



COMO LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY MRS. DEVON ROSS

Wow! In the blink of an eye, we are 20% of the way through the school year. It was so wonderful to see so many of our families come in for the 3 Way Conferences this week. Sharing in your child's learning journey is such an important element of their growth so we thank you for your time.

Many parents have asked what more they can do to support learning at home. Modelling reading is a wonderful way families can spend time together. Hopefully, you had the chance to pick up a book or two at our PAC Book Fair Fundraiser. Or the Poirier Public Library is only about one kilometre from the school and might work well as a weekend destination for all families to check out a book of their choice. Maybe pick an evening or two in the week when your entire family is just going to sit and read. You can read one book together or perhaps each person has an individual book. Discussing your books afterwards as a family is also a great way to connect. You all get the opportunity to put your devices away, relax, and also enhance decoding and comprehension skills for your children.

At home, you may also want to ask your child about our school-wide novel read "Restart". This book is about a student who made some poor choices but then gets a chance to start over with how he treats people after he gets amnesia. In classes, students are also beginning their Genius Hour All Play passion projects so that might be a good topic to discuss as well. There are lots of other amazing assignments and projects happening in classes throughout the school. Please ask your children about them.

Hallowe'en was a big day of celebration at Como Lake. Kids enjoyed a Spirit Assembly showing off the best costumes in the school, engaged in class Pictionary, visited the photo booth, and then watched a movie or attended the dance in the afternoon. A busy day with lots of energy and fun! Of course, back to academics and learning this week after some much needed rest over the weekend.

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In terms of Athletics, our Swim Team and Cross Country Teams have wrapped for the season after showing great school spirit and sportsmanship. The season ending Volleyball tournaments are happening as well this month. We also have many students who are participating in the lunch time intramural volleyball games and an afterschool basketball program so the gym is a busy place right now. Congratulations to all students who participated in these activities!

Finally, a big thank you to our PAC and also our Leadership students and staff for a number of fundraisers that are supporting the school. For example, we fundraised \$1,084 from the School Clothing (delivery info coming soon). All of the funds raised through these various initiatives go to support programs in the school, buying library books and other learning resources, supporting families with field trip costs, or other PAC initiatives. Kudos to all of you for your support! Please do not feel compelled to participate in all of the fundraisers. Please only contribute what makes sense for your family's situation. Any contributions are much appreciated. Have a great rest of November and never hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.



Indigenous Veterans Day in Canada is observed on **Saturday, November 8** to recognize and honour the military contributions and sacrifices of Indigenous Veterans.

On **Tuesday, November 11**, we honour those who gave their lives to serve our country. School is closed on this day.

From the last Friday in October to Remembrance Day, Canadians wear a Poppy to honour and remember Canada's Veterans. **The Royal Canadian Legion Poppies** will be available to **every student on Monday, November 10.** **Please send some coins with your child to school on this day to help raise funds to support Veterans and their families in need.**

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will begin just after our nutrition break in the gym on Monday, November 10.

IMPORTANT DATES:

NOVEMBER

**Tuesday, November 4**

- 3-Way Conferences from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.
- Scholastic Book Fair in Library

**Wednesday, November 5**

- TCBY Frozen Yogurt Sale
- 3 Way Conferences from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 6**

- Genius Hour All Play 12:40 – 2:55 p.m.

**Saturday, November 8**

- National Indigenous Veterans Day

**Tuesday, November 11**

- Remembrance Day
- School Closed

**Thursday, November 13**

- Genius Hour All Play 12:40 – 2:55 p.m.
- PAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Virtual and in-person)

**Thursday, November 20**

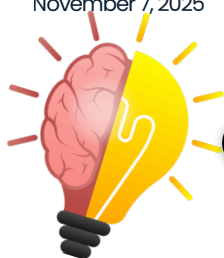
Genius All Play 12:40 – 2:55 p.m.

**Thursday, November 27**

Genius All Play 12:40 – 2:55 p.m.

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

Como Lake Website



GENIUS HOUR ALL PLAY

Every Thursday during the month of November is Genius Hour All Play! 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 All Play on **Thursdays** to ensure the activity is a success.

Orange Shirt Pins

Thank you so much for the support you've shown in taking part in this important initiative to raise awareness and solidarity for Truth and Reconciliation through the sale of orange shirt pins and earrings at Como Lake made by our student, Avina and her family.

We're happy to share that they raised a total of \$1,540. Of that, \$770 was donated to the Indigenous Residential School Survivors Society, and \$770 to the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre. From Como Lake Middle School alone, we raised \$335!



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" located in the hallway near the office. Items are collected frequently as we accumulate lost items quickly. Please remind students to check for items lost regularly and please LABEL all items with your student's name!

Unclaimed items will be donated to Big Brother on Friday, November 14.



COMO LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC



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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PAC MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 @ 7 P.M.**

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

Join the meeting now
Meeting ID: 262 241 475 971 2
Passcode: 478Yb7mn

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.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The morning bell rings at 8:35 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and on Wednesdays at 8:55 am. Students are expected to arrive to school on time, giving them the opportunity to prepare for learning (getting their materials organized, removing outdoor wear, going to lockers, etc.). When students arrive late for school, not only is the classroom disrupted, but also the student misses out on receiving important classroom instruction and information shared from our morning announcements.

Reporting Late, Absent, and/or Early Dismissal:

If students will be late, absent, and/or leaving early, please submit an **Absence Report** under "Quick Links" on our school website by 8:30 am and leave a comment as to the expected time of drop off or pick up:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/comolake/>

If your child needs to be dismissed early, we ask that you please inform the office ahead of time and ensure we have a time when your child is leaving school. We also ask that you please advise whether your child will be walking or will be picked up from the school for their safety. If you will be picking up your child and the office wasn't informed, please come into the office and we will call your child. Please note that your child will not be allowed to leave early until the office gets a verbal or written permission from a parent.

Please note that at Como Lake, we are unable to call into a classroom and we cannot page outside during lunch, making it difficult to locate a student without prior notice.

A MESSAGE FROM VIBRANT PHOTOS

A Halloween treat for your student's school day photos...

FREE SHIPPING

+ FREE GIFT

Order your student's photos today and enjoy free shipping to the school plus a **FREE digital 8x10 calendar** with your purchase.

Please note, the free calendar must be ordered to receive it

How To Order:



Locate your child's QR code

It's printed on their student ID card under their photo



Go to your gallery link

Select your products and add to cart!



Having trouble finding your student's info?

Email dawn@vibrantphotos.ca with your child's name and school

CLICK HERE TO ORDER



SD43Education
FOUNDATION



SD43 Education Foundation Online Auction LIVE November 8 - 25, 2025

Make a Difference in Your Community

The SD43 Education Foundation Online Auction raises funds to support students and programs across Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore, and Belcarra.

Last year, the following schools benefitted from sharing **\$51,120** in grants:

Birchland Elementary	Cape Horn Elementary	Castle Park Elementary
Centennial Secondary	Como Lake Middle	Gleneagle Secondary
Hampton Park Elementary	Heritage Woods Secondary	Inquiry Hub
Kilmer Elementary	Meadowbrook Elementary	Montgomery Middle
Mundy Road Elementary	Parkland Elementary	Pinetree Secondary
Port Moody Secondary	RC Macdonald Elementary	Suwa'ikh School
	CABE Secondary	

Amazing Items and Experiences

Bid on vacations, hotel stays, dining experiences, local gift certificates, hockey and sports tickets, golf packages, technology, and more exciting items for everyone.

Visit, Bid and Share: www.32auctions.com/SD43foundation



GRADE 6 STAY ACTIVE PASS

The Tri Cities, in cooperation with School District 43, are pleased to once again offer the Grade 6 Stay Active! Program for all SD43 Grade 6 students. This program is to promote youth involvement in physical activity by providing 12 free admissions to either drop-in swimming, skating and gymnasium-based activities in the cities of Coquitlam, Port Moody and Port Coquitlam.

To receive a Grade 6 Stay Active! card, please bring the following documentation to one of the Coquitlam facilities:

- A letter of verification from School District #43 from the school's office, not a teacher, identifying the applicant as a Grade 6 student.
- Birth certificate or Care Card showing the student's age as of December 31, 2011.
- Proof of Coquitlam residency ie. Phone, Hydro, Cable, Gas bill or Property Tax Notice. Note: Driver's licence and PO Boxes are not acceptable.
- Your child - to have their picture taken

Bring the above documentation to one of the following locations:

- Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex - 633 Poirier Street
- City Centre Aquatic Complex - 1210 Pinetree Way
- Pinetree Community Centre - 1260 Pinetree Way

Remember to keep your cards safe. Replacement cards are available at a nominal fee of \$5. Passes must be presented to the cashier at the time of admission. Students without their passes will have to pay regular admission rates.



**Como Lake is on
Instagram!**

CLICK HERE

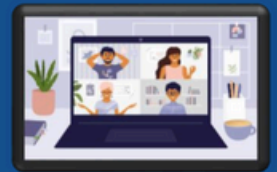


Immunizations – HPV and more: Information and Q&A with immunization experts from Fraser Health

 **Weds. November 12, 2025**

 **7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

 **Online (on TEAMS)**



What You'll Learn:

- ✓ How immunizations work
- ✓ HPV vaccine's role in cancer prevention
- ✓ What to expect on school immunization day
- ✓ Tips for families new to B.C.
- ✓ Answers to your questions about vaccines



Who Should Attend:

Parents, caregivers and guardians of students in grade 6 to 12 anywhere in Fraser Health

Register Now




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

2026 CLUB VOLLEYBALL + WINTER PROGRAMS INFORMATION

FOREVER FEARLESS | FOREVER FAMILY

www.ducksvolleyball.ca

School immunization clinics are starting. Join this session to take some of the myth and mystery out of immunization.





FOCUS VOLLEYBALL CLUB TRYOUTS FOR 13U TO 18U ATHLETES VARIOUS DATES: NOV. 9- DEC.7

Focus Volleyball Club is based out of the Burnaby-Vancouver and TriCities area but we have athletes from all over the Lower Mainland in our organization.

We offer a variety of teams for boys and girls ages 12 to 18.. Where there is more than one team, each team will be **tiered by ability**, with **high-performance options** for top athletes ready to compete at the highest level.

Our club has won over 60 provincial medals since forming. Our 13u/14u program in particular has been success winning over 40 provincial medals. Our 13u/14u boys program has recently won a National Championships and in the past two years alone has won 10 provincial medals including 4 gold medals.

All Athletes Welcome whether you're just starting out or aiming for the podium, we invite **athletes of all skill levels** to be part of our programs.

Specific information regarding tryouts for each age group/gender are available at our website.

Visit our website for more details:
www.FocusVolleyball.ca

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.schoolcashionline.com/>