



COMO LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY MRS. DEVON ROSS

We hope you are doing well and enjoying the beautiful spring weather. It has been a wonderful school year filled with many meaningful learning experiences, and we are looking forward to the numerous year-end opportunities taking place throughout June.

Our May Genius Hour has now come to a close, and the growth and learning demonstrated by our students has been truly impressive. Visiting classrooms and speaking with students, both in school and off-site, was incredibly inspiring. Their enthusiasm was evident as they shared their passion projects and proudly reflected on their learning journey. This work continues to reflect our school's commitment to inquiry, student voice, and authentic learning experiences. Our STEAM Club also wrapped up the year with a fantastic district-wide event hosted by the Coquitlam Public Library and Douglas College. Students in Grades 4-12 from across the district came together to present their inquiry-based learning projects, showcasing innovation, creativity, and problem-solving. In addition, hands-on project-based learning activities including the designing and building of mousetrap cars highlighted students' critical thinking and collaboration skills. These opportunities strongly reflect our school Credo and our commitment to engaging students in meaningful and relevant learning.

This spring has also been an exciting time for extracurricular achievements. We are very proud to celebrate Aaron and Mahek, who both earned Gold Medals at the District Mic'd Up Competition. In athletics, Track and Field, Badminton, and Running Club saw strong participation across all grades, with students demonstrating dedication, perseverance, and school spirit. These programs continue to be an important part of student life at Como Lake.

As shared previously, we would like to sincerely thank all families who participated in our Emergency Release Drill. Practicing these important procedures ensures that students, staff, and families are well prepared in the event of an emergency requiring a school-wide release.

Looking ahead to June, there are many exciting events and activities scheduled. Highlights include:

- **June 8-12:** Camping Week for approximately 90 students, providing valuable outdoor education experiences and opportunities to build independence and teamwork
- **Year-End Team Barbecues:** All teams will participate in a celebration barbecue. As previously shared, fundraising efforts have allowed us to cover all associated costs. Thank you again for your generous support!

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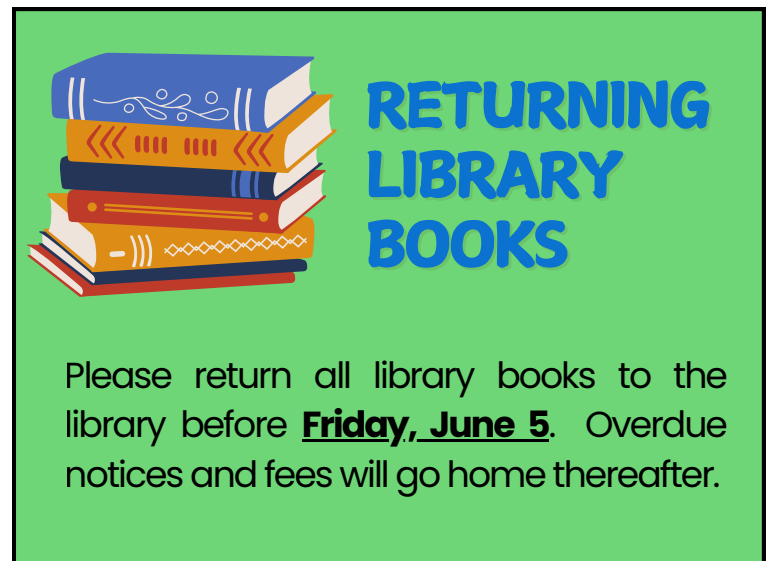
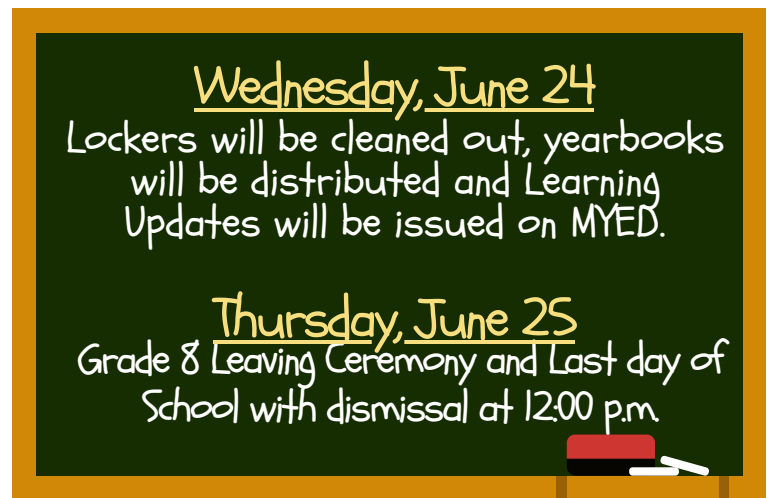
- **June 23:** Year-End Music Concert (daytime performance -time tbd but all families are welcome)
- **June 24:** Year-End Assembly
- **Last Day of School - June 25 (morning only):** Grade 8 Leaving Celebration (Grade 6 and 7 students are welcome to attend). Dismissal for all students at noon.
- Please continue to refer to the school calendar for updates, as it includes ongoing activities such as Running Club, after-school programs, and special events.

As we begin planning for the 2026–2027 school year, we would like to share that Como Lake Middle will have 16 divisions organized into four teams once again: Forest, Mountain, River, and Sky. This team-based structure supports collaboration, relationships, and a strong sense of belonging among students. Our growth next year includes a new division of hockey academy students joining us from across the Lower Mainland in partnership with the Coquitlam Express. We are excited to welcome these students and support both their academic and athletic development.

Please note that, based on a variety of learning considerations, some students may be placed on a different team next year. We greatly appreciate the thoughtful input families provided during the class-building process. When creating balanced classes, we take into account academic, social, and emotional factors, and we work hard to ensure that every student has at least one familiar peer with whom they can learn and thrive.

As always, we encourage families to stay connected through school communication channels. Our website provides helpful resources including the school calendar, bell schedule (8:35 a.m. start; 2:55 p.m. dismissal), student services, clubs, athletics, and PAC information. The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) also plays an important role in supporting school initiatives and fostering a strong school community. Please join us for the AGM on June 2nd at 7 pm at the school library or online via TEAMS: [Click Here to Join the PAC Meeting](#).

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to a strong and memorable finish to the school year.



IMPORTANT DATES:

J U N E

1	MONDAY, JUNE 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pro D Day (school based) School closed
2	TUESDAY, JUNE 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due: Team River Zone Bowling Permissions (Div 13, 14 and 15) Grade 8 Badminton Finals at Pinetree Secondary 3:45 p.m. PAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (in person and via teams)
3	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCBY Fundraiser at lunch
4	THURSDAY, JUNE 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 for a Morning Orientation from 9:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Grade 5 visit)
5	FRIDAY, JUNE 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Trip: Team River (Div 13, 14 and 15) to Zone Bowling from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Library Books Due today!
8-12	MONDAY, JUNE 8 – FRIDAY, JUNE 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camping Week
12	FRIDAY, JUNE 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Middle School Indigenous Leadership at ELC (9:30 am - 12:00 pm) Last Day for RIZE Basketball After School Program
18	THURSDAY, JUNE 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Spirit Day Leadership Lunch Fundraiser
23	TUESDAY, JUNE 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Concert (time TBD)
24	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locker Clean Out Year Books Distributed Term 3 Learning Updates Issued on MyEd
25	THURSDAY, JUNE 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony at 10:00 a.m. Dismissal for all students at 12:00 p.m.
26	FRIDAY, JUNE 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Day (no school for students)

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

[Como Lake Website](#)

Pro-D Day

A reminder that **Monday, June 1** is a school-based Professional Day. School will **not** be in session for students.



On **Tuesday, June 23**, our Beginner Band and Advanced Bands will perform. This concert will take place sometime during school hours and the time is TBD.

We have a few additional students making a guest appearance to perform their musical number. The time for the music concert is TBD and will be during school hours.

Please contact Ms. Trulson with any questions at ltrulson@sd43.bc.ca.

LOST AND FOUND



All unclaimed lost items in our Lost and Found will be collected and donated to Big Brothers and Big Sisters on **Friday, June 12 and again on Wednesday, June 24**.

Please ensure to stop by to see if any of the items belong to you!

A MESSAGE FROM PAC

As we wrap up another fantastic school year, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our entire community. Your generosity—whether through donations, time, or cheering from the sidelines—has directly impacted our students' experience.

Your Impact in Action

We've been busy this year! Here is how we allocated our two primary funds to support student life:

1. BC Gaming Grant Projects These funds are dedicated to extracurricular and community-building activities. This year, we supported:

- **Clubs:** New board games and puzzles for the **Gaming Club** and vital resources/supplies for the STEAM Club.
- **Physical Health:** A refresh of our **sports equipment**.
- **Cultural Arts:** Hosting a memorable performance by professional **drummers**.

2. Community Donations & PAC Fundraisers

These are the funds raised directly by you. This year, they provided:

- **Classroom & Student Support:** Funding for **teachers, EAs, and Youth Workers** to purchase essential supplies and resources for their work with students.
- **Literacy:** Expanded our **library collection** with a variety of new books.
- **Milestones:** Funding for the Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony, ensuring our students have a proper send-off as they prepare for next steps at high school!



Looking Ahead: Join the Team!

To keep this momentum going, we are looking for fresh voices to join us for the upcoming school year. We are currently recruiting for:

- **Executive Members:** Help lead our strategy and decision-making. Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and DPAC Rep are required positions to apply for the annual Gaming Grant.
- **Members-at-Large:** Join the conversation and help with specific projects as your schedule allows.

Whether you have an hour a month or an hour a week, your perspective is valuable. It's a rewarding way to stay connected to your child's education and meet fellow parents.

Interested? Please reach out to us at comolakemiddlepac@gmail.com or join us at our final meeting and AGM.

- When: **June 2 at 7:00 PM**
- Where: **In the school library or via Teams**
- Teams Meeting ID: **COMO LAKE PAC MEETING AND AGM - JOIN HERE**

Meeting ID #: 248 132 306 134 574 (Passcode: Yd9Lz9g6)

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful summer break!

Miwa Aoki Chair

Christine Quan Treasurer

Christie Taylor Secretary

Teri Beauchemin and **Jodie Co**—DPAC Rep

Nicki Duncan and **Tara Parkinson** Members at Large

GRADE 8 LEAVING CEREMONY AND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

For **Thursday, June 25**, students will be in their regular classes until 10 am. The Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony is at 10 am and all Grade 6 and 7 students are welcome to attend. **All students will be dismissed following the ceremony at 12:00 pm.** If you would like your child to remain at school for the afternoon of June 25, please email **comolake@sd43.bc.ca** and we will make arrangements for your child. If your child will not be attending school for the morning of June 25, please submit an **ABSENCE REPORT ONLINE**.

We welcome family members of our grade 8 students to attend our **Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony on Thursday, June 25 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

The Ceremony will be held in our Gymnasium where grade 8 students will have the opportunity to cross the stage with family members looking on. We are able to accommodate up to two family members per grade 8 student for the ceremony in order to keep our numbers under capacity in the gym.

A message to our grade 8 students leaving Como Lake for secondary school in the fall...

LET
NEW
adventures
BEGIN



As you move on to secondary school, we're so proud of the students you've become and the amazing journey you're about to embark on. Embrace challenges, explore your interests, and be kind and compassionate to yourself and others. Wishing you the best on your next adventures!



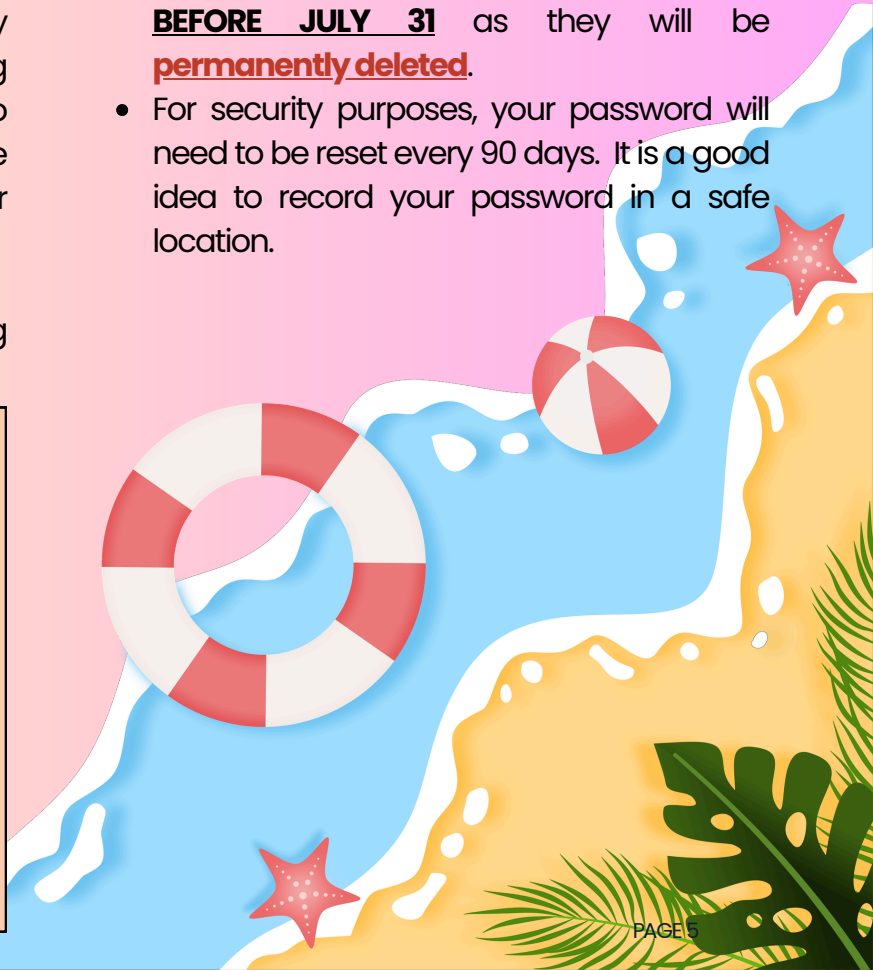
LEARNING UPDATES ON MYED PORTAL

Term 3 Progress Reports will be published on the MyEd BC Family Portal on **Wednesday, June 24**. 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](#).

IMPORTANT!!!!

- Download and save and/or print the Learning Update Report for your records **BEFORE JULY 31** as they will be **permanently deleted**.
- 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.



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

School Calendar 2026-27

Approved School Calendars for the upcoming school years 2026-27

School Calendars are posted here: [School Calendars - School District No. 43 \(Coquitlam\)](#)

Designation	Date(s)
Schools Open	Tuesday, Sept 8
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept 25
Truth and Reconciliation Day	Wednesday, Sept 30
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct 12
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct 23
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, Nov 11
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec 18
Winter vacation period	Monday, Dec 21 – Friday, Jan 1
Schools re-open after Winter vacation	Monday, Jan 4
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb 15
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb 26
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Mar 12
Spring vacation period	Monday, Mar 15 – Monday, Mar 29
Good Friday	Friday, Mar 26
Easter Monday	Monday, Mar 29
Schools re-open after Spring Break	Tuesday, Mar 30
Indigenous Focus Pro D Day	Friday, Apr 23
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24
Last day of school for all students	Tuesday, Jun 29
Administrative day	Wednesday, June 30

Additional School Based PRO-D Days for COMO LAKE MIDDLE



Monday, January 25

School-Based Pro-D Day

Monday, May 31

School-Based Pro-D Day

IMPORTANT BELL SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR 2025-2026



Warning Bell	8:33 a.m.
Classes start time	8:37 a.m.
Nutrition Break	10:30 – 10:45 a.m.
Lunch Break	12:15 – 1:00 p.m.
Dismissal	3:00 p.m.
Wednesdays (Late Start)	8:57 a.m. (Warning Bell at 8:53 a.m.)

GRADE 5 & 6 ACTIVE PASS

ENJOY RECREATION AT NO COST

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



\$25 SCHOOL'S OUT PASS

The School's Out Pass is back – and better than ever! Still just \$25 (taxes included), it's now valid for all drop-in activities at indoor and outdoor facilities during School District 43 summer break, winter break and spring break.

You are purchasing just one pass for the school year, which will cover all breaks. For the 2025/2026 School year the pass is valid on the following dates:

- Friday June 26, 2026 – Monday September 7, 2026 – Summer Break
- Saturday December 19, 2026 – Sunday January 3, 2027 – Winter Break
- Saturday March 13, 2027– Monday March 29, 2027 – Spring Break

How to Purchase:

Passes go on sale **Monday, June 1.**

Purchase the pass by phone at **604-927-4386** or in person at these locations (proof of age is no longer required):

- City Centre Aquatic Complex, 1210 Pinetree Way
- Dogwood Pavilion, 1655 Winslow Avenue
- Glen Pine Pavilion, 1200 Glen Pine Court
- Maillardville Community Centre, 1200 Cartier Avenue
- Pinetree Community Centre, 1260 Pinetree Way
- Town Centre Park Community Centre, 1207 Pinetree Way
- Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex, 633 Poirier Street

For more information, visit

<https://www.coquitlam.ca/334/Schools-Out-Pass>

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 as 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 "Trouble logging in"

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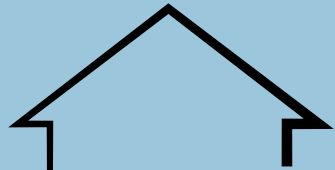
[Retrieve your Login ID](#) if you want to retrieve your Login ID.

[Reset your password](#) if you have forgotten your password.

If you are having issues logging into the system, please contact your school administrator directly.

Your user account is managed by your school, not by Follett, and your school will be able to answer your requests or questions about access to the system.

[Close](#)



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

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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/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Bulletin Board for Families

BIKE to school WEEK

Ride your bike, walk, or wheel to school!

JOIN TO WIN PRIZES



A FREE EVENT TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO BIKE, ROLL, OR WALK TO SCHOOL!

Why Participate?

- Win amazing prizes like a Pizza Party from HUB's supporters!
- Create healthy habits and arrive at school energised and ready to learn!
- Compete with other schools for online shout-outs and certificates!
- Promote sustainable transportation and reduce congestion around school streets.

Learn more at bikehub.ca/btsw



SUMMER CAMPS

Computer programs for children & youth 6-14

Choose from coding, art, writing, and more!

Programs run from **June 29 - September 4**

For more info or to register use the QR code



youthcamps@douglascollege.ca



MLA Jennifer Blatherwick's

invites you to join our 2nd Annual Community **Summer BBQ**

Music, Games, Face Painting, a Hockey Shooting Zone by Coquitlam Express and more!

FREE HOT DOGS

Saturday 6 June, 2026

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Mundy Park (Fieldhouse)
629 Hillcrest Street
Coquitlam, BC V3J 6N9

RSVP to 604.933.2001 or Jennifer.Blatherwick.MLA@leg.bc.ca





Moresports

MULTISPORT SUMMER CAMP

Come join Moresports for a fun week of camp!

We introduce a variety of sports activities each day for kids who like sports and enjoy being active.

½ Day Afternoon Camps: July 6-10, 13-17, 20-24	Full Day Camp: July 6-10, 13-17, 20-24, 27-31
Weekly Rate: \$192 K-Gr5	Weekly Rate: \$268
All weeks: \$498	All weeks: \$897 K-Gr8
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Coquitlam River	
Porter	

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