

# QMS Weekly Newsletter



June 12, 2026

*QMS Tsunami*

## Queensborough Middle School

### Important Dates

June 16	Grade 8 dinner/dance at Bonsor (5:00-9:00 p.m.)
June 17	QMS PAC Hot Lunch fundraiser (McDonald's)
June 17	QMS PAC Meeting in the Library (7:00 p.m.)
June 18	Field Trip (Div. 5-11): Playland
June 18	FIFA watch party on QMS field (2:30-7:00 p.m.) See page 7-8
June 19	Field Trip (Div. 1-4): Cultus Lake
June 19	Field Trip (Div. 12-15): Moody pool
June 22	QMS Sports Day (June 23 - backup sports day)
June 24	School Year-end assembly (10:30 a.m.) in Gym
June 25	Report cards published
June 25	Last day for students
June 25	Grade 8 School Leaving Ceremony (12:45 p.m.)
July 6	Office closed for summer break

### Principal's Message:

We are down to our final two weeks of the school year! This past week students were finishing up projects, presentations and assessments as the third term winds down. On Tuesday, Divisions 1-4 enjoyed a fun day exploring Granville Island. On Wednesday night, our beginner and advanced band students performed together for a lovely evening of music. The spring band concert was bittersweet as it marked Ms. Stephen's last QMS concert as she is retiring at the end of the school year. Thank you to Ms. Stephen for all her dedication, support and encouragement of our band students as they pursued their musical goals. On Thursday, our QMS classes gathered in the Gym for our annual QMS' Got Talent event where we showcased and celebrated the unique talents and skills of our students (see p.6). Congratulations to all our participants for taking risks and building confidence by sharing their gifts with our school community. Special thanks to Mr. Ha for organizing this wonderful opportunity for our students.



With warmer weather setting in, students are reminded to stay hydrated and to dress appropriately for their learning. Students are expected to follow our school's code of conduct and to continue to be respectful and responsible with their behaviours - in order to ensure a successful completion of the school year.

Enjoy your weekend!

John Lekakis  
QMS Principal



### QMS PAC Meeting: Wednesday, June 17 (7 p.m.)

Please join us for our last meeting of the year. We're looking for parents/guardians to fill vacancies on our PAC executive. Without a PAC, QMS won't be eligible for provincial grants/funds.

**PLEASE JOIN US**

June is  
Indigenous  
Peoples' History  
Month

National  
Indigenous  
History  
Month  
#NIHM2026



Canada



June is Pride Month



### Breakfast Program:

This will be our last week of our breakfast program. Thank you again to all our parent and student volunteers for all their support of the program!



**THANK YOU!**



# Upcoming Events and Reminders:



## Queensborough Bus Program (to NWSS):

Registration for the 2026-27 Queensborough bus program is now open and **closes on June 26 at 4 p.m.**

## 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](mailto:jlekakis@sd40.bc.ca)

This program is exclusive to NWSS students living in Queensborough, verified by home address. Please also note the following:

- Service aligns with Block A (8 a.m.) and B (9:24 a.m.) start times, and Block D (2:18 p.m.) and E (3:42 p.m.) end times. Students will be assigned a bus based on their address and five-block schedule. Schedules will adjust for early dismissals.
- You do not need to know your student's exact schedule to register.
- The pilot service costs \$30 per student per month (flat rate for one-way or round-trip). Fees are collected via School Cash Online once eligibility is confirmed.
- Bus schedules, stops, and payment details will be shared the week of August 31.
- **We cannot accommodate courtesy rides for students living outside Queensborough.** Queensborough students must register by **June 26 at 4 p.m.** For applications submitted after this date, staff will make every effort to accommodate eligible riders, but cannot guarantee space.

## 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 [qmpac2013@gmail.com](mailto:qmpac2013@gmail.com)

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



[Click here to register!](#)

## 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.



## Leaving School at Lunchtime

We have a closed campus at QMS.



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: **604-517-6040**

Email: [queensborough@sd40.bc.ca](mailto: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.

## 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



### 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

<b>8:31 a.m.</b>	Welcoming Bell
<b>8:36 a.m.</b>	CHAT begins
<b>8:40 a.m.</b>	Morning classes begin
<b>10:10 a.m.</b>	Nutrition Break/recess
<b>10.25 a.m.</b>	Morning classes continue
<b>11:55 a.m.</b>	Lunch begins (outside)
<b>12:25 p.m.</b>	Students inside to eat
<b>12:45 p.m.</b>	Afternoon classes begin
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	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!

#### GRADE 5 DAY IS ON FRIDAY, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026!

If you are in Grade 5, Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> is your first opportunity to attend the after-school Drop-In program! Come play games, do activities, win prizes, and hang out with your friends and cool staff. Stay for dinner, served around 6pm. Drop-In costs \$1 per time or you can buy an annual pass for \$21 at the Queensborough Community Centre!

Drop-in happens every Monday and Wednesday from 3:15 -5:15pm and every Friday from 3:15-9:00pm, and will happen all summer long!

If parents have questions, please email Val at [vmckinnon@newwestcity.ca](mailto:vmckinnon@newwestcity.ca)



For more info on the Drop-In program, visit: [www.newwestyouth.ca](http://www.newwestyouth.ca) or email Val at: [vmckinnon@newwestcity.ca](mailto: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:**

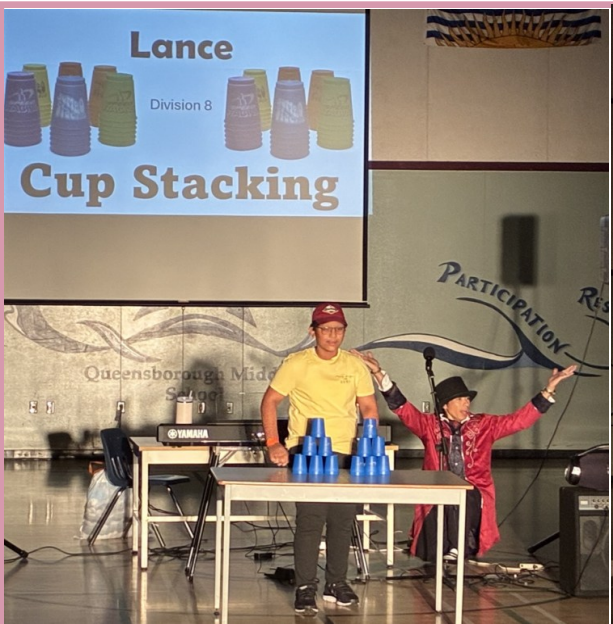
The planner is a powerful organizational tool for students and an important means of communication between parents and teachers.

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' Got Talent:



## Community News: FIFA Watch Party (June 18)

# Queensborough Neighbourhood Connection Party Thursday, June 18

Fired Up for Football  
Information for families

### What:

Just a few more days and the world's biggest sports tournament is kicking off. To celebrate this once in a lifetime occasion, the City of New Westminster has put together a series of events that feature all kinds of sporty and cultural activities. The Fired Up for Football campaign is in full swing and will make a stop in Queensborough on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> for the Queensborough Neighbourhood Connection Party.

We invite you to join us in watching the match Canada vs. Qatar on a large LED screen on the field of the Queensborough Middle School, as well as enjoy food vendors, free activities for all ages and music and dance performances. The event will take place from 2.30pm – 7pm with the match kickoff at 3.00pm. Perfect timing for a free after school activity!

### Traffic and Parking Impacts:

This event will impact traffic in the area, especially during school pick-up time.

- There will be no access to Carter St from Salter St starting at 2.30pm due to a road closure for the event.
- The parking lot of Queensborough Community Centre is still accessible from Ewen Ave.
- Some parking on Salter St will be reserved for the work vehicles related to the event.

Please plan for extra time if you are picking up your child from school and be mindful of more activity than usual in the area. You may want to walk to the area rather than drive if possible.

Police and Traffic Management Personnel will be present on Salter St to help with the flow of traffic and ensure the safety for all members of the public. They will also be



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helping with the safe drop off of students from the field trip to Playland on the same day. The returning students will be dropped off on Ewen St.

We highly recommend you walk or take other modes of transportation if possible.

Please see map for more details on no parking zones and the road closure:



We hope you are just as fired up for this event as we are! Come out and cheer on Canada (or Qatar) while watching on a huge screen, do some crafts, eat delicious food and hang out with your neighbours and friends. It's time to connect in Queensborough!

Questions: please contact Carina Reilich in the City's Community Events Office at [creilich@newwestcity.ca](mailto:creilich@newwestcity.ca) or 672-964-2855 if you have questions.





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!**



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

**Account #1160**



**OR**

**PROVIDE: QMS School TEL:**

**604-517-6040**



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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## Football Registration:



# FALL SEASON REGISTRATION

*Unleash Your Potential. Football & Cheerleading.*

**MERCER STADIUM...**

**MERCER STADIUM, NEW WESTMINSTER**

**Who can join?**

- Ages: 6-18
- On all football & cheer enthusiasts, regardless of experience level.

**What to know?**

- Practices: Tuesday & Thursday
- Games: Fridays/Saturdays
- Cheerleading available!
- Register now for Fall!

**REGISTER  
HERE**



 [WWW.RCHFC.HYACKFOOTBALL.COM](http://WWW.RCHFC.HYACKFOOTBALL.COM)  @RCHFC

## HUB Bicycle Program Survey: Parent Feedback

Please help us improve the Bike Bus program for next year!

This year your school took part in the [HUB Cycling Bike Bus Program](#).

We need answers from **all families** - **even if your child did not ride the Bike Bus**. Your feedback helps us keep this program completely free.

Please click our quick survey link or use the QR code below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMShmTxS7xloc-hn-N\\_RC-G-BQXrl2vIBhcJmfp\\_WbhTsb5A/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMShmTxS7xloc-hn-N_RC-G-BQXrl2vIBhcJmfp_WbhTsb5A/viewform?usp=header)



**CLICK ON LINK BELOW:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMShmTxS7xloc-hn-N\\_RC-G-BQXrl2vIBhcJmfp\\_WbhTsb5A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMShmTxS7xloc-hn-N_RC-G-BQXrl2vIBhcJmfp_WbhTsb5A/viewform)

- **Did your child ride with us?** Tell us what they liked!
- **Did your child NOT ride with us?** Tell us how we can help you join next year!

The deadline to complete the [End of Season Survey](#) is June 25. We only need one reply per household.

*Please note: All information provided is strictly confidential and used solely for program evaluation and funding applications. While we might use some quotes to highlight our impact, everyone will remain completely anonymous.*

Thank you for your time and support!

Mónica Perea

**Bike Education | HUB Cycling**

leave a voicemail: 604-558-2002

312 Main St., Vancouver, BC V6A 2T2

## Community News:

NEW TO NEW WEST INTERCULTURAL FESTIVAL AND INFORMATION FAIR PRESENTS

# Meet with Resume Experts

A unique opportunity for newcomers to get one-on-one guidance from experts- all in one place!

- ✓ Learn the latest resume trends
- ✓ Understand the do's and don'ts
- ✓ Get one to one help to refine your resume and stand out to potential employers



New Westminster Secondary School  
820 Sixth Street, New Westminster, BC  
Saturday June 20, 2026  
11:30 am -1:30 pm

Bring your resume and two job postings



And the participation of



## Community News: CYMH Brochure

### FOR YOUR FIRST VISIT

No appointments are required for first-time visitors – simply walk-in during the hours listed on this pamphlet. Please note that there may be a short wait for your interview as the intake clinic is for drop-ins only. Priority may also be given to individuals who are in urgent need.

Parents/caregivers are encouraged to only bring the child/youth who is seeking services with them to the intake clinic, as child-minding is not provided on-site.

Older children and youth are encouraged to attend the intake clinic with their families. Youth do have the option of attending the clinic on their own as a private self-referral.

### INTAKE LOCATION & CLINIC SCHEDULE

**New Address**  
**Effective May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**#201-237 East Columbia Street**  
**New Westminster, BC V3L 3W4**  
**Phone: 604-660-9495 (press 1)**

**Tuesdays 9:00am – 12:30pm**

Please call if you have any questions or are in urgent need of service.

**In case of an emergency after hours, please visit your local hospital or call 9-1-1.**

For children, youth and families who are seeking specialized services, such as:

North Fraser Eating Disorder Program  
Phone: 604-469-7600



**Child and Youth  
Mental Health Intake  
Clinic for Families in  
New Westminster, BC**

Provided by the  
Ministry of Children  
and Family Development



## Community News: CYMH Brochure...

### WHO WE ARE

Our publicly-funded Child and Youth Mental Health teams provide a range of assessment and treatment options for children, youth (0-18 years) and their families.

Our programs are designed to support children and youth who are experiencing significant difficulties related to their thoughts, feelings, and behaviours.

### WHAT WE DO

#### OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- ✓ *Intake and referral*
- ✓ *Consultations*
- ✓ *Various assessments*
- ✓ *Individual treatment*
- ✓ *Group treatment*
- ✓ *Parenting programs*
- ✓ *Education events*
- ✓ *Community planning*

#### CONCERNS MOST COMMONLY ADDRESSED BY OUR CENTRES:

- ✓ *Feelings of anxiety*
- ✓ *Low or cycling moods*
- ✓ *Experiences of trauma*
- ✓ *Behaviour difficulties*
- ✓ *Suicidal thinking*

### HOW IT WORKS

Children, youth, and families can begin a referral by attending the CYMH intake clinic for a screening interview. This initial meeting will typically be 45-90 minutes in length.

Upon completion of this interview, a CYMH clinician will provide you with information and details on the next steps in the process.

In the New Westminster area, the intake clinic is provided each week.

**NO appointment is necessary.**

Please refer to the back pages of this pamphlet for details.



# Online Consent Forms:

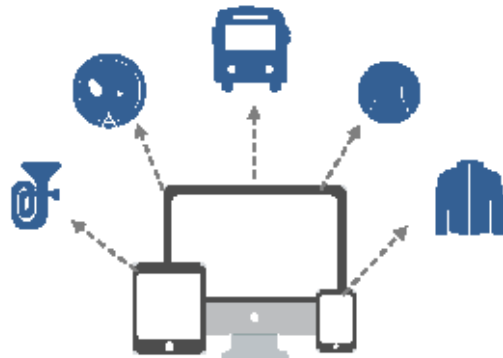
SchoolCashOnline  
KEV GROUP

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](http://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](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com) or 1.866.961.1803

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