



# Queen Mary – At a Glance

January 2020 Edition

## Notes from the Office:

Happy New Year Queen Mary Public School students and families!

On behalf of the staff at Queen Mary Public School, we would like to extend a warm welcome back and best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year to all of you! We sincerely hope that you enjoyed your holiday season and that you are refreshed and ready for the opportunities of 2020!

This year, in addition to your other resolutions, we ask you to consider renewing your commitment to being as involved in your child's education as you can. By involvement, we mean more than just coming to school for interviews and special events. We mean becoming more active in facilitating your child's academic growth. Find out what they are doing in class and familiarize yourself with the curriculum expectations for their grade level. Ask them what they're doing in class and have them teach you what they are learning. Ask your child's teacher about the learning goals they are working on and how your child can know that they are achieving success.

The research is clear. There is an overwhelmingly positive relationship between meaningful parental involvement and children's success in school. Benefits include better long-term academic achievement; higher motivation and more positive attitudes; increased commitment to learning; fewer behavioural problems; more successful programs and ultimately more effective schools. Together, we can make it happen.

## Inclusion Club

As we begin 2020, Queen Mary PS has taken on the initiative to begin an Inclusion Club for students between grades 5 to 8. This club will be facilitated by Mrs. Futers and Ms. Gohil with the purpose to help our students develop ways to further demonstrate kindness towards each other, show respect for individual differences, and celebrate the diversity at our school.

## School Council Update

The next School Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 4** at 9:30 am in the office conference room. New faces are always welcome! If you are unable to attend meetings but would like to lend a helping hand with events, please take a moment to fill out this link <https://forms.gle/pZ1b2hLQPJnobyuc6> to let us know where and when you can be a part of our school. Help is always appreciated!

**Character Trait of the Month for January – Initiative** - "To demonstrate initiative, we need to be eager to do what needs to be done without being prompted by others. We need to seize opportunities and willingly take the steps necessary towards achieving our goals".

Wishing you the best for 2020!

Ms. Gohil and Mrs. Futers

## Dates to Remember:

- **January 10** – Grade 5-8 applications for the Inclusion Club due to the office
- **January 31** – PA Day – No School