



COMO LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE BY DAVE CYR

Dear Parents/Guardians and
Community Members,

With March now upon us, it means that Spring Break is just around the corner. I am not sure that our climate knows that, as the weather has turned chilly once again. Please help in making sure our students are dressed for the weather.

Our second term is coming to a close and student Learning Updates will be posted to the MyEducation website after school on Thursday, March 14th. Please take the time now to make sure your login is working effectively so that you are able to view your child's learning updates and see their progress.

Even though the weather has cut short our Mountain Rider season and led to the cancellation of Winter Activity Day, the energy has still been amazing. Basketball season, Wrestling season and our speech competitions have all taken place over the last 2 months. Genius Hour's second round and STEAM Thursdays have been in full force. In other words, Como is always enriching the learning experiences for our students.

Have a wonderful spring break when it rolls around!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME MARCH 10, 2024

We lose an hour of sleep when the clocks "spring forward" and are turned ahead at 2 a.m. for one hour when Daylight Saving Time begins.

IMPORTANT DATES:



Thursday, March 14

- Learning Updates published on MYED



Friday, March 15

- Last day of school before Spring Break begins



Monday, March 18 – Thursday, March 28

- SPRINK BREAK
- School Closed



Friday, March 29

- Good Friday
- School Closed



Monday, April 1

- Easter Monday
- School Closed



Tuesday, April 2

- School Re-Opens



Tuesday, April 9

- PAC Meeting at 7 p.m. (in-person and virtual)

Calendar is available on our website under the heading 'On the Calendar' at

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/comolake/Pages/default.aspx#/=>



ECO CLUB

The Como Lake Eco-Club took advantage of the beautiful weather recently and completed a garbage pick-up in the neighbourhood. The Eco-Club meets every Monday at lunch to plan and roll out sustainable and eco-friendly initiatives for the school. The Eco club will be completing neighborhood garbage pick ups every month for the remainder of the year.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2023/2024

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in 2024, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 3rd.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604-936-1451.

HOME ARTS COOKIE BUFFET



The current classes in Home arts Mr. Glavas, Ms. Jarvie, and Ms. Hockridge’s classes planned and prepared a cookie buffet for their classmates. Each kitchen group found a recipe, prepared a grocery list and baked enough cookies for all classmates to try one. The recipes will be put together into a cookbook for students to prepare at home. If you are interested in any of the recipes, please reach out to Miss. Bell jbelle@sd43.bc.ca.



LACROSSE



As the lacrosse season approaches, we're excited to extend a warm invitation to all students of SD43 to join us this spring and experience the thrill of lacrosse! Whether you're a seasoned player or completely new to the sport, there's a place for everyone in Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse.

NEW PLAYERS: This is your chance to shine! We're thrilled to announce that our special offer for all NEW U7 & U9 players has been extended. Sign up by March 1st and you'll receive a FREE Complete JR lacrosse stick, valued at \$100! It's the perfect opportunity to get started in a dynamic and exhilarating sport while equipping yourself with top-notch gear.

Here's why you should consider joining Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse:

- 1. Fun and Inclusive Environment: Our league prides itself on fostering a positive and inclusive atmosphere where players of all skill levels can thrive. From beginners to advanced athletes, everyone is welcome!*
- 2. Develop Essential Skills: Lacrosse is a fantastic way to develop crucial athletic skills such as hand-eye coordination, agility, and teamwork. Our experienced coaches are dedicated to helping each player reach their full potential.*
- 3. Build Lifelong Friendships: Through teamwork, camaraderie, and shared experiences on and off the field, players forge lasting friendships that extend far beyond the lacrosse season.*
- 4. Stay Active and Healthy: With lacrosse, staying active has never been more exciting! Joining our league is a fantastic way to stay fit, healthy, and engaged in a sport you love.*

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to join the Adanacs Legacy. Simply visit our website **REGISTER HERE** to sign up today.

Let's make this lacrosse season one to remember. We can't wait to welcome you to the Adanacs family!

For more information or questions email: **2vp@coquitlamlacrosse.ca.**



BABYSITTING COURSE



**When: Friday, April 19, 2024
from 8:30am-4:30pm.
(District wide Pro-D day)**

Courses held at Harbour View Elementary.

Students must be age 11 to 15, grade 6 to 8.

Course will cover: Responsible leader, childhood characteristics and behaviour, creating safe environment, caring for children, first aid, business of babysitting.

Spots are reserved on a first come first serve basis. Please email **harbourviewpac@gmail.com** with your child's first and last name, teacher and division. We will confirm your spot by email.

Please drop off a cheque or cash to HarbourView office before April 1st. Cheques made out to Harbourview PAC. The cost for each course is \$75.00.

Please arrive 10 minutes early to check in.

DID YOU KNOW?

SchoolCashOnline

OPT-IN to receive e-mail notifications for new fees/permission forms assigned to your student and updates on school related activities on School Cash Online. To do this, log on to your account, and click on "My Account", then scroll down to "Manage Email Notifications." Check that the box is marked indicating that you want to receive email notifications. You may also select the preferred language for e-mails from School Cash Online here.

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>



Your stuff misses you too

Small and valuable items lost such as earbuds, jewelry, etc, are kept in the office. We have a small collection of items waiting for their rightful owner. All other items such as clothing, waterbottles, containers, etc, can be found in the "Lost & Found" bin/table (hallway in front of the office). Items are collected every second Friday as we accumulate lost items quickly. Please remind students to check for items lost regularly and please LABEL all items with student's name!

*****Unclaimed items will be donated to Big Brother before we go on Spring Break.**



Support our Como Lake Leadership crew initiatives by donating your recyclables to the Return-It depot using our school phone number: 604-936-1451.

MYED BC PORTAL CORNER

Learning Updates:

Learning Updates will not stay on the portal forever. Please download and save and/or print the report card for your records. **All reports are removed from the portal on July 30!**

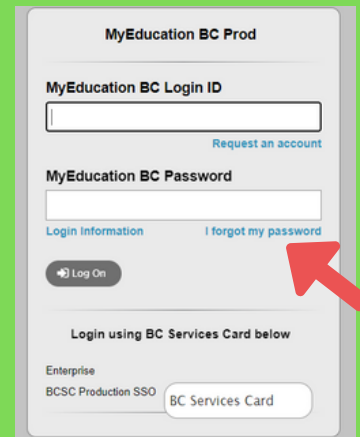
Login TO MYED BC Portal

Access to the portal can be found [HERE](#). It is best practice to go to our school website and click on "MyEdBC Family Portal" under "quick Links. Avoid using google to search for MyEd BC because it often takes you to a different link and it won't work properly!

Your MyEd BC Login is 43-youremailaddress. Please note that every three months, the system requires you to create a new password. This is for security purposes and we suggest you have your passwords written down somewhere safe to refer to! If you can't remember your password, you can request for a Password Reset when logging in (see below).



You can reset the password for MyEd Portal by clicking on "I forgot my password"



Verification Form:

This form contains demographic information that each family has shared with the school upon registration. If any of the information is incorrect, please print the form and write the updated information. Form can then be sent to the office for us to make the necessary changes on our MyEd system.