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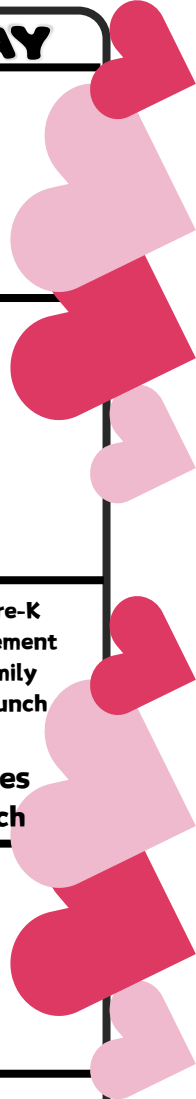
SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

- 9:00 AM TO 12:15 PM
- 12:15 PM TO 1:00 PM
- 1:00 PM TO 3:20 PM



PRINCIPAL – MRS. C. GRANT-WALKER
VICE PRINCIPAL – MRS. J. LETENDRE
WWW.SRSD119.CA

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Valentine's Day Colouring Contest February 1st to the 13th. Winner will be announced February 13th.			1	2
5 February 5th-9th Send Your Crush a Crush Pop. Sold in small gym at lunch time.	6	7	8	9
12 February 12th-15th Valentine's Day Photo Booth! \$2 per photo at lunch in Room 141.	13	14 HAPPY Valentine's DAY	15	16 12:15-2:15 Pre-K Family Engagement Activity. Family Movie Day. Lunch Provided Voyager Games K - 8 after lunch
19	20	21	22	23
February Break Feb 19 - 23				
26 welcome BACK TO SCHOOL	27	28		



QUEEN MARY PUBLIC SCHOOL

February 2024 NEWSLETTER

ADMIN MESSAGE



Tansi Queen Mary Families,

As we step into February, we are excited to celebrate Aboriginal Storytelling Month, a time to honor and appreciate the rich cultural heritage of our Indigenous communities. This month provides an excellent opportunity for our students to learn about the traditions, history, and wisdom passed down through generations.

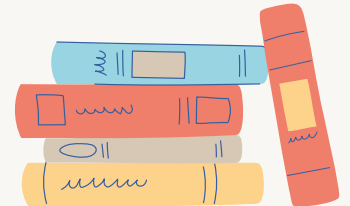
In line with our commitment to incorporating Indigenous knowledge, February will also see a special focus on our Tipi Teaching, Thankfulness. This initiative aims to instill gratitude and appreciation in our students through traditional teachings. Teachers will engage students in activities that promote reflection on the importance of gratitude, drawing inspiration from the values embedded in Indigenous worldview.

We want every student to be part of the fun and learning happening this month. So, a friendly reminder: attendance is super important. Every day counts, and we're here to support you

Thank you for your ongoing support in making Queen Mary Public School a vibrant and inclusive learning community. We look forward to a month filled with cultural celebration, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to the value of education.

Marsii,

Carrie Grant-Walker, Principal
Jodi Letendre, Vice-Principal



Dates to remember

- Valentine's Day Colouring Contest
Feb. 1-13
- Send Your Crush a Crush Pop.
February 5th-9th
- Valentine's Day Photo Booth!
February 12th-15th
- Staff Appreciation Week
Feb. 12-16
- Voyager Games
Feb. 16
- Prek Parent Engagement
Feb. 16
- February Break
Feb. 19-23

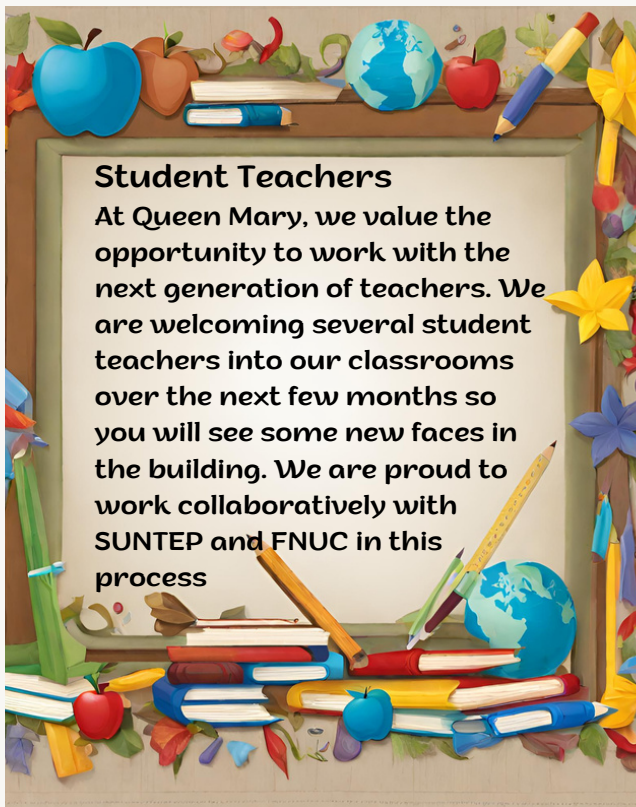
QM BATTERY BLITZ!



Battery Recycling Program

The grade 6's and Ms. Heisler are starting to collect used batteries! We are learning about renewable and nonrenewable energy and ways that we can reduce the negative impacts of batteries on our environment. **WHAT TYPES OF BATTERIES CAN I RECYCLE?**

You can bring any type of lead acid battery to us for recycling. So that means you can recycle car/automotive batteries, RV batteries, marine batteries & much more. There will be a bin at the office for battery recycling. For more information, go to <https://recycleyourbatteries.ca/>



Student Teachers

At Queen Mary, we value the opportunity to work with the next generation of teachers. We are welcoming several student teachers into our classrooms over the next few months so you will see some new faces in the building. We are proud to work collaboratively with SUNTEP and FNUC in this process

Edsby Information

Our school secretary has sent an email link from Edsby to activate your account. Each of your children will get their email link, you will have to click on each link to connect them all. The first time you click a link, you will choose:

- "I don't have an Edsby parent account at Saskatchewan Rivers School Division."
- For your next child, you will click:
- "Login to your existing Saskatchewan Rivers School Division Edsby parent account."

Please make sure you have an updated email on file at the school, if you haven't received any Edsby-related emails.

Activate your account

1. Open the email with your invitation to Edsby.
2. Click the "Activate or Connect your Edsby Account" button. This will bring you to the registration form.
3. Create a new account by clicking "Activate my account."
4. Fill in your information.
5. Click "Activate my account."



Basketball

Our basketball teams are having a fantastic season so far! The grades 7/8 have played some great games and have improved tremendously! The Grade 5/6 team has had a great start, developing skills and having fun! QM was selected as a host venue for skills sessions for Westview, Riverside, and QM basketball players on January 30th. It was a great day of learning and the players are raring to go for the last few weeks of the season. Go Cougars!

Extra-Curricular Groups at QM

Did you know that we have the following groups happening during the lunch hour for interested grade 5-8 students? Ask your child about them and encourage them to join if they haven't already. It makes the school year so much more fun! Thanks to our staff for volunteering their time to make these activities possible for our students.

Gr 7/8 Boys' Group - Mondays (Mrs. Delainey)

Gr 7/8 Girls' Group - Tuesdays (Mrs. Delainey)

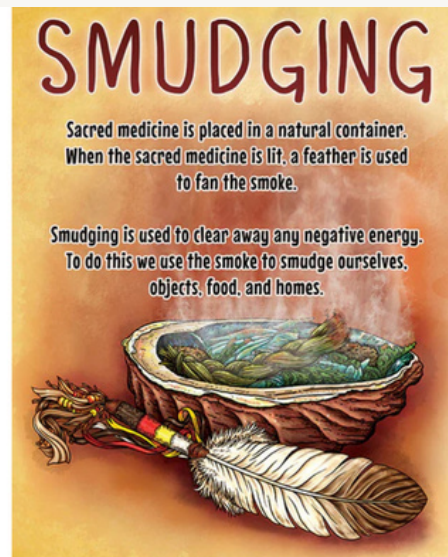
SLC - Wednesdays (Miss Sachkowsky & Ms. Heisler)

GSA - Thursdays (Ms. Macgillivray)

Gr 3/4 Balancing your Wheel - Thursdays (Mrs. Labrash)

Weekly Community Smudge

All are invited to join Mrs. Letendre outside the front doors on Mondays between 8:40 - 8:55 to smudge. Those who have smudged appreciate the opportunity to start their week in a good way. If there is no school on Monday, the smudge is offered on Tuesday morning. This will continue throughout the school year.



Connect with us!!
Follow us on Facebook & sign up for Edsby



Aboriginal Storytelling Month

For Indigenous people, storytelling is both a gift, and a sacred tradition used to teach, entertain, and remember.

Aboriginal Story Telling Month is celebrated in libraries, schools, and communities across the province, including QMPS. The main goal of this month-long event is to promote and support First Nations, Metis, and Inuit oral storytelling traditions in Saskatchewan.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the Indigenous, Métis, and Inuit stories that have been passed down through generations and to promote cross-cultural learning.

At QMPS we are going to begin Fire Fridays where classes will sign up for storytelling sessions around a fire with Mrs. Letendre who will share sacred stories she's been blessed to learn from Elders and storytellers across Treaty 6 territory. To accomodate all classes, the storytelling sessions will continue into the first Friday in March.

Fire Fridays will continue throughout the remainder of the school year as we are blessed to have received a fire pit from Hipperson Construction and fire wood from Vermette Wood Preservers. Maarsii, thank you for the generous donations! Teachers will plan lessons to spend some time on Fridays outside, learning beyond the classroom. It's always great to connect and learn on Mother Earth.

Be sure to ask your child(ren) about the stories they've heard and the lessons learned from them.



SLC Valentine's Day Activities & Fundraisers!

Valentine's Day Colouring Contest Feb. 1-13

Send Your Crush a Crush - February 5th-9th

Crush pop will be available to purchase for \$2 each throughout the week and will be delivered on Friday, February 9th to those whom they've been purchased for.

Valentine's Day Photo Booth! - February 12th-15th

A fun photo booth will be set up in Room 141 and students can purchase a photo for \$2 at lunch time.

Staff Appreciation Week - Shaping the Future Together

We would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Queen Mary Public School Staff. They work so hard daily to provide our students with joyful and meaningful learning experiences. In particular, our QM team has worked towards improving literacy outcomes for our students. They have expanded their use of Experiential Play Based Learning to provide students from PreK to Grade 8 with hands-on learning opportunities. The QM staff are truly amazing!

Thank you!

If you are picking up your child for appointments throughout the day, please stop and sign in at the front desk. Miss Cortez and Miss Gerow will be happy to help you.



LUNCH HOUR

Grade 5-8 Students

Students in grades 5-8 are permitted to leave the school during the lunch break. They are expected to join the group outside for recess when they return. No food or drink is allowed on the playground. If you do not want your child leaving at lunch, please let us know.



2024 PRINCE ALBERT WINTER FESTIVAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Feb. 9th-26th 2024

For more info, visit us online at: WWW.PAWF.CA

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY 27 Tux & Toques Gala 5:30pm Prince Albert Wildlife Banquet and Event Centre Presented by: 			8	9 Country North Show 7pm, Exhibition Centre 	10 Country North Show 7pm, Exhibition Centre Country North Cabaret 10pm, Exhibition Centre	11 Youth Extravaganza 6:30pm E.A. Rawlinson Centre
12	13	14	15 Voices of the North 6:30pm, Exhibition Centre	16 Voices of the North 6:30pm, Exhibition Centre Voices of the North 10pm, Exhibition Centre	17 Voices of the North 6:30pm, Exhibition Centre VOTN Cabaret 10pm, Exhibition Centre	18 Jigging Contest 2pm, Motis Friendship Centre Beerd Derby Finale 7pm, PA Wildlife Federation Fiddle Show 7pm, E.A. Rawlinson Centre
19 Family Sliding Day 11am-3pm Little Red Park Park Fireworks 8pm, Art Hauser Centre	20 Family Days 1pm-4pm Exhibition Centre Classic Country Show 7pm, Exhibition Centre	21 Family Days Sensory Friendly 10am-12pm Exhibition Centre Family Days 1pm-4pm Exhibition Centre Classic Country Show 7pm, Exhibition Centre	22 Family Days 1pm-4pm Exhibition Centre	23 Rock Show Experience 7pm, Exhibition Centre	24 Pancake Breakfast 9am, Royal Canadian Legion Outdoor Site 9am-5pm Dog Sled Races, Sleigh Rides Trapper Events & more Trade Show Armouries, 10am-4pm Fish Fry Exhibition Centre 11am-7pm Rock Show Experience 7pm, Exhibition Centre Rock Show Cabaret 10pm, Exhibition Centre	25 Outdoor Site 9am-5pm Dog Sled Races, Sleigh Rides Trapper Events & more Trade Show Armouries, 10am-4pm Fish Fry Exhibition Centre 11am-2pm Gospel Show 7pm, E.A. Rawlinson Centre

CHILDREN



Don't miss our **Drop-In Saturdays!** Enjoy some family fun with a craft, Lego, board games and more, or check out a free movie in the Mahon Auditorium! Everyone welcome!

Drop-In Winter Story Times will begin the week of Tuesday, January 2! Check out **Bring Your Babies** or **Preschool Story Time!** Our winter session of **Just for Fun!** begins on Wednesday, January 3! Kids ages 6 to 9 can enjoy online stories and pick up awesome crafts-in-a-bag to take home!

Other Programs at JMCPL...

Off the Cuff All-Ages Improv Comedy Show - Thursdays at 7:00
January 18 and February 15

Bring the whole family for a great little show full of big laughs! Purchase your tickets at the door! For details visit <https://www.otcimprov.ca/>.

Drop-In Family Law Information Session - Wednesday, February 21, 3:30 to 5:30
Do you need help with court forms and processes? Come with your questions! No registration is required. Visit our website for details! For more information, contact familylaw@gov.sk.ca, or call 1-888-218-2822 (ext. 2)

Check out **Grace Campbell Gallery** for a variety of monthly art exhibits. If you would like to display your art please contact Bev at 763-8496.

Contact us:

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Find us on Facebook and Twitter!

<https://princealbertlibrary.ca/>

Bernice Sayese Centre Hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 1:00 to 5:00

Library Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 to 9:00

Friday and Saturday: 8:30 to 5:00

Sunday: 1:00 to 5:00

CLOSED: Monday, January 1

Sunday, February 18, and

Monday, February 19

PROGRAM GUIDE



January & February

Visit <https://princealbertlibrary.ca/> for program details!
Check it out! All PAPT programs are free!

Stitch with Creative Stitches! - 2nd and 4th Thursday each month!

Are you or would you like to be a Creative Stitcher? Have fun with the *Creative Stitches* group; knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cross-stitch, felting and more! Join us at the Library in the Gallery every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 1-3 pm. No registration required. Just drop in or call Julie McIntosh at 306-922-6351 for more information.

Family Literacy Week Events! - Tuesday, January 23, 6:30

Bring the family for tons of fun at the library! Enjoy playing awesome board games, or just chill together watching a great movie! Co-sponsored by Prince Albert Literacy Network.

Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Month Events - Presented by Harmony Johnson-

Harder - Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 - Enjoy the story *Kookum Magic* by her father Harold Johnson, and inspired painting. A mini art and storytelling workshop session will follow. Registered school students invited to daytime sessions funded by LSSAP.

February Break Movies - Showtime at 2:00!

Tuesday, February 20 - *Mummies* (88 min., PG)

Wednesday, February 21 - *Trolls Band Together* (91 min., PG)

Thursday, February 22 - *The Amazing Maurice* (93 min., PG)

Friday, February 23 - *Animal Crackers* (105 min., PG)

Saturday, February 24 - *Scooby-Dool and Krypto, Too!* (76 min., NR)

Online Book Sale Auction



Thank you everyone for supporting our online book sale auction! Each Monday we post 30 bundles of assorted items (books, DVDs, and CDs!) on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/jmcpl.ca/>

Click on the picture to view, and place your bid in the comments. Bidding closes on Sunday, and winners are notified on Monday. You are encouraged to pick up your exciting new purchases at the Circulation desk by the following weekend. Happy shopping!

ADULT



January 3, 2:00 & 7:00 - *You Hurt My Feelings* (93 min., R)
January 10, 2:00 & 5:45 - *Beau is Afraid* (179 min., R)
January 17, 2:00 & 6:30 - *Barbie* (114 min., PG13)
January 24, 2:00 & 6:00 - *Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One* (164 min., PG13)
January 31, 2:00 & 5:45 - *Oppenheimer* (181 min., R)
February 7, 2:00 & 6:00 - *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* (155 min., PG13)
February 14, 2:00 & 6:30 - *Love Again* (104 min., PG13)
February 28, 2:00 & 7:00 - *Retribution* (91 min., R)

Enjoy great movies Wednesday afternoons and evenings! See you at the movies!

Would you like to meet a local author and enjoy a good discussion? Everyone is welcome to come and listen to readings and purchase a signed copy!

Thursday, February 8, 7:00

Always Another River by Daryl Sexsmith

Author Readings

One-on-One Tech Help

Thursdays: January 25 and February 8, 2:00 to 4:00

Get help with computers, eReaders, tablets, and smart phones! Call 763-8496 to book an appointment.



January and February Book Club

Thursday, January 25, 7:00 - *It Starts With Us* by Colleen Hoover
Registration begins on Tuesday, January 2.

Thursday, February 29, 7:00 - *Only the Beautiful* by Susan Meissner
Registration begins Thursday, February 1.

Pick up your book when you register!

Enjoy a great discussion at the library, and prizes too!



Feeling crafty? Check out our monthly **Adult Crafts!** Pick up your own **craft-to-go bags** to enjoy designing a D.I.Y. Nail Polish Marbled Mug beginning **Wednesday, January 31** and create a Doily Luminary with pick up beginning on **Wednesday, February 28!**

Supplies are limited! First come, first served! One craft per person allowed.

TEEN

Love Anime drawing, crafts, and movies? Come in beginning **Wednesday, January 10** and **Wednesday, February 7** and pick up your Anime-in-a-Bag! Have fun designing a Comic Book Magnet Craft and Pokémon Puppet Craft at home! Ages 9 to 15. Supplies are limited.



Tween and Teen Writing Group - Drop in beginning **Monday, January 29** and **Monday, February 26** and pick up a D.I.Y. bag which includes a Winter Wreath and Victorian Winter Scene crafts, as well as fun writing projects! Suited for ages 12 to 18.



Come down to the JMCPL and pick up some cool **Tween and Teen Crafts** to take home on **Mondays: January 22** and **February 20** for ages 9 to 15!

We also have **Teen Crafts-in-a-Bag** with pick up on **Wednesday, January 17** and **Wednesday, February 14** for ages 13 to 18! One craft per person allowed.

