



# COMO LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY MRS. DEVON ROSS

November was a vibrant and busy month at Como Lake Middle School, marked by academics, athletics, and community-building events. The month began with 3-Way Conferences giving families, students, and teachers dedicated time to discuss student progress and set goals for the remainder of the year. These conferences reinforced the school's emphasis on collaboration between the home and the classroom.

The PAC Book Fair in the library was another highlight, sparking excitement around reading and offering students a chance to explore new titles. Additional fundraisers such as the Hot Dog and Pizza Lunches, Snack Shop, and the PAC TCBY Frozen Yogurt orders added energy to the school day while raising funds to support programs, activities, and our holiday hampers. You can donate further to our holiday hampers by using [School Cash Online](#).

Many thanks to the PAC and staff and special kudos to the Leadership students who stepped up to support these events showcasing their initiative and responsibility.

A definite highlight in November was our Thursday Genius Hour All Play afternoons. Over the past 4 weeks, students have worked on passion projects of their choice. To see the growth, the learning, and most importantly the pride and smiles was simply amazing! Please make sure you discuss your child's Genius Hour project with them.

Athletics played a central role in November as well. Volleyball practices, games, and playoffs kept the gym buzzing with competition and teamwork. Congratulations to all of their teams on their success as they finished out the fall season of sports! Beyond the court, all teams have now enjoyed a swimming field trip, which provided a chance to bond outside the classroom and build confidence in a new setting. Stay tuned for skating field trip details.

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***Como Lake and Hazel Trembath Elementary enjoyed the Resilient Rhythm show in our gym on November 18. Thank you to our PAC for your support in funding this great learning resource opportunity to our students!***

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November also carried moments of reflection. The Remembrance Day observance gave students and staff time to honour veterans and consider the importance of peace.

Altogether, November balanced academics, athletics, and community engagement. It was a month that showcased the school's commitment to fostering well-rounded students who thrive in both learning and life.

December at Como Lake Middle will carry forward the energy of fall while adding a festive touch. Leadership events such as the 12 days of Como Caring and fundraisers will keep students engaged in community-building activities. We will have a spirit assembly in the final week showcasing our Band program (more details to follow soon). As classrooms and hallways take on holiday decorations, students can look forward to Winter Break from December 22 to January 2, a chance to recharge before the new year. The month will be marked by celebration, school spirit, and anticipation for 2026.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy month! Stay tuned for Learning Updates which will be available on the My Education BC Portal on December 18th.

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Term 1 Progress Reports will be published on the MyEd BC Family Portal on **Thursday, December 18.** When report cards are published, they are accessible in the "Published Reports" field as PDF's which can be viewed, printed and saved. We strongly recommend saving a copy of the PDF for future reference. Access to the portal can be found **HERE**. A few things to remember: Download and save and/or print the report card for your records **before July 31** as they will be permanently deleted from the portal thereafter. For security purposes, your password will need to be reset every 90 days. It is a good idea to record your password in a safe location

## IMPORTANT DATES:

### DECEMBER


**Wednesday, December 3**

- Pink Shirt orders close at 11:59 p.m.


**Sunday, December 7**

- Subway orders close at 11:59 p.m.


**Tuesday, December 9**

- TCBY orders close at 11:59 p.m.


**Wednesday, December 10**

- Holiday Hamper Donations will close at 11:59 p.m.


**Friday, December 12**

- Subway Fundraiser Lunch


**Wednesday, December 17**

- TCBY Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser


**Thursday, December 18**

- Term 1 Learning Updates published to MyEd


**Friday, December 19**

- Last day of school before Winter Vacation


**Monday, December 22 – Friday, January 2**

- Winter Vacation


**Monday, January 5**

- Schools re-open after Winter Vacation

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

**Como Lake Website**



## PINK T-SHIRT AND HOODIE ORDERS 2026

ORDERS END ON  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3



Terry Fox Secondary Leadership classes have designed new black (with pink text) or pink (with black text) anti-bullying shirts, "KINDNESS IS A SUPER POWER", with the hope of raising awareness and money to provide needed funds to "Kidsport Tri Cities" to help youth get involved in organized sport. Staying active through sports creates a positive atmosphere for our youth in the Tri Cities. Let's make a difference!

T-shirts are \$13 and Hoodies are \$35 -taxes included.

Please log on **School Cash Online** to place your order by **11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3.**

Pink Shirt Day is **Wednesday, February 25, 2026.**



## SUBWAY LUNCH FUNDRAISER

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**

Como Lake has planned a Subway Fundraiser for **Friday, December 12.** Ordering will be open on **School Cash Online** on Monday, December 1 and will be *closing on Sunday, December 7 at 11:59 p.m.*

There are several choices of 6 inch sandwiches to select from. You also have an option to order an additional 6 inch sandwich. Chips and Drink are available for an additional fee. Gluten free options will be available.

Subway orders will help support our fundraising efforts towards our Holiday Hampers.



Como Lake PAC invites students to enjoy TCBY Frozen Yogurt during lunch on **Wednesday, December 17!** Each frozen yogurt is \$5.00.

Please place your order through **School Cash Online** by 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 7. If your child(ren) brings cash on Wednesday, December 17 to purchase Frozen Yogurt, it **MUST** be the exact amount of \$5 as there will be no change available.

Money raised from this PAC fundraiser will be going towards learning resources to the school.



### **FLAVOURS AVAILABLE:**

Cookies and Cream  
Peppermint Stick  
Pumpkin Pie  
Mango & Raspberry Swirl Sorbet  
Hot Chocolate



# COMO LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC

Hello Lakers and Families!

November was a busy month of fundraising with Domino's Pizza Night, our first-ever Book Fair, and the always-popular TCBY lunch sale. Thanks to your incredible support, proceeds have already been distributed to teachers to help purchase additional classroom supplies. Your contributions make a real difference for our students—thank you!

We'd love to see you at our January PAC meeting, where we'll be discussing how to best allocate the Gaming Grant funds. Your input matters, so please join us!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PAC MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 @ 7 P.M.**

Meeting will be held in person at the school Library and via Teams online.

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 232 366 895 303 9

Passcode: Xy2BH2x9



[comolakemiddlepac@gmail.com](mailto:comolakemiddlepac@gmail.com)

## **PAC DONATION PROGRAM** **2025-2026**

Every year, our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) raises funds for learning materials, based on school goals; sports equipment for classrooms, intramurals, and extra-curricular activities; library materials; emergency preparedness supplies; technology equipment and many other "extras". These items are all made available for use by our children, as a result of PAC fundraising initiatives.

PAC Donations can be made on **School Cash Online**.

100% of your donation goes directly to the school for items your child will use. You may choose to donate any amount. Business donations are also welcome.

Please note that only donations of \$25.00 or more, will receive an income tax receipt from the school district, which are provided early in the new year.

## **Ongoing Fundraisers**

All proceeds go towards events/items for the students & teachers!



15 Braid St, Unit 221, New West

Drive to the end of the commercial unit, on the NW side.  
Reference Como Lake Middle PAC when dropping off clothing,  
bedding, linens, shoes, bags.



Any Return-It Express location  
Reference **647-828-3404**  
when printing label



**Return-It Bottle  
Drive on Friday,  
January 9!**





## GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS

Routine Immunizations with Fraser Health for Como Lake Grade 6 students is scheduled for:

**#1: Friday, January 9th, 2026**

**#2: Thursday, May 7th, 2026**

Immunization consent forms from Fraser Health will be distributed to grade 6 students in the upcoming days. It is important for students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) to review the consent package and talk about consent for routine child immunization, together.

Once completed, please place the consent form in the sealed envelope labelled "School Nurse" and return it to the school office. A Fraser Health Nurse will be collecting them as they prepare for the immunization date at Como Lake in January.

International students staying for 6 months or greater will be offered immunizations at the school.

As in previous years, COVID-19 vaccines will not be provided as part of the school based immunization program.

If you have questions regarding immunizations, please contact the Tri-Cities Health Unit:

**Email:** [SchoolNurseTricities@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:SchoolNurseTricities@fraserhealth.ca)

**Phone:** (604) 949-7251.



Como Lake Middle School will be supporting our local families in need with our Holiday Hampers. Last year, we were able to help a number of families. Thank you!

We are requesting for your help in making an online donation to help build these hampers. Donations of \$25 and above will be issued a tax receipt by our school district.

We thank you for your generosity. Your support is appreciated and goes a long way to make a difference in our community.

To make a donation towards our Holiday Hampers, please log on **School Cash Online** or click on the following link:

**<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/162703/108/False/True>**

Holiday Hamper money donations will be accepted until **December 10** on School Cash Online.



## RIZE BASKETBALL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WINTER 2026

Rize Basketball After School Program will run at Como Lake Middle School's gym on Fridays for students in Grades 6-8 from January 9 - March 13, 2026.

**Total Sessions: 9**

**Dates: Fridays from January 9 - March 13, 2026**

**Program Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

**Cost: \$143**

To Register, go to **[www.DWULio](http://www.DWULio)**, search "Como Lake". Visit the **60-second tutorial video** or **online step-by-step** guide for assistance.

Program questions can be emailed to:  
**[nishandhanoya@gmail.com](mailto:nishandhanoya@gmail.com)**

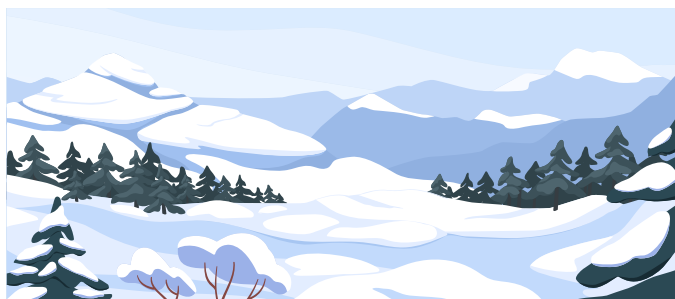


# 12 Days of Como Caring



Como Lake's Special Events student crew have been working hard to get a schedule to you for our upcoming spirit days.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 	2	3 <b>Day 1: Festive Wear Wednesday</b> <i>(wear anything festive for the holiday season)</i>	4 <b>Day 2: Tropical Thursday</b> 	5 <b>Day 3: Crazy Hair Friday</b>
8 <b>Day 4: Jersey Day</b> 	9 <b>Day 5: Twinning Tuesday</b> <i>(find a friend and match outfits)</i>	10 <b>Day 6: 90's day</b> <i>(dress like you're from the 90's)</i>	11 <b>Day 7: Anything But a Water Bottle Day</b> 	12 <b>Day 8: PJ Day</b> <b>Hot chocolate sale</b> 
15 <b>Day 9: Crazy Hat Day</b> <i>(wear or make any funky, crazy hat)</i>	16 <b>Day 10: Candy Cane</b> <i>(wear stripes)</i>	17 <b>Day 11: One Colour Wednesday</b> <i>(dress in 1 colour)</i>	18 <b>Day 12: Santa vs. Grinch Day</b> <i>(dress up in red or green)</i>	19 <b>Assembly</b> <i>(winning class) (staff vs students game)</i>



## WINTER WEATHER AHEAD!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall. However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure, affected schools will be identified. The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs before 6:30a.m. so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30a.m. via the School District 43 website [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and CKNW AM980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC(690) radio. Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the TransLink website: <http://www.translink.ca> We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca). Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/pages/emergencyinformation.aspx#/=>

## School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

INFORMATION MEETING FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS  
AND THEIR PARENTS

**Tuesday, December 2nd or Wednesday,  
December 3rd, 2025**

**7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Port Moody Secondary  
School**

Students and parents interested in entering the IB Program for talented and highly motivated students should attend one of these meetings to receive all pertinent information. There will be an opportunity for students and parents to ask questions about the IB Program.

All registration information will be available at these meetings. Information about Port Moody Secondary and the IB Program can be found on the web at:

**[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/ProgramsServices/IB/reg\\_info/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/ProgramsServices/IB/reg_info/Pages/default.aspx#/=)**  
**[and at www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)**





# Come to iHub Open 2025

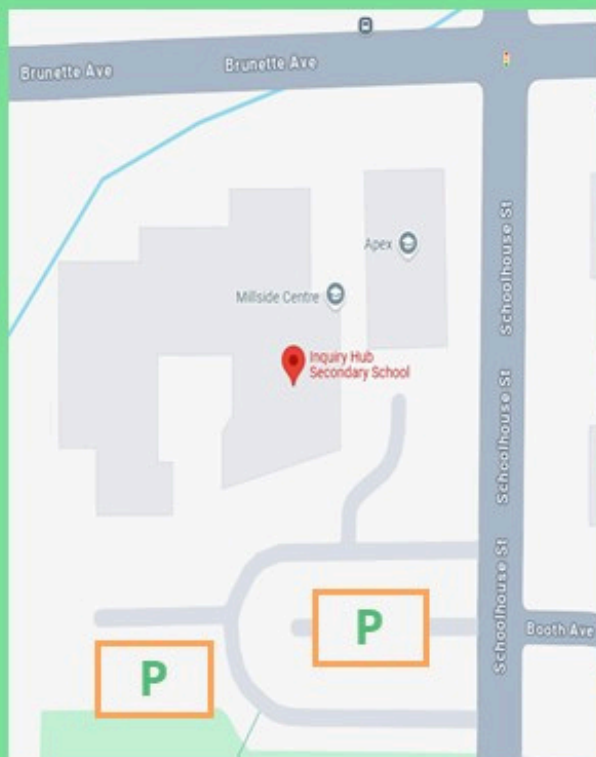
Inquiry Hub Secondary  
1432 Brunette Ave, Coquitlam  
(Parking access via Schoolhouse St.)

Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Choose 6-7pm or 7:30-8:30pm

[Inquiryhub.org/open](https://inquiryhub.org/open)



We're the  
**Dream – Create – Learn**  
School.



Inquiry Hub is School District 43's award-winning, inquiry-based, public secondary school. We're looking for motivated learners; students who want to, and can, make a difference.

So, we're inviting you to an open house where students and teachers will share their school, their creations, and what it's like to learn at Inquiry Hub.

Please RSVP at  
[inquiryhub.org/open](https://inquiryhub.org/open)

Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm or 7:30pm

Inquiry Hub at Millside Centre,  
1432 Brunette Ave.  
Coquitlam B.C. V3K 1G5

# LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

## JOIN THE Moresports TEAM!!

- GAIN COACHING SKILLS & CERTIFICATES
- BUILD UP YOUR RESUME
- FREE TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS  
(CPR/FIRST AID, COACHING ALL ABILITIES, CAN TRAINING, EQUITAS HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING, AND OTHERS)
- GET WORK EXPERIENCES INVOLVING KIDS
- LEARN & DEVELOP LIFE-LONG LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- OBTAIN A COACHING JOB

SCAN ME!

VISIT [MORESPORTS.ORG](https://moresports.org) FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Moresports is looking for student volunteers who would like to work with younger children in afterschool sports programs and spring break sports camps all within local SD43 schools. We also offer training/coaching certificates along with other training such as First aid (babysitting and CPR), equitas training, Canucks Autism Training (CAN) and much more.

The poster above provides more info.

SAVE THE DATE

DR. CHARLES BEST SECONDARY

# WINTER MARKET

Date: Friday, November 28, 2025  
Time: 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Location: 2525 Como Lake Ave., Coquitlam  
Entry by cash donation

OVER 95+ AMAZING VENDORS!

COME FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND SUPPORT THE GRAD CLASS OF 2026!

# DUCKS VOLLEYBALL

- ✓ 9U - 14U | Male + Female
- ✓ Experienced Coaches
- ✓ Beginner to Intermediate
- ✓ Club Teams | ALL AGES
- ✓ House Teams | 10U - 14U
- ✓ Winter Programs

30 years of legacy, family and growing volleyball in the Tri-Cities

FOREVER FEARLESS | FOREVER FAMILY  
[www.ducksvolleyball.ca](http://www.ducksvolleyball.ca)

2026 CLUB VOLLEYBALL + WINTER PROGRAMS INFORMATION

Como Lake is on Instagram!

CLICK HERE

## Community Bulletin Board for Families

FamilySmart Connect & Learn Event  
All Ages Poetry Slam  
Imagine This Musical Theatre Workshops

# MYED BC PORTAL CORNER

## 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.

The Student Verification Form will be found under the "Published Reports" section of the MyEd Family portal.

## 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"

WHAT  
YOU  
NEED TO KNOW?

## CHANGE IN HOME ADDRESS?

Home address changes must be reported to the office along with 3 of the required support documentation from the following:

- BC Driver's License
- Long Term Tenancy Agreement - showing name & address
- Property Purchase Agreement - showing name & address
- Income Tax Statement - showing name & province of residency
- Property Tax Statement - showing name & address
- Utility Bill
- BC Vehicle Registration
- Canadian Bank Account Statement - showing name & address
- Canadian Credit Card Statement - showing name & address

SchoolCashOnline  
KEVGROUP

OPT-IN to receive e-mail notifications for new fees/permission forms assigned to your child 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.schoolcashonline.com/>