

QMS Weekly Newsletter



April 24, 2026

QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

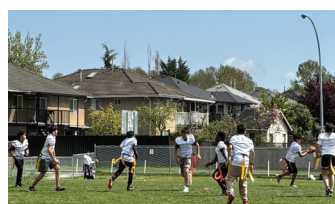
Important Dates

April 27	District Professional Development Day School closed
April 30	Last day of Exploratory Rotation #5
April 30	Football Play Day at EGMS
April 30	Grade 8 Boys Volleyball at EGMS
May 1	Field trip (Div. 5/6): Planetarium
May 4	Vaisakhi assembly in the Gym (9:10 a.m.)
May 4	Grade 8 Boys Volleyball vs. Cariboo (NWSS)
May 5	Exploratory Rotation #6 begins
May 7	Football Play Day at Mercer (1:00-4:00 p.m.)
May 7	Grade 8 Boys Volleyball vs. Moscrop (NWSS)
May 8	Field trip (Div. 7, 9, 11): Landmark Theatre

Principal's Message:

This past week was a busy one and included Earth week activities, field trips and sporting events. Thank you to Ms. Hin Wong and the Environment Club for organizing fun and informative activities for all our classes this week, especially Friday's book swap! On Tuesday & Wednesday, Grade 5 classes enjoyed spending the day at the Nikkei Museum & Cultural Centre learning about the history and heritage of Japanese Canadians.

In sports, QMS hosted a flag football play day on Thursday afternoon vs. FRMS & EGMS. We had a nice fan turnout, as well as several fundraising activities and a DJ! Thank you to our coaches, Mr. Ha & Ms. Grewall for helping organizing a fun event for our school community. Next week, the QMS team will have another play day at EGMS.



Meanwhile, our Grade 8 boys volleyball team battled hard but lost both their games this past week vs. Burnaby South (2-0) on Monday, and at Byrne Creek on (2-1) on Thursday. The team is 3-2 overall and will play their only game of the week at EGMS on Thursday.

Looking ahead to next week, we want to remind students that the school will be closed on Monday for the district-wide Professional Development Day. The school will reopen on Tuesday; with both the band and breakfast programs resuming on Tuesday morning. Finally, please check out the exciting QMS PAC Grad Fundraiser posted on page 6.

Enjoy your Sunday.

John Lekakis
QMS Principal



QMS PAC Neufeld Farms Fundraiser: **Order Now!**

All orders are due by Monday, April 27 (end of day).
All orders delivered to QMS on Tuesday, May 5 (4 p.m.)

<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2026-queensborough-middle-school>



Yearbook: Order your yearbook with the link below!

Link: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/>

Yearbook code: 13411626

Price: \$25.50

Deadline: **May 9**



QMS Student Learning Survey: **All Parents/Guardians**

While Grade 7 students will be completing the survey, we would like to invite parents/guardians to share their input by completing the survey using the link below:

https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access_Parent.asp



Queensborough Middle School

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Mathletes Math Club: Every Tuesday

The Mathletes Math Club will meet every Tuesday afterschool with Mr. Ha in Room



Fuel Up Lunch Program:

Order May lunches at:

<https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/fuel-up/online-ordering/>

Orders and changes must be made by noon, two days in advance of delivery.



Breakfast Program: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Students can enjoy a delicious and nutritious breakfast in the Foods Room every **Tuesday & Friday** morning (between 8:00-8:30 am) for only 50 cents.



If you would like to volunteer (one hour commitment) please email PAC Chair Don Doyle at qmspac2013@gmail.com

Thank you to our community volunteers for providing this wonderful program to our students!



QMS Learning Goal for 2025.2026

For the upcoming school year, our staff is engaging in professional learning in the areas of numeracy and literacy. For the last three years our school goal focused on developing the five SEL competencies with our students: self-awareness, self-management, relationship skills, social awareness and responsible decision-making. Stay tuned for more updates on our school learning plan.



We want you to help us

NAME OUR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!



Scan the QR code above to get started or visit: <http://newwestschools.ca/nameourschool>



The district's School Naming Committee is inviting name suggestions for our newest elementary school from families and the broader community from now until Friday, May 29.

Please use QR code above or the link below:

<https://newwestschools.ca/nameourschool>

Leaving School at Lunchtime

We have a closed campus at QMS.

We ask that students stay at school and not leave the school property and the adjacent park during lunchtime between 11:55 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

Students may go home for lunch **only** if they have a permission form signed by their parent or guardian. This form must be completed each year and is available at the office. **Please ask!** This form is for going home, not for visiting the Community Centre or a store.



Reporting Student Absences:

Call or email Queensborough Middle School at:

604-517-6040

Email: queensborough@sd40.bc.ca

Please notify the school by **9:00 a.m.** if you know your child will be absent or late for school. You may leave a phone message (please include your child's name and division #) at the school anytime of the day or night.

Please cut this out and put it on your fridge!



School Routines and Expectations:

School Mission:

At Queensborough Middle School we are dedicated to working together within a safe, caring, respectful learning environment to enable all students to reach their full potential as life-long learners and contributing global citizens.

QMS Values:

At Queensborough Middle School we value:

- ♦ respect for ourselves and others
- ♦ respect for learning
- ♦ respect for the environment

MISSION



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VALUES



QMS Vision:

- ♦ Our vision is that our students reach their full potential as caring, self-motivated people with good self-esteem and high standards.
- ♦ Our students are preparing to be contributing members of the global community through the development of life-long learning skills.
- ♦ Our local community is important to us and we are working together to share resources and develop appreciation of our heritage and history.

Reminders About the School Timetable:

- The first bell rings at **8:31** a.m. Students may enter the school at **8:25** a.m. (There is no supervision from staff members before or after school.)
- Nutrition Break is from **10:25** to **10:40** a.m. (Students are encouraged to bring healthy snacks and dress for the weather as we are outside most days.)
- Lunch is at **11:55** to **12:45** p.m. Students play outside first and come inside to eat their lunch at **12:25** p.m.
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school.
- Students are dismissed at **3:00** p.m.

Bell Schedule

8:31 a.m.	Welcoming Bell
8:36 a.m.	CHAT begins
8:40 a.m.	Morning classes begin
10:10 a.m.	Nutrition Break/recess
10:25 a.m.	Morning classes continue
11:55 a.m.	Lunch begins (outside)
12:25 p.m.	Students inside to eat
12:45 p.m.	Afternoon classes begin
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal



Youth Drop Info:

Attention all Grade 6, 7, & 8's!

Cost is \$1 or buy a Year Youth Membership for only \$21
 -Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Drop-In programs offer sports, crafts, games, baking, and much more!
 -On Tuesdays, swing by the Community Centre from 6-9 for Ping Pong, crafts, puzzles, and music.
 -Thursdays come chill at the Community Centre and listen to your favourite music, discover new artists, and travel back in time through tunes from 6 – 7:30pm.

-Youth Award Nominations are now out! Nominate an outstanding teen:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7eMnRJC_xaI_poPF8sNfK8eSFhUCMbPkbB7U2zVhTHYtFgg/viewform

-Youth Drop-In will be celebrating Pink Shirt day on Wednesday, February 25th. There will be fun games and great prizes to win!
 -Reminders: On Tuesdays from 3:00 – 9:00pm and Saturdays from 3:00-5:00pm, come hang out at the Queensborough Community Centre Multi-Purpose Room for Video Games, Board Games, Table Tennis, and more.

For more info on the Drop-In program, visit:
www.newwestyouth.ca or email Val at:
vmckinnon@newwestcity.ca



School Routines and Expectations:

QMS Code of Conduct

The QMS Code of Conduct follows the guidelines of the BC Human Rights Code. QMS Staff, Students, Parents and any visitors to the school are expected to follow the Code of Conduct.

The purpose of the QMS Code of Conduct and Code of Consequences:

- ◆ To establish and maintain a safe, caring and orderly environment for purposeful learning
- ◆ To clarify and publish expectations for student behavior at school, going to and from school, and while attending any school function or activity at any location
- ◆ To promote the values expressed in the **BC Human Rights Code** respecting the right of all individuals in accordance with the law-prohibiting discrimination based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation or gender identity-in respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service and facility in the school.

Acceptable Behaviour for QMS Students:

- ◆ Showing Respect, Compassion and Integrity
- ◆ Respecting self, others, the learning environment and the surrounding environment
- ◆ Helping to make the school a safe, caring and orderly place
- ◆ Informing an adult, in a timely manner (in advance, if possible) of incidents of bullying, harassment or intimidation
- ◆ Engaging in purposeful learning activities in a timely manner
- ◆ Acting in a manner that brings credit to QMS
- ◆ The use of personal digital devices at school is to be restricted for educational purposes, to promote online safety and focused learning environments.



Unacceptable Conduct for QMS Students:

- ◆ Behaviours that:
 - Interfere with the learning of others
 - Interfere with an orderly environment
 - Create unsafe conditions
- ◆ Acts of:
 - Bullying, harassment or intimidation
 - Physical violence
 - Retribution against a person who has reported incidents
 - Discrimination based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity (prohibited grounds set out in the **BC Human Rights Code**)
- ◆ Illegal acts, such as:
 - Possession, use or distribution of illegal or restricted substances
 - Possession or use of weapons
 - Theft of or damage to property

RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY

The unacceptable behaviours listed in the Code of Consequences are examples only and are not intended to be an all-inclusive list.

A student's medical, cognitive, social-emotional and personal profile must be considered in the determination of appropriate interventions and/or consequences. Therefore, the application of the school's Code of Conduct must take into account the student's ability to meet behavioural expectations.

Disciplinary action, wherever possible, is preventative and restorative, rather than merely punitive. The purpose of consequences for unacceptable behavior is to help students learn from mistakes and be proactive about preventing further inappropriate behaviour.

Safety First:

Safety to and from School:

Parents and Guardians:

Please take care when dropping off and picking up your children from school:

- ⇒ Drive slowly in the vicinity of the school and park
- ⇒ Watch for pedestrians
- ⇒ Don't stop in or block the crosswalks
- ⇒ Please park in legal, designated areas



Students:

Be Aware of Your Surroundings:

Pay attention when walking to and from school. Watch out for moving vehicles at driveways, back lanes and parking lots. If you are listening to music, remove an ear piece before crossing the street or walking in less populated areas.

Team Up:

It is safer and more fun to walk to school with family or friends. If something unusual happens on your way to or from school, report the incident immediately to an adult you know and trust.

Check the school website for our "Best Routes to School" brochure for maps and safety tips for walking and cycling to school, and the following link for Back to School Safety Tips:

<https://www.tranbc.ca/2015/09/01/prepare-to-be-schooled-bc-is-back-to-school/>

Personal electronic devices:

If students have an electronic device that they want to use for personal reasons on the way to and from school, they must lock it in their locker as soon as they arrive at school.



At times, teachers may permit students to bring devices into the classroom for educational purposes; otherwise they should be secured in their lockers. Emergency phone calls can be made at the office during the day.

Please note that any personal items brought to school are at the student's own risk - the school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

In keeping with the new BC Ministry of Education's Ministerial Order M89 (and AP 104 District Code of Conduct), **"The use of personal digital devices at school is to be restricted for educational purposes, to promote online safety and focused learning environments."**

Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards:

Many students ride bikes, scooters or skateboards to school. For your child's safety, please ensure that they are wearing an approved helmet. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Scooters & skateboards can be stored in the blue cage located by near the counselling office.



Visitors:

Please report to the office when visiting the school:

Please sign in at the office when entering the school. We need to be aware of all visitors to the school and identifying yourself with one our "visitor" badges is helpful to staff who may not know you.

Student Planners:

The planner is a powerful organizational tool for students and an important means of communication between parents and teachers.

Students are expected to write homework assignments in their planners each day, and we ask that parents sign the planner each evening.

The cost of the planner is \$10 and can be purchased through School Cash Online.





QMS PAC Grad Fundraiser:

QMS GRAD FUNDRAISER

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF PRIZES INCLUDING:

**GRAND
PRIZE**

**1 ROUND TRIP FLIGHT FOR TWO
TO ANY REGULARLY SCHEDULED WESTJET DESTINATION**

AND MANY MORE

- \$10 - SINGLE TICKET**
- \$20 - FOR 3 TICKETS**
- \$50 - FOR 20 TICKETS**



DEADLINE TO PURCHASE - MIDNIGHT, MAY 22ND • DRAW - FRIDAY, MAY 29TH @ 1PM



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QMS PAC Grade 8 Fundraiser:



Thank you to our PAC for setting up a Grade 8 fundraiser account at the Queensborough Landing Return-it Depot. Families can take in their cans/bottles (at the counter) and donate proceeds to Account #1160, or provide our school phone number (604-517-6040).

Previous attachment



CAN ♻️ BOTTLE Fundraising



**HELP SUPPORT THE GRADE 8
QMS GRAD CLASS OF 2026!**



**QUEENSBOROUGH
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

You can easily donate your empty, returnable containers to support our QMS Grade Class of 2026!



**NO SORTING
NECESSARY!**



Queensborough Landing
Unit A - 409 Boyne Street
New Westminster, BC V3M 5K2

OR

**STEP 1: Inform the cashier that
your donation is for**

Account #1160



PROVIDE: QMS School TEL:

604-517-6040



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





Community News:



Building Pathways Through Art, Storytelling & Wellbeing

BURNABY COHORT

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY,
BOB PRITTE METROTOWN
BRANCH
6100 WILLINGDON AVE,
BURNABY BC V5H 4N5
(COMMUNITY ROOM 1)



APR. 21 - JUN 18
ON TUES & THURS
5- 7 PM



**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO SIGN UP TODAY!**

Are you 13 to 19 years old? From another country? Finding your place?
Join us!

Why Join?

- Meet new friends & learn new skills
- Get volunteer hours
- Snacks provided!
- Free to join!

What We'll Do?

- Create personal maps based on your future goals and identity.
- Collaborate on a group artwork with Taryn Walker, a professional artist from Burnaby's Public Art Roster, display it in a community space, and celebrate belonging and hope.

✉ Questions? Email us to woven-futures@mosaicbc.org





Queensborough Middle School

New West Royals Soccer:

Since 1993

Soccer Day Camps

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Keep the SAVINGS Rolling,
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- ✔ July & August weeks
- ✔ Morning & Full Day sessions
- ✔ Ages 5 to 13
- ✔ Before & After Care available

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 royalsoccerclub.com

 800-427-0536

Mornings Starting from **\$165** /week

Full Days Starting from **\$249** /week

* Limited time, discounts vary, see website
Additional discounts for week 1 & 6 (4 day weeks)



Online Consent Forms:

SchoolCashOnline
KEV GROUP

Fast. Safe. Convenient.

Register Today!

Purchase these items and more online.

Use your computer, tablet or smartphone to register and pay online.



1. Create Your Profile

Go to our school website at queensboroughschool.ca click the "Fees and Forms" button and then the green "REGISTER AND LOGIN HERE" link or go to: <https://newwestschools.schoolcashonline.com/> and click on "Get Started Today".

2. Confirm Your Email

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

- I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

3. Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

Why sign up for School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees.

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Stop sending your child to school with money.
- ✓ Get automatic email notifications about upcoming school fees and activities.

Which payment methods are accepted?



Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.



eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck on School Cash Online.



myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for your child's fees on School Cash Online. myWallet also allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date.

Interac Online

Pay directly from your bank account with Interac Online.



For more information, contact Parent Helpdesk at parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or 1.866.961.1803

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