

QMS Newsletter



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Important Dates	
November 3	Daylight Savings Time ends (Fall Back)
November 4	Poppy Campaign Collection begins
November 5	Lockdown Drill
November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly 11 a.m. Gym
November 11	Remembrance Day statutory holiday School closed
November 12	Professional Development Day in lieu Students do not attend
November 15	Kernel's Popcorn order pickup 3 p.m. Hall between Gym and MPR
November 19	WE Day at Roger's Arena
November 19	PRIDE Club at QE Diversity Club meeting noon
November 20	PAC Western Direct Frozen Cookie Dough and Pie orders due
November 20	PAC meeting 6:30 Library
November 21	Earthquake Drill
November 29	Pizza Day
November 22	Lighting of the Fire Hall 6:30 - 8 p.m. Queensborough Fire Hall
December 2	Winter Production rehearsal for cast 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Gym (rescheduled from Sat., Nov. 30)
December 4	PAC Western Direct Frozen Cookie Dough and Pie order pick up 1:30-3:00 p.m. Hall between Gym & MPR
December 11	Whole School Dress Rehearsal for Winter Production
December 12	Winter Production: Mary Poppins Jr. 1:15 p.m. & 7 p.m. performances
December 13	Term 1 Report Cards home
December 20	Signed report card envelopes returned to home base teachers

Important Dates	
December 20	Last Day of School before Winter Break
January 6	School reopens after Winter Break
Jan. 15-Apr. 3	Student Learning Survey open for grade 7 students & their parents/guardians
January 15	PAC meeting 6:30 Library
January 16	Fire Drill
January 22	VEX IQ Competition FRMS
January 28	Band Concert 7 p.m. Gym



Acknowledging Traditional Territory:

The New Westminster School District recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nation, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

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Our Learning Focus: Growth Mindset Feedback

QMS Learning Goal for 2019.2020:

For the upcoming school year, we will continue with our learning focus on “Growth Mindset Feedback”:

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

- Provide specific and timely feedback to students (from teachers, peers and student self-reflection/assessment)
- Provide students with opportunities to learn, develop and assess their strategies
- Give students multiple opportunities to show what they know in multiple formats

Additionally, for the 2019.2020 school year, we will explore ways in which:

- meaningful and easily understood feedback is provided to students and parents
- the school responds to and acts upon feedback received from students, parents and community partners

GROWTH MINDSET



Thank you to all parents and guardians who completed our School Learning Plan parent survey during October’s Student/Parent/Teacher conferences. Your input helps us set our priorities and adjust our approach as we all work together to provide the best learning experience for our students. If you did not complete a survey and would like to, please complete the survey below and return to the school office.

Parent Survey School Learning Plan 2019.2020 Term 1 Div. _____

Please help us with our School Learning Plan by completing the following:

1. My child is learning about Growth Mindset at school:

At no time Few times Many times All of the time Don't know

2. We support and talk about Growth Mindset at home:

At no time Few times Many times All of the time

3. My child is provided with specific and detailed feedback, including strategies to improve their learning:

At no time Few times Many times All of the time Don't know

4. My child is provided with time to improve their work and multiple opportunities to show their understanding:

At no time Few times Many times All of the time Don't know

5. The best ways to communicate information about the School Learning Plan are (circle all that apply):

Email School Website Newsletter Parent Education Evenings

Other: _____

6. Do you have any feedback for the school on we communicate student learning to students and parents?

Thank you for completing this survey!

QMS and ADST (Applied Design Skills & Technology):

Outdoor Spaces, Music and ADST:

For the past 6 weeks QMS teachers have committed to a school-wide ADST (Applied Design Skills & Technology) project. With the support of district staff, each division has worked through the universal design process of ADST where students learned about:

- ◇ a QMS design challenge: **“How can we design and build an outdoor classroom that will fit up to two classes that respects and reflects indigenous way of knowing because we are committed to actively participate in reconciliation.”**
- ◇ empathy
- ◇ safety

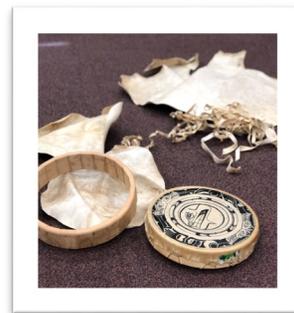
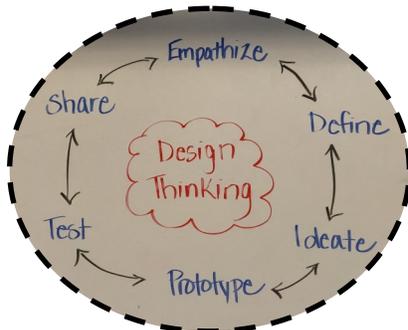
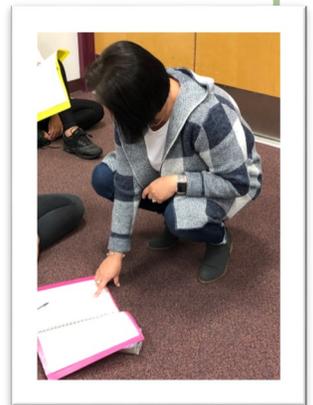
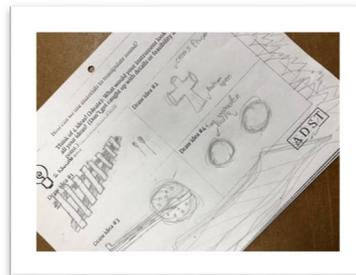
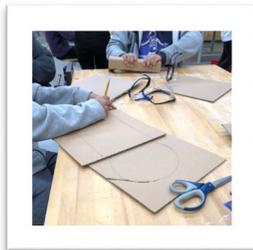
Students ideated many versions of their challenge, built a prototype, and will now begin the building process. Some of you may already have an idea about what the final product is going to be, but for those who don't, keep your eyes open for something new in our outdoor spaces at QMS!

An additional ADST project is happening at the same time with the support of district staff and our amazing music teachers, Ms. Grace Weick and Ms. Anne Marie Milner. Each division has gone through the design process described above, but this time the challenge is around the question: **How can we manipulate materials to make sound?** Throughout this process, the students have:

- ◇ learned about how sound is created
- ◇ looked at and played with various instruments
- ◇ participated in a workshop with an Indigenous educator who brought in various musical instruments made by Indigenous peoples in BC
- ◇ taken their learning to the woodshop where they built their prototypes

Beginning in January, each division will build their own musical instrument!

ADST is alive and well at QMS and the learning has been profound!



Be Prepared/Safety First

Traffic Safety:

With the dark and rainy season comes an increased number of vehicles dropping off and picking up students. All students are encouraged to dress for the weather, and walk to and from school whenever possible. However, for those of you who do drive, please respect the speed limit, traffic signs and use appropriate parking spaces. Please be on the look out for pedestrians near the school and Community Centre. We want to ensure our students and users of the Community Centre arrive safely at their destinations.



QMS is an Idle Free Zone:

If you pick up your child(ren) by car, please turn off your engine while you wait. **Be sure you are parked legally and not blocking the road and crosswalk.** Thank you for your consideration of our students and other members of the community.



Closure of Schools Due to Inclement Weather or Other Hazards:

As Winter is fast approaching, we would like to remind parents and guardians of the following:

- The District will endeavor to keep all schools open provided that safety can be ensured for students and staff.
- Should schools be closed, announcements will be made over CKNW and CBC radio stations early enough in the day (usually before 6:30 a.m.) to allow parents to have students remain at home. Phone calls & emails will also be made to parents who are part of our School Messenger Automated Calling System.
- If the school is open, but a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make alternate arrangements for their child. In these instances, we ask that you call the school at **(604) 517-6040** to report your child's absence. A message can be left at anytime to report any absence.
- Parents are encouraged to make advance alternate plans in the event of an unexpected school closure.



Please ensure the school has current contact information for parents/guardians and emergency contacts. Thank you!

Food for Class Events and Birthday Celebrations:

Due to **food allergies and reactions**, we are asking that parents contact their child's classroom teacher **before** sending food for the class to share (i.e. celebrating birthdays).



We do encourage you to consider a way to honour your child's birthday with a gesture that **does not** involve food, such as donating a book to the school or classroom library.

On those occasions when food is brought in for the class, please label the food with your child's name and division and leave it on the table located outside the office. **Do not take food directly to the classroom.** Thank you for understanding and cooperation.

Student Safety to and from School:

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.**



Wear a Helmet:

Always wear an approved helmet when riding a bike, skateboard or scooter. Students who do not wish to wear a helmet are asked to leave their bikes, skateboards and scooters at home.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Mark your Calendars:



- Fri., Nov. 8** Remembrance Day Assembly
11 a.m. in the Gym
- Mon., Nov. 11** Remembrance Day
School closed
- Tues., Nov. 12** Professional Development Day in lieu
Students do not attend



Remembrance Day:



Poppy Campaign:

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #2 provides poppies for all our staff and students, and is collecting cash donations for the 2019 Poppy Campaign. Poppies will be distributed on Friday, November 8 prior to our Remembrance Day Assembly.

Any donations will be gratefully accepted and can be sent to school with your child(ren) during the week of November 4th. Thank you for your support!

Remembrance Day Assembly:

On Friday, November 8 at 11 a.m., we will be holding an assembly to take time to reflect upon and remember the sacrifices made by members of Canada's military in times of war and peace. Parents and guardians are welcome to join us.



Staff Changes:

Welcome to Ms. Shahan Gill, Child Care Worker, who will be joining the QMS staff on November 6. Ms. Gill will be at QMS on Wednesday afternoons, and all day on Thursdays and Fridays.



Ms. Angie Dhaliwal is currently off on a leave as she awaits the birth of her second child. We wish her and her growing family all of the best. We will announce Ms. Dhaliwal's replacement once the hiring process has been completed.

Dress for the Weather:

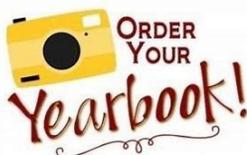
Note to Parents and Guardians:

During recess and lunch, the students of QMS play outside on the school grounds and adjacent park. Please speak with your child(ren) about dressing appropriately for the weather. Students will go outside most days, including times when it is raining. Umbrellas, boots, coats, etc. are important to have available at school for those "not-so-nice" days. It is important for students to get outside and enjoy the fresh air...rain or shine.



Yearbooks On Sale Now:

Our Yearbook production is well underway with the Grade 8 members busy documenting life at QMS. To order your Yearbook:



- Go to: ybpay.lifetouch.ca
- Enter school code: **13411620**
- Enter **student name & division**

Yearbooks cost \$25 and a limited number of books will be printed. We sold out last year so preorder your copy today to avoid disappointment.

Thank you for supporting our school Yearbook.



Please be advised that students play in the adjacent park at recess and lunch.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Christmas Hampers:



Planning is already underway for our annual Christmas Hamper drive. Each year we ask for donations to help fill our hampers for families in the Queensborough community. Items can be dropped off at the school office or on the night of our Winter Production. Cash donations are always welcome as well. Some of the items we are hoping to collect include:

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|----------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Salad dressing | Juice | Gingerbread House Kits |
| Cranberries | Pancake Mix | Coffee |
| Mayonnaise | Syrup | Tea |
| Pickles | Candy Canes | Hot Chocolate Mix |
| Stuffing | Icing Sugar | Other nonperishables |

QMS Winter Production:

Mary Poppins Jr.

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2019
Times: Afternoon Performance: 1:15 p.m.
 Evening Performance: 7:00 p.m.
Admission: Adults: \$5
 High School Students: \$3
 Children: Free but must have a ticket



All of our students will be participating in the production!

Tickets will be sold in advance (a notice will be sent home at a later date) and will also be available at the office before the performances. **We recommend obtaining your tickets early as space is limited in the Gym.** We cannot guarantee that tickets will be available at the door.



FuelUp! Online Lunch Program:



Parents can order lunches online at: <https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/fuel-up/online-ordering/> where you are able to see the November menu.

Lunch Ordering & Cancellation Deadlines

Order or cancel by midnight on ...	For lunch delivery on ...
Saturday	Monday
Sunday	Tuesday
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday

If you are a first time user you can register your child at: <https://readymaid.ahotlunch.ca/p/register>

Our school campus code is **Queensborough**.

SCHOOL	CAMPUS CODE
Connaught Elementary	Connaught
Ecole Glenbrook Middle	Glenbrook
Ecole Herbert Spencer Elementary	Spencer
Ecole Qayqayt Elementary	Qayqayt
Ecole Tweedsmuir Elementary	Tweedsmuir
F.W. Howay Elementary	Howay
Fraser River Middle	Fraser River
Lord Kelvin Elementary	Kelvin
Queen Elizabeth Elementary	Queen Elizabeth
Queensborough Middle School	Queensborough
Richard McBride Elementary	McBride

Subsidies can be requested at: <https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/fuel-up/subsidies/>

Mount Seymour Snow Day:

Our annual school wide trip to Mount Seymour has been booked for Wednesday, **March 4**.



Students will need winter outer-wear for this field trip (warm jackets, toques, gloves, ski pants, etc.). Consider adding these items to gift lists for upcoming birthdays, Christmas and other celebrations so that your child is ready to hit the slopes in March!

QMS Student Breakfast Drop-In:



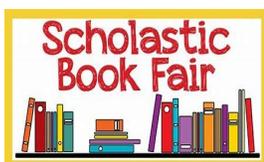
All QMS & QE students are invited to eat their breakfast in the Foods Room each school day beginning at **8 a.m.** The cost of breakfast is **50 cents** and students can pay on those mornings they participate. Thank you to our community volunteers for providing this wonderful program to our students!

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Scholastic Book Fair:

Thank you to all families who supported our Scholastic Book Fair. The fair raised approximately \$1000 for the school Library and the money will be used to purchase Library books and materials for our students.

A special thank you to the PAC who provided each classroom with a \$20 allowance to purchase books at the Fair and to our parent & student volunteers who staffed the book fair.



Dropping Off Student Lunches:

The school provides a table located in the hall beside the office to drop off student lunches when needed. It is important that your child knows it is their responsibility to check the table if applicable.



The office cannot guarantee that students will be notified to pick them up. If you are planning on dropping off a lunch, please let your child know to check the table when they come inside to eat lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Contacting Your Child During the School Day:

If you need to reach your child(ren) during the school day, we request that you **do not** call or text their cell phone as this is disruptive to the learning environment (and students' phones are most likely secured in their lockers). Instead, please call the school office if you must reach your child (ren) during the school day.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Chaperones and Volunteer Drivers for Field Trips:

We rely upon parent chaperones and drivers for many of our field trips and sports activities.

If you are chaperoning on a field trip, please ensure you have completed a **volunteer form** (filled out once a year).

If you are driving on a field trip, in addition to completing a volunteer form, please provide a copy of your **driving record** from ICBC:

<https://www.icbc.com/driver-licensing/getting-licensed/Pages/Your-driving-record.aspx>

Students 13 years of age and under must sit in the backseat.



Volunteer forms are available from your child's teacher or from the school office.

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. Thank you!

- **Sunglasses**
- **Prescription glasses**
- **Non-prescription glasses**



PAC News:

QMS Parent Advisory Council:

Meeting

**Wednesday, November 20
6:30 p.m.
QMS Library (2nd floor)**

Please join us!

Thank You!

The staff of QMS would like to express their gratitude to our PAC for their ongoing support of our students and the school. Thank you for the fundraising you do that provides extra money for students, classrooms, field trips, books, sports, etc. Thank you also to the many parents who have volunteered for field trips and for events such as the Terry Fox Run, Scholastic Book Fair, Immunization Day and Pizza Days. We appreciate all that you do!



Kernel's Popcorn Day:

For those students who ordered popcorn, pick up will be on:



**Friday, November 15
3 p.m.
Hallway between the Gym and MPR**

Parent Evening:

The PAC is in the process of organizing a Parent Evening in the Gym on **November 28 at 6:30 p.m.** Once it is confirmed the evening will go ahead, QE & QMS families will be provided with more details by email.



PAC Pizza Day:

The PAC's third Pizza Day will be on:

**Friday, November 29
2 slices of pizza for \$5.00**

If you are able to volunteer an hour and a half of your time on pizza day, please send an email to:

qmspac2013@gmail.com



Western Direct Cookie Dough and Pizza Sale:

October 15 - November 19

**Orders and payments are due on or before
November 20**

We need your participation to make this fundraiser a success. Funds raised go to support student learning and activities.

Please assist your child(ren) with our campaign by selling to friends, family, neighbours and your colleagues at work. Thank you for your support.

Order forms were sent home with each student last month. Additional order forms are available at the school office and one has also been included with the newsletter for your convenience.

***Never allow your child(ren) to solicit orders alone. Our students should always be accompanied by a responsible adult).**



Winter Fundraiser:

Stay tuned for information about this year's Winter Raffle Basket Fundraiser.



Student Activities:

“WE Scare Hunger”

Thank you to all families who supported the “WE Scare Hunger” campaign by providing non-perishable food items. These items will be used to fill our Christmas Hampers and will benefit families in our community. Boxes will be set up outside the office at the school for those who wish to continue to donate items for our Christmas Hampers. Thank you for your generosity.



VEX IQ Club:

Our VEX IQ Club meets on either Thursday or Friday each week and is comprised of students from Grades 5 through 8. The Club is already preparing for January 22’s VEX IQ competition hosted by Fraser River Middle School. Thank you to Ms. Lisa Seddon for sponsoring the club.



WE Day:

WE Day is coming to Rogers Arena on **Tuesday, November 19**. Students from our Leadership Exploratory classes will be attending WE Day with Mr. Rai and Ms. Dhaliwal who will join if she is able.



Students attending WE Day will hear from many inspirational and motivational speakers about citizenship and volunteerism. Students will return to school ready to engage our school community in local and global initiatives.

PRIDE Club:

Our Pride Club is meeting with the Diversity Club from Queen Elizabeth Elementary to work on a joint project. This will happen on **Tuesday, November 19** at noon. We are making a banner that reflects our club's beliefs that we want everyone to feel supported and valued.



Our plan is to have students share their reasons for attending the Pride/Diversity Club and then use those ideas to create the banner. The banner will be on display at Queen Elizabeth Elementary after the joint meeting.

Students from all grade levels are welcome to join our PRIDE Club at Queensborough Middle. We meet on Tuesdays at noon in the library and work on projects to promote a welcoming school climate where each student feels safe to "just be themselves".

Peer Pals:

We are in the planning stages of our new Peer Pal model. Students in Grades 7 and 8 will be invited to participate. All participants will volunteer one lunch hour per week to act as Peer Pals on our school grounds. Peer Pals will wear a vest to identify themselves and will be available to help younger students work through disagreements during playtime. This is an opportunity to earn leadership hours and develop mediation skills.

Applications will be available in late November and training will happen in December. Questions can be directed to Ms. Gill (Youth Worker) or Ms. Schweers (Counsellor).

Yearbook Club:

Our Yearbook Crew is busy advertising the Yearbook Art Contest and promoting sales. Each year all students are invited to submit an entry to the art contest. The winning artist will have his/her art featured in the Yearbook. Our theme this year is "Going Viral" and the art work should reflect this theme. Encourage your child to participate. The deadline to submit artwork is **November 14** and artwork can be submitted to any Yearbook member.



We are aiming to sell 150 books this year. So, we are counting on support from you! You can buy a yearbook online by visiting:

ybpay.lifetouch.ca
enter our school job number:13411620

Ensure you enter your child’s grade and/or division number as this makes distribution much simpler in June.



Western Direct Order Form:

Student First & Last Name: _____ Order forms to be returned to your teacher or School Office by **Tuesday, November 19th, 2019** by 3pm. **Deliverable payable to: QMS PAC**

Pick up your order at the School on **Wednesday, December 4th @ 3pm** **Reminder: All products are frozen and must be picked up!**

Name: _____ Cell Number (last number for day of delivery): _____
 Note: Cookies, Cakes, Bread, Pizza, Sandwiches, Pastries, etc. are not available for pickup. All products are frozen and must be picked up!
 Allergy Alerts: Products may contain nuts, please visit www.westernmfg.com/allergies for more information.

Purchaser's Name		Purchaser's Name	
Chocolate Chip	\$15	Croissants	\$18
Cheesecake	\$15	Cheesy Bread	\$10
Crabapple White	\$15	Permanian Bread Sticks	\$8
Choc Chunk	\$15	Sausage Rolls	\$10
Double Chocolate	\$15	Cheese	\$10
Ginger Snaps	\$15	Ham & Pineapple	\$10
Oatmeal Chocolate Chip	\$15	Meat Lovers	\$10
Oatmeal Raisin	\$15	Pepperoni	\$10
Peanut Butter	\$15	Cheese	\$8
Reese's	\$15	Ham & Pineapple	\$8
Shortbread	\$15	Pepperoni	\$8
White Chocolate	\$15	Variety Pack (6 of each flavor)	\$8
Macadamia	\$15	Spicy Italian	\$15
Sugar Cookies	\$14	Pepperoni & Sausage	\$15
Ready to Roll & Cut	\$14	Blueberry	\$12
Apple	\$14	Cheese	\$12
Apple Caramel	\$14	Butter Chicken	\$15
Crumble	\$14	W/ Rice	\$15
Blackberry Peach	\$14	Chicken Cordon	\$24
Crumble	\$14	Swiss	\$24
Bumble Berry	\$14	Chicken Strips	\$22
Ready to Bake	\$14	Sausage Rolls	\$10
Strawberry	\$14	AAA Striploin (4	\$24
Rhubarb	\$14	Box 2x2pk)	\$24
New York	\$12	Apple Pie 6pk	\$14
Pecan Caramel	\$12	Chocolate Chip	\$22
(Turtle)	\$12	Cookie Pies 1pk	\$22
Strawberry Swirl	\$12	Cookie Pies 1pk	\$22
With Cream	\$12	Cookie Pies 1pk	\$22
Cheese	\$12	Cookie Pies 1pk	\$22
Cinnamon Buns	\$12	Cookie Pies 1pk	\$22
12pk	\$12	Cookie Pies 1pk	\$22
Total Items	65	Total Items	65
Totals \$5		Totals \$5	

Thank You For Supporting Our Fundraiser!

Purchaser's Name: _____

Total Units: _____