

# QMS Newsletter



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## Queensborough Middle School

### Upcoming Dates

June 6	Fire Drill
June 7	Last day to sign out Library books & materials
June 7	QE grade 4 tours of the school
June 14	Grade 5 classes to Riverport Entertainment Complex
June 15	Queensborough Children's Festival 11 am-2 pm Ryall Park
June 17	Grade 8 classes to Big Splash Water Park
June 19	QMS Sports Day & Lunch (weather permitting. Alternate day is June 20)
June 19	PAC Meeting AGM 6:30 pm in the Library
June 20	Yearbooks handed out
June 21	Grade 6 & 7 classes to Playland
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples' Day Div. 1, 2 & 3 to Moody Park
June 24	Grade 8 Boat Cruise
June 25	Robotics Club to VEX IQ competition NWSS
June 26	Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony 9:15 a.m. Gym
June 26	Grade 8 Grad Potluck Lunch 11 a.m. MPR
June 27	Last day of school before Summer Break Regular School Day 3 p.m. Dismissal
June 27	Year End Assembly 9:15 a.m. Gym
June 27	Term 3 Report Cards home
June 28	Administration Day Students do not attend
July 8 to August 23	School office closed for Summer Break Office closed Monday, July 2 for the Canada Day Statutory Holiday
August 26	School office is open for registrations
August 27-29	Summer Pro-D Days for QMS Staff
September 2	Labour Day School closed
September 3	School reopens after Summer Break 9:36 a.m. dismissal
September 4	Regular Day of School 3:00 p.m. dismissal

### Principal's Message:

June is here already and is shaping up to be very busy and exciting! Students are continuing to work hard on their studies, and details for Sports Day and year end field trips are being finalized. Amidst this "busyness" it is important we take the time to reflect upon the year and celebrate our accomplishments. Our year end assemblies are just one of the ways we do this. Parents and guardians are welcome to join us for our Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony and Year End assembly on the mornings of June 26 & 27 respectively. As a staff, we are looking at ways to honour the hard work and learning of all of our students, and will be introducing a change this year to phase out our Awards Ceremony (see page 2 for more details).

Our school has continued to explore how instilling a growth mindset helps us all with our learning. This year we looked at the roles feedback, strategies, and multiple opportunities to demonstrate understanding play in improving outcomes for our students. We are gratified by our students' progress this year, and will continue to examine our teaching and assessment practices to best support our school's "growth mindset" and student achievement.

It has been a pleasure to work with our fine team of educators and support workers at QMS. For those leaving us this year, including Vice Principal Lekakis, we wish you all the best ...we will miss you! Thank you parents, guardians and community members for your involvement and support. Together we make QMS a wonderful place to be and learn!

Wishing all of you a wonderful summer filled with sunshine and good times with family and friends,



Lisa Nasato

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# Celebrating Student Learning:

## QMS Learning Goal for 2018.2019:

We believe that all students can achieve at high levels with effort, perseverance, resilience and the right set of strategies. We hope to develop these skills in our students by ensuring that our classroom assessment practices:

- provide specific and timely feedback to students (from teachers and peers)
- provide students with opportunities to learn, develop and assess their strategies
- give students multiple opportunities to show what they know



## Changes to our Year End Celebrations:

The 2018.2019 school year is almost over! We are looking forward to celebrating the many talents, strengths, interests and successes of our students at our Year End assemblies:



<b>Wednesday, June 26</b>	<b>Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Gym</b>
<b>Thursday, June 27</b>	<b>Year End Assembly</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Gym</b>

Parents, guardians and family members are welcome to join us!

Three years ago, staff and students made a commitment to become a “Growth Mindset” school, one where students achieve at their highest abilities with effort, perseverance, resilience and the right set of strategies. Students with a growth mindset persist in the face of learning challenges, realizing that their abilities and intelligence can be developed over time. Students with a growth mindset outperform other students with fixed mindsets who focus solely on grades (Dweck).

At QMS, we’d like to empower all students to reach their highest potential. As a school, we have committed to growing our collective abilities and intelligence. Our annual School Learning Plans (“growth mindset”, “growth mindset” assessment and “growth mindset” feedback) have been developed each year to ensure our instructional practices better align with the Redesigned Curriculum and our “Growth Mindset” focus. As the school year is coming to a close, we are looking at ways we might recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our students in ways that are more “Growth Mindset” friendly.

As a start to this process, the learning and achievements of our grade 5 students will be recognized and celebrated in a novel way at our year end assembly in June. Grade 5s are currently reflecting upon their challenges and successes this year, and deciding on how they will share this with the school and parent/guardian community on June 27. Instead of participating in year end awards, the grade 5s will begin a new tradition of celebrating learning at QMS, one that the whole school will adopt and build upon next year. As our school mission is dedicated to supporting and empowering all students in reaching their full potential as life-long learners, we are excited to refine the ways in which we acknowledge and celebrate the learning of each and every child.

We are looking forward to a productive and fun end to the school year, and look forward to welcoming our QMS families to our year end celebrations.



# QMS School Calendar for 2018.2019:



New Westminster School District No. 40

## QUEENSBOROUGH MIDDLE 2019 - 2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY		
	Start	End
Welcoming Bell	8:31 a.m.	-
CHAT (Homework, Attendance, Communication, Touch Base)	8:36 a.m.	8:40 a.m.
Block 1	8:40 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
Block 2	9:25 a.m.	10:10 a.m.
Nutrition Break	10:10 a.m.	10:25 a.m.
Block 3	10:25 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Block 4	11:10 a.m.	11:55 a.m.
Lunch Break	11:55 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
Block 5	12:45 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Block 6	1:30 p.m.	2:15 p.m.
Block 7	2:15 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Dismissal	3:00 p.m.	-

CALENDAR INFORMATION		
Date	Event	Explanation/Purpose
<b>2019</b>		
Tuesday, August 27	Professional Development Day	
Wednesday, August 28	Professional Development Day	
Thursday, August 29	Professional Development Day	
Tuesday, September 3	School Opening	Students dismissed at 9:36 a.m.
Monday, September 23	Non-instructional Day	School closed for students
Wednesday, October 2	Collaboration Day	Early Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday	School closed
Wednesday, October 23	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences	Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 24	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences	Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
Friday, October 25	Provincial Pro D Day	School closed for students
Friday, November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly	11 a.m. in the Gym
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday	School closed
Tuesday, November 12	Non-instructional Day – in Lieu	School closed for students
Friday, December 13	Term 1 report cards sent home	
December 20	Last Day of School before Winter Break	Regular School Day
December 23, 2019 – January 3, 2020	Winter Vacation	School closed
<b>2020</b>		
Monday, January 6	Schools reopen	
Tuesday, February 4	Collaboration Day	Early Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.
Wednesday, February 12	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences	Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 13	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences	Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
Friday, February 14	Non-instructional Day	School closed for students
Monday, February 17	Family Day	School closed
Thursday, March 12	Term 2 report cards sent home	
Friday, March 13	Last Day of School before Spring Break	Regular School Day
March 16 – 27	Spring Break	School closed
Monday, March 30	Schools reopen	
Thursday, April 9	Non-instructional Day - in Lieu	School closed for students
Friday, April 10	Good Friday Statutory Holiday	School closed
Monday, April 13	Easter Monday Holiday	School closed
Friday, May 15	Non-instructional Day - in Lieu	School closed for students
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day Statutory Holiday	School closed
Thursday, June 25	Last Day for Students	Dismissal time: 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 25	Term 3 report cards sent home	
Friday, June 26	Administrative Day	School closed for students

A copy of the 2019.2020 QMS School Calendar has been emailed home to all families. It has also been posted to the school website.

Please note the change to our timetable. Nutrition Break and Lunch will be earlier in the day than in past years.

## School Events and Reminders:

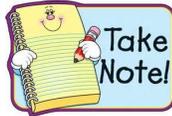
### Mark your Calendars:

**Thurs., June 27** Last day of school for students  
3 pm dismissal

**Mon., Sept. 2** Labour Day

**Tues., Sept. 3** First Day of School  
9:36 am dismissal

**Wed., Sept. 4** Regular Day of School  
3 pm dismissal



### Report Cards:

Please SIGN  
and return....

Term 3 report cards will be sent home with students on:

**June 27th**

If you have not already signed and returned your child's report card envelope from term 2, please do so as soon as possible so that it may be reused for final reports. Thank you.

### Library:

The last day to check out books is  
**Friday, June 7.**  
This allows students to enjoy the books and then return them in time for Summer Break.



### Students Returning to QMS in September:

Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child **will not** be attending QMS for the 2019/2020 school year. It helps us project our next year's enrolment. Likewise, please let us know if your child(ren) **will be late** returning from Summer Break so that we may hold their spot.

Please contact:

Lisa Nasato ([lnasato@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:lnasato@sd40.bc.ca))  
or  
The office by calling (604) 517-6040



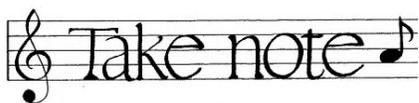
### Band:

Thank you to those families who joined us for our Spring Band concert on the evening of May 29. Congratulations to our Beginning and Junior band members, and to Ms. Milner for a evening filled with music!

Forms for students interested in joining and continuing with band for the 2019.2020 school year have been sent home. All students in grade 6, 7 & 8 are welcome to join.

Band class will be held before school for those students who sign up on a first come first served basis. Inquiries regarding the band program can be directed to Anne Marie Milner at [amilner@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:amilner@sd40.bc.ca).

**We are able to offer band only if there is sufficient interest in the program.**



### School Supply Lists and Orders:

School supply lists and School Start order forms have been sent home. These lists have also been posted to the school's website. School supplies may be ordered on-line or by returning the completed order form with payment to the office on or before **Wed., June 20.**

**We strongly encourage students to reuse existing school supplies before making additional school supply purchases. The above PAC fundraiser is offered as a courtesy and is OPTIONAL.**



**Don't forget to check the Lost and Found before Summer Break!**

## School Events and Reminders:

### Breakfast Drop-In:



All QMS & QE students are invited to eat their breakfast in the Foods Room each school day beginning at **8 a.m.** The cost of breakfast is **50 cents** and students can pay on those mornings they participate. Students may also pre-pay for upcoming days if they wish. **All students are welcome!**

### Strawberry Waffle Fridays!



Our wonderful community volunteers are going above and beyond by offering Strawberry Waffles with whipped cream on Fridays until the end of the school year. The cost...**only 50 cents!** Encourage your child(ren) to join us for a sweet start to the day on Fridays.

### Yearbook:

Yearbooks will be given out on **Thursday, June 20**. We strongly recommend that each student write their name on their yearbook cover as soon as it is received.

Students enjoy writing personal notes in each other's yearbooks. Each year, we remind students that comments written in yearbooks must be **appropriate** and we ask that parents also have that discussion with their children.

Thank you to all of the families who supported us by purchasing a yearbook. We reached our goal of selling over 125 books! We are now sold out! Thanks are due to our yearbook club members for capturing and documenting the 2018.2019 school year. A special shout out to Ms. Schweers and Ms. Mannix for sponsoring the club.

As we await the exciting arrival of our 2019.2020 yearbook, it is time to think ahead to next year. Yearbooks will be on sale early in the year. We will need to sell at least **150 books** to guarantee we go ahead with production. We look forward to you investing early so that we can make our QMS memories last forever!

### Sports Day:



On **Wed., June 19** students will be participating in our QMS Sports Day. There will be eight stations of activities for the students, a tug-o-war and sprints. In case of inclement weather, our alternate day will be **Thurs., June 20**.

For lunch, we will be having pizza. Parents, guardians and siblings (non QE students) are welcome to come and watch the events and join us in the pizza lunch.

A notice was sent home with students on **Thurs., May 30** with more information. If you are planning to join us on Sports Day, please complete the indicated portion of that notice and return it to school on or before **Fri., June 7** so that the PAC can order the correct amount of pizza.

Thank you to our PAC for providing lunch to our students and family spectators, and to our Breakfast Club volunteers for their assistance with lunch on Sports Day. We hope you can join us at some point during the day!

### PRIDE Club:



Our PRIDE Club will be working at the Queensborough Children's Festival on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is "We All Have Sparkle". We will be selling small packages of Sparkle Slime for \$1.00. We are also sponsoring a Photo Booth with props and each family can have a free picture taken in our Photo Booth. Stop in and visit us as we want to help you find your "sparkle".

### Peer Pals:

Our Peer Pal Program has been a great learning experience for our Q.M.S. participants. We have enjoyed building ongoing relationships between our students and our Q.E.E. neighbours. The program will end on June 21<sup>st</sup> and we look forward to being invited back to Q.E.E. as Peer Pals in September 2019.

Thank you to Ms. Nasato and Mr. Manville for their ongoing support of the program and to our Peer Pal participants who volunteered one lunch hour a week as Playground Problem Solvers.

# SchoolCashOnline:

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Fast. Safe. Convenient.

## Register Today!

### 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.

### Steps 1 and 2 – Do Now

#### 1. Now - 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.

### Step 3 – Do in August

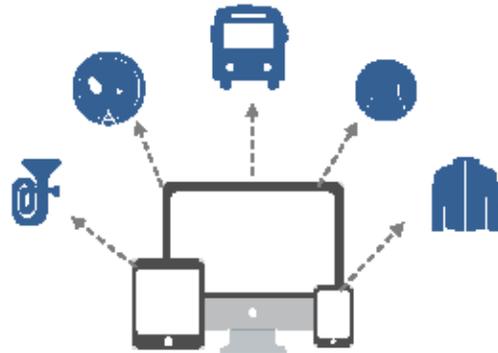
You will be notified by your child's school when it is time to complete Step 3 (last week of August).

#### 3. Add a Student

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

### Purchase these items and more online.

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



### 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

## Grade 8 News:

### Grade 8 Paddlewheeler Cruise:

This annual event for our grade 8 students will be held on **Monday, June 24**. More information will be sent home closer to the date.



### Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony:

Our grade 8 students will be crossing the stage during their Leaving Ceremony on the morning of **June 26**. Family and friends are welcome to join us at 9:15 a.m. in the gym. After the ceremony, there will be photo opportunities for our grade 8s and their families followed by a Potluck lunch for our QMS graduates in the Multipurpose Room.



### Potluck Lunch:

Stay tuned for more information regarding the Potluck lunch on **Wednesday, June 26** for our graduates. Please note the date as volunteers will be required. An email will be sent home to parents of grade 8 students in early June.



### Mark your Calendars:



- June 17** Big Splash Park
- June 24** Paddlewheeler Boat Cruise
- June 26** Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony **9:15 a.m.**  
Potluck Lunch **11 a.m.**
- June 27** Year End Assembly **9:15 a.m.**

Our grade 8s visited NWSS on May 31 for a tour of the high school.



You did it!  
*Congratulations*



So often you find  
that the students  
you're trying to  
**INSPIRE**  
are the ones that  
end up inspiring you.

Sean Junkins

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## PAC News:

### QMS Parent Advisory Council:

The next PAC meeting of the 2018-2019 school year is:

**Wednesday, June 19  
6:30 p.m.  
QMS Library (2nd floor)**

All parents and guardians are welcome! Please join us.

Even if you haven't been to a meeting yet, parents & guardians are welcome to join us. We are looking ahead to next year and to filling an upcoming vacancy on our Executive. All parents at QMS are members of the PAC and we invite you all to be involved. Opportunities include serving on the Executive, helping on pizza lunch days and at concessions, etc., or simply providing input on school issues. We welcome all parents and guardians to the PAC. We want to hear your ideas!

**There is an upcoming vacancy on the PAC Executive (secretary) for the 2019.2020 school year. Please consider stepping up and joining our Executive. The more the merrier!**

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

### PAC Meeting Dates for 2019-2020:

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.  
All parents and guardians are welcome!

Wednesday, September 18  
Wednesday, October 16  
Wednesday, November 20  
Wednesday, January 15  
Wednesday, February 19  
Wednesday, April 15  
Wednesday, May 13  
Wednesday, June 17



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### Upcoming PAC Elections:

Elections for the 2019.2020 school year will be held during the PAC AGM on June 19, 2019 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library.

The PAC Executive is made up of four positions:

**President (Chair)  
Vice President (Co-Chair)  
Treasurer  
Secretary**

Your PAC encourages anyone who is interested in serving a one year term to please complete the nomination form included at the end of this newsletter and return it in a sealed envelope to the school marked to the attention of the PAC President. Nominations will be accepted up to the day of the election.

The PAC is involved in many kinds of activities to support the advisory role under the School Act. Here is a summary of some of the activities of the QMS PAC:

- Promoting parent involvement in schools
- Communicating with parents about the school and district
- Providing a forum for discussion of educational issues
- Advocating for students and parents and supporting local advocacy projects
- Organizing activities and events for students and parents
- Providing financial support of the goals of the Council, as identified by the members.

### Lions Recycle for Sight:

The Lions Clubs International collects **old eye glasses** and sends these to developing countries where they can be used by someone in need.

Donations can be dropped off at the office throughout the school year. Eye glasses (no cases please) only!

- Sunglasses
- Prescription glasses
- Non-prescription glasses



Thank you!



## 2019.2020 PAC Executive Nomination Form:

### 2019/ 2020 School Year – PAC Election Nomination

**Nomination Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Details:**

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:**

**Secretary**

Signed acknowledgement of acceptance of the above nomination

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Please return this form to the Queensborough Middle School in a sealed envelope marked to the attention:  
QMS PAC President.**

