



COMO LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Staff at our "We Are Laker's Day/ Jersey Day"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE BY DAVE CYR

Dear Parents/Guardians,

May is here and that means that the school year is edging even closer to the finish line. Amazing to think of all that has been accomplished in 2023/2024 and all that is yet to come.

Please stay updated on the school-based activities that will be a part of Como life in May and June. The website calendar is updated regularly.

Soon we will be sending out information about the year end field trip as well as updated information for our students that are camping. I want to remind all of our families that I have funds available to support with these costs.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you would like help with the costs of the activities.

This recent spring weather has brought more smiles to the faces of all that call Como Lake Middle their school. Over these weeks, I have seen an inspiring display of kindness and camaraderie among our students. In various ways they have shown an exceptional sense of caring for each other and our school community. From simple gestures like helping a classmate with their work to organizing events to support our families and our school community, their compassion and energy are shining brightly.

This truly is an amazing community to be a part of.

IMPORTANT DATES:



Wednesday, May 1

- Gr 6 and 7 Routine Immunizations
- TCBY Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser



Thursday, May 9

- Genius Hour



Friday, May 10

- Class Photo Day



Tuesday, May 14

- PAC Meeting at 7 p.m.



Thursday, May 16

- Genius Hour



Monday, May 20

- Victoria Day – School Closed



Thursday, May 23

- Genius Hour



Thursday, May 30

- Genius Hour

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

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



Back by popular demand! Como Lake Middle PAC invites all the students to enjoy TCBY Frozen Yogurt on **Wednesday, May 1**. Flavours available will be Cookies'n'Cream, Cake Batter, Pina Colada, Cotton Candy and Pink Lemonade – Sorbet.

Orders on **School Cash Online** will close at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, April 30. Thereafter, if your child brings cash to school on May 1 to purchase frozen yogurt, it MUST be the exact amount of \$5 as there will be no change available.

All proceeds will go to the PAC for Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony and Teacher Appreciation at Como Lake.

PAC UPDATES AND NEXT PAC MEETING

Our next PAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Learning Commons.

This meeting will be our annual AGM and we need your help! As we will see a few PAC executive members leave Como Lake next year to high school, we are currently looking to fill a few PAC executive positions. If you're interested in one of the positions, please attend the meeting on May 14.



Class photos will be taken by Vibrant Photos on Friday, May 10!



We spent the first two weeks after Spring Break in a fundraising frenzy! Como Lake participates in the Terry Fox run annually on April 12 to commemorate the start date of Terry's *Marathon of Hope*. Our school surpassed our initial goal of \$1000 in the first week! Together, we made a donation of **\$3,756.51** to the Terry Fox Foundation! We may be a small community, but we are fierce!

Thank you for all your support and your generous donations that have exceeded our goal!



WE ARE LAKERS DAY/JERSEY DAY!

Students and staff at Como Lake came together on Thursday, April 18 to reflect and acknowledge Ms. Hindle and share our memories of what she brought to our school community. Her energy, positivity and passion for working with students will not be forgotten. Once a Laker, always a Laker!

Thank you to Angela Guy for sharing with us the "Women's Warrior Song" to start our gathering. This song honours all the women who play an important and positive role in our lives or have passed on.

GENIUS HOUR

Every Thursday during the month of May is Genius Hour! The opportunity for our students to engage in personal passion projects, with the support of our teachers, is very special. It is always amazing to see the level of engagement our students have in the work that they are doing when the work is a project of their choosing. Please encourage children to be prepared with all the items required for Genius Hour on Thursdays to ensure the activity is a success.

ROUTINE IMMUNIZATIONS FOR GR 6 & 7

Routine immunizations are finishing up for grade 6 and a few of the grade 7 students on Wednesday, May 1. Immunization consent forms were completed in the fall and therefore, will not be distributed, unless student is new to Como after the fall immunization date.



KATESLEM AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Kateslem after school program runs 5 days per week after school until 5:30 pm. This is a free program but requires a commitment to attend of 4 days per week, staying the full day. Our program is not a daycare and has been running out of Como Lake for over 15 years. It is a youth program geared towards learning essential life skills, trying different activities, cooking, baking, gardening, homework help, and much more. There are also field trips when funding is available. There is limited space as we only have room for 20 youth at this location with snacks provided. If you are interested in joining or are looking for more information, please contact our Executive Director, Karyn Bell, at (604)316-8412 or karynskateslem@yahoo.ca

ECO-CLUB



Como Lake's Eco-club continues to explore the impacts of Climate Change on the environment, and recently participated in the SD43 Earth Day Eco Week Challenge where each day, students were asked to commit to one action to support reducing our carbon footprint. The Eco Club also put on an Earth Day bake sale, with Earth Day Cookies, brownies and cupcakes to raise funds for their school initiatives. New members are always welcome to join! Meetings are held on Monday's at lunch in the Foods Room.

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.



Inclusive & Safe School Communities

Thursday, May 9, 2024

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Safe, orderly, inclusive school communities are critical for student well-being and academic success.

Please join the SD43 Student Wellness and Safety Team, Wendy Yu, District Principal of Diversity and Anti-Racism, and others to learn about some of the ways we intentionally create, develop and maintain a sense of physical, and emotional safety, and environments which create optimal learning spaces. Through research, evidence-based practices, curriculum and student support structures, we hope to create the optimal conditions for student success.

Some of the topics covered will include:

- **Research and practices which support social-emotional learning**
- **Anti-Racism Education**
- **Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity - Myths and Facts**
- **Codes of Conduct, Student Interventions, Safety Training and Responses**

Pre-registration is required. You will receive an email with the Microsoft Teams link two (2) business days prior to the session date.

**REGISTER TODAY
BY CLICKING HERE**



SD43 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEARNING SERIES 2024

www.sd43.bc.ca/familyseries | familylearningseries@sd43.bc.ca



Summer Learning

2024

Elementary

Eight locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 9:00am-12:00pm. K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Visual & Performing Arts, French Immersion, Integrated studies, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, and more!
Free to all BC residents*.

Middle

Three locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 8:45-11:45am. Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated studies, English and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more! Free to all BC residents*.

Two locations. Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 8:30-11:30am OR 12:00-3:00pm. English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Jazz & Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Sewing, 2D Animation, Metal and Wood Tech Ed, Math, Coding (Info Tech), Skills for Success. Free to all BC residents*. These non-credit courses may be taken to review previously covered course content OR preview a course. Academic Completion 9/10 (earn a passing mark) also available, by referral.

Secondary Skill Building

Face-to-Face Advanced Credit OR Online Blended Fast Track
Two locations. Wednesday July 3 - Thursday August 8 8:00-11:30am OR 12:00-3:30pm. Biology 11,12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11,12; EAL 10,11; English 10,11,12; English First Peoples 11,12; Mathematics 10,11,12; Physics 11,12; PHE 10; Socials 10,11.

Secondary Full Credit

Check out the SOYL full day program on our website!

Registration begins at 6:00am for ...
- Elementary: Tuesday April 30
- Middle & Secondary Skill Building: Friday May 3
- Secondary Full Credit: Wed. May 8
Phone 604-936-4261 for assistance.
*SD43 Residency requirements apply

To Register

WWW.SD43SUMMERLEARNING.CA / Phone 604-936-4261

Courses and locations listed above are subject to change



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.**



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!**

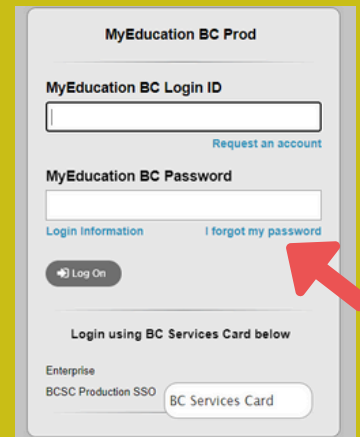
Login TO MYED BC Portal

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.