

QMS Weekly Newsletter



May 22, 2026
QMS Tsunami

Queensborough Middle School

Important Dates

May 22	QMS Musical Chairs (1:00 p.m.) in Gym
May 25	Fruit & veggie delivery (mini cucumbers)
May 28	Earthquake drill
May 28	Grade 5 Track & Field Meet
May 29	Grade 8 tours at NWSS (a.m.)
June 2	QE Grade 4 tours of QMS (10:45-11:45 a.m.)
June 2	Field Trip (Div. 12-15): Bowling
June 3	Soak A Grade 8 Fundraiser (2:30-3:30 p.m.)
June 4	Fire drill
June 4	Last day of Exploratory Rotation #6
June 5	Field Trip (Div. 14): Seymour Watershed
June 5	QE Sports Day
June 9	Field Trip (Div. 1-4): Ambleside Beach
June 10	QMS Band Concert in the Gym (6:30 p.m.)

Principal's Message:

Well, it was another four-day week at QMS. On Tuesday, we had some furry guests visiting the Grade 8 classes, courtesy of the UBC 'Bunny Therapy' program. On Wednesday, we had a couple of field trips as Division 15 toured the Coquitlam watershed, while our Grade 8 band students enjoyed a jam session with the NWSS band. On Thursday, Divisions 1-4 participated in a workshop with District Principal (Indigenous Education & Equity) Sanj Johal on the 'power of language'. Also on Thursday, we had dozens of students flexing their math muscles by participating in the Gauss math contest. The highlight of the week was on Friday afternoon as our students dressed up in their house colours and gathered in the Gym for our annual musical chairs event. Congrats to our winner Arman (Gr. 8- Div. 1), and our runner-up Askiyar (Gr. 5 - Div. 14)! Thank you to Ms. Takhar and her leadership students for organizing such a fun event. See more photos on page 6.



In sports, our Grade 8 boys volleyball team played two matches on Wednesday night. The team won their semi-final match vs. Moscrop, but despite a valiant effort, the team lost in the final vs. Alpha Secondary. Way to go Tsunami! Congrats to our players on their successful season, and thank you to our coaches and sponsors (Ms. Weick & Mr. Rai and Coach Billy) for all their encouragement and support!



Enjoy your weekend!

John Lekakis
QMS Principal



Moving Schools Next Year?

If you are moving to a new school or out of district for September 2026, please notify the school as soon as possible to help us plan for next year.

Please contact the QMS office or email:
jlekakis@sd40.bc.ca



Personal electronic devices: **REMINDER**

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At times, teachers may permit students to use devices in classrooms for educational purposes; otherwise they should be secured in their lockers. Emergency phone calls can be made at the office during the day. Any personal items brought to school are at the student's own risk - the school is not responsible for lost/stolen or damaged items.



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/>

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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 Musical Chairs:





Queensborough Middle School

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: Kinsight



NOW & NEXT BY PARENTS, FOR PARENTS

Now and Next is an evidence-based, internationally recognised program designed to help you create a vision and plan for yourself, your child, and your family. It's a chance to turn I wish into I'm going to. To find out more about the program, scan the video QR code below. We know your time and energy are precious. In just a few sessions, you'll walk away with:

- Clarity and confidence in setting goals for yourself, your child and your family
- A practical toolkit to help you make the most of services, even when funding is limited
- Strategies for partnering with professionals and other supports
- Renewed energy and hope for what's ahead

You're not alone on this journey – Now & Next alumni stay connected through a growing parent network. We invite parents and caregivers of children with extra support needs up to 8 years old to join us.

FREE | 5 SESSIONS
[REGISTER NOW](#)



MAY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH & JUNE 3RD
12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

The Welcome Centre
820 6th St, New Westminster

Questions? Contact Rebecca at rfisher@kinsight.org



Community News: FIFA Watch Party (June 18)

Fired Up for Football - Watch Parties

Ryall Park
City of New Westminster

April 10, 2026

The City of New Westminster is hosting a series of events under the **Fired Up for Football campaign**. Ignite your soccer spirit by watching Team Canada compete against the world's best teams.

The viewing event **Canada vs. Qatar** in Ryall Park is on **Thursday, June 18** from **2pm – 5.30pm** with the actual match starting at **3pm**.

The viewing area is located on the field in front of Queensborough Middle School with activities and food located in the Ryall Park area.

As we are trying to anticipate capacity and the need for any additional programming/viewing areas, please let us know if you are planning to attend with your class.

To sign up your class, please email creilich@newwestcity.ca by **May 1st**. Please include

- Estimated number of children and adult chaperones
- Age group of children
- Your School

We are excited to share in the excitement of the world's biggest tournament in our community with you.

Contact Us: Special Event Coordinator Carina Reilich, creilich@newwestcity.ca

More info about the Fired Up for Football events: <https://www.newwestcity.ca/fired-up>



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Community News: Caprice Artistic Swimming

Try-It

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ARTISTIC SWIMMING 

Does your child love the water?

Join us for Artistic Swimming Try-It sessions - the perfect way to discover a sport that combines swimming, dance, and gymnastics!

Space is limited; sign up today!

Ages 8 and over.

Need to be able to swim 50m unassisted.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

E-Mail: registration@capriceswim.ca

Sunday Evenings in June

6:00-7:00pm or 7:00-8:00pm

Fred Randall Pool, Burnaby



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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