan. 16th – Hero/Inspiration Day
- Wed. Jan. 23rd – Backwards Day
- Wed. Jan. 30th – Class Theme of Choice



## Important Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 14 10:50am Author Visit for Primary Grades
- Jan. 15 7:00pm PAC Meeting in the Library
- Jan. 16 Spirit Day – Hero Day
- Jan. 18 Monthly Assembly (9:15am)
- Jan. 22 Earthquake Drill (time TBD)
- Jan. 23 Spirit Day – Backwards Day
- Jan. 25 Professional Day – School Not in Session
- Jan. 29 Lice Screening
- Jan. 30 Spirit Day – Class Theme of Choice
- Feb. 1 Progress Reports sent home



## Progress Reports



In three weeks, students will be bringing home a progress report (Friday February 1st)! The report will be a strength-based snapshot of your child's learning during the first 5 months of the school year. In combination with conferences and other written or verbal communications that you may have already had with your child and/or your child's teachers, the report will most likely confirm your (and your child's) current understanding of their progress. Please use the report as a starting point for positive conversations with your child about his/her learning.

You may wish to:

- Ask your child to tell you more about the progress report comments that focus upon his/her strengths
- Look for the classroom teacher's suggestions for areas of growth and ways to support learning and make a goal with your child to support his/her growth
- Remember that a progress report is a snapshot – it doesn't highlight every strength and/or ability
- Recognize and celebrate your child's hard work, learning and perseverance!

The progress report will also identify how a child is progressing in relation to grade level expectations for many subject areas. A competency scale will use descriptive words (beginning, developing, applying and extending) to identify how a child is progressing on their own learning continuum.

BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	APPLYING	EXTENDING
I am just getting started.	I am getting there.	I get it.	I get it and go beyond what is expected of me.
I learn best with help.	I am beginning to do more and more on my own.	I can do it on my own.	I can teach it to a friend.

## January - March After School Programs at QM

There are three After School Programs being offered at Queen Mary this term. Families may wish to register their child for the following:

**Mad Science** - Mondays | 3:10pm – 4:10pm | January 14, 2019 – March 11, 2019 | \$133.33

**About Our Program:** Our hands-on, one-hour science programs are themed around a particular area of science and include topics such as electricity, magnetism, optics, biology and more. Programs are:



- Hands-on and inquiry-based
- Meet national and provincial curriculum standards
- Are led by trained, qualified and dynamic instructors
- Follow professional lesson plans
- Use unique equipment and original materials
- Are ideal for children in Kindergarten – Gr. 6

Register here: <https://register.madscience.org/vancouver/afterschool-register.aspx>

**SeaSmart** - Wednesdays | 3:00pm – 4:45pm | January 23, 2019 – March 13, 2019 | \$240.00



Sea Smart

**About Our Program:** Developed by a marine biologist in collaboration with BC-trained teachers, Sea Smart's hands-on after school programs help kids in Grades 1 to 4 develop essential skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork and leadership. This term's curriculum is titled "**Our Oceans**" and focuses on animals right off the coast of BC and the challenges they face. With all new games, activities, and material, your child will have a blast exploring new horizons, even if they have participated in programs with us before! Enroll your kids in Sea Smart's Ocean Explorer after school programs to embark on an exciting ocean adventure. Register here: <https://seasmartschool.com>

**Young Rembrandts** - Thursdays | 3:05pm - 4:15pm | January 24, 2019 – March 14, 2019 | \$148.00



Young Rembrandts®

**About Our Program:** Learning to draw can be fun, especially when we create silly characters, funny expressions and drawing sequences that tell a joke! This winter season, our ALL NEW cartoon drawing lessons will stoke your child's artistic fire. This delightful program, for ages 6-12, combines Young Rembrandts' innovative, step-by-step drawing method with light-hearted subject matter that engages children, their sense of humour, and their vivid imaginations.

Register Here: <https://www.youngrembrandts.com/programs/elementary.aspx>



### Queen Mary's Code of Conduct

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



### 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.