



COMO LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Devon Ross

Dear Families,

The sun has arrived and spring is officially here. As the weather continues to warm, we ask that families remind students to dress appropriately, bring a refillable water bottle, and wear sunscreen each day.

It has been such a pleasure watching our students grow both intellectually and physically over the past eight months of middle school. Another round of Genius Hour is underway, and it has been wonderful to see students so engaged in their learning whether they are exploring fishing, skateboarding, 3D printing, guitar, or mountain biking. Their enthusiasm and curiosity are truly inspiring.

April was an exciting and busy month for our school, especially for our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) team. Our Grade 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to compete at the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair at the University of British Columbia from April 9th to 11th, where they presented their inquiry-based experiments and innovative projects. In addition to the competition, students enjoyed lab tours, a Science World show, and the HR MacMillan Space Centre dome experience. We extend our congratulations to all participants, and a special acknowledgement to Kylie Pohlodkova for earning a bronze medal in her category! Our Grade 6 - 8 STEAM students will also be showcasing their work at the Coquitlam Library Science Expo at Douglas College this Saturday. On April 30th, 15 students participated in the District STEAM and Robotics events, where their collaboration and critical thinking led to success in block building, robotics, and rocket challenges.

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There have been many other highlights throughout April and early May. Students engaged in rich learning experiences and special projects, including Indigenous Art initiatives across teams. Our Mic'd Up Spoken Word event showcased impressive student voice and creativity, and we were proud to send students to the district event on May 7th where Aaron Hird won a gold medal! In athletics, basketball and wrestling wrapped up, while badminton and track and field are now underway. Our Me & Ed's Pizza Lunch fundraiser on April 16th and Snack Shack were a success, helping to support the Terry Fox Run, where students raised over \$2,000 for cancer research on April 17th. We also welcomed approximately 250 people at our New Student Information Night on April 22nd. It was amazing to see so many families come to our event. Further, we received Provincial survey results which indicated our students feel strongly connected to adults in the building, which speaks to the strength of our school and community.

As we look ahead to the end of the school year, we are excited about what is to come. Our school is projected to grow to approximately 400 students next year, with an increase to 16 divisions, including our Hockey Program. Important upcoming events include more games in the Quest for the Como Cup (QCC Road Hockey tournament), our camping trip from June 8th – 12th, the year-end talent show on June 23rd, and the Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony on June 25th. We look forward to finishing the year strong together as a school community!

Sincerely,

Devon Ross
Principal, Como Lake Middle School

IMPORTANT DATES:**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

- Grade 6 Immunizations (and some grade 7 and 8)
- Genius Hour All Play

FRIDAY, MAY 8

- Class Photo Day

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- Permission Form Due: Team Mountain Zone Bowling Field Trip (on KEV)
- SD43 Emergency Release Day - pick up students at 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

- Genius Hour All Play
- * Date change due to Emergency Release Day on May 14

MONDAY, MAY 18

- Victoria Day - School Closed

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- Genius Hour All Play

FRIDAY, MAY 22

- Field Trip: Team Mountain (Divs 5, 6, 7 and 8) to Zone Bowling

SUNDAY, MAY 24

- Last day to order Subway Lunch - orders close at 11:59 p.m. on KEV

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- Genius Hour All Play
- Subway Lunch Fundraiser (order before 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 24)
- Last day to order TCBY Frozen Yogurt - orders close at 11:59 p.m. on KEV

MONDAY, JUNE 1

- Professional Development Day (school based) - school not in session for students.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

- PAC AGM Meeting at 7:00 p.m. - in person and via Teams online

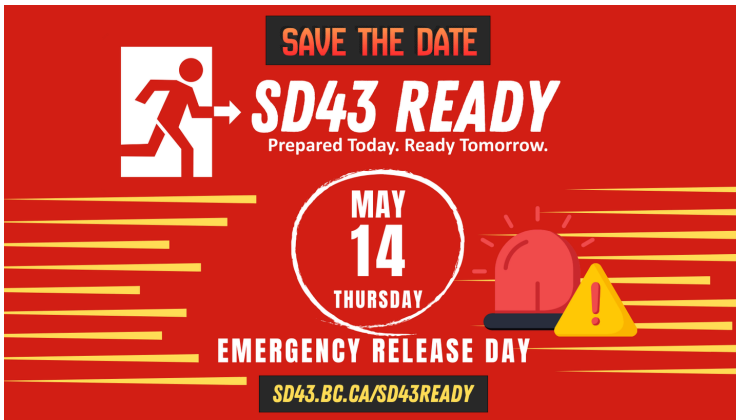
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

- PAC Fundraiser: TCBY Frozen Yogurt at lunchtime

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

- GRADE 6 for a morning (Grade 5s visit) from 9 - 12

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



SD43 is holding a district-wide Emergency Release Day on **Thursday, May 14th at 2:00 p.m.** This practice helps us prepare for emergencies where students may be released early.

Detailed information specific to Como Lake school's emergency release plan has been shared in an email and posted to our school website from our administrators **HERE**.

For all other information regarding the Emergency Release Day, visit <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx#/=>.



Every Thursday during the month of May is Genius Hour, with the exception of May 14 due to our Emergency Release Drill at 2:00 p.m. Genius Hour has been rescheduled for Friday, May 15 that week.

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 (and Friday, May 15) to ensure the activity is a success.

For groups that are going off site (swimming/weightlifting, Mountain Biking, Fishing and Skateboarding, please complete the permission form on **School Cash Online** today! There is no cost to students as our fundraising was able to cover costs.



Yesterday was our first day of Genius Hour and students participating in the Fishing activity at Como Lake caught 10 fish! Fish were released back into Como Lake.



TCBY Frozen Yogurt

PAC FUNDRAISER

Como Lake PAC invites students to enjoy TCBY Frozen Yogurt during lunch on Wednesday, June 3! Each frozen yogurt is \$5.00.

The flavours available will be Blue Raspberry Lemonade Sorbet, Cotton Candy, Cookies and Creme, Strawberry Banana Swirl and Dirt Cake.

For your convenience, please place your order through **School Cash Online** by 11:59 by Thursday, May 28. If your child(ren) brings cash on Wednesday, May 28 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 school programs and year-end staff appreciation at Como Lake Middle School.

Subway Lunch Fundraiser

Subway Lunch Fundraiser be held on Thursday, May 28!

Subway orders will close on **School Cash Online** by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 24.

There are several choices of 6 inch sandwiches to select from. You also have an option to order an additional 6 inch sandwich. Chips, Freezie and Drink (various Crush flavours) are available for an additional fee. Gluten free options are also available.

All proceeds will be going towards our school garden.



MATH Club

with Mr. Koko
Room 103

Mondays & Wednesdays

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Students attending can ask extra questions, catch up on their homework and learn math through games and other activities to support them in their math journeys.



with Mr. Brown
Band Room

Wednesdays
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

and
Fridays (during Lunch)

PAC UPDATES AND AGM

Our next PAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Learning Commons and via TEAMS.

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 June 2.

Microsoft Teams Meeting Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/248132306134574?p=hScUBZw7YwuLNuPWUc>

Meeting ID: **248 132 306 134 574**

 comolakemiddlepac@gmail.com

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

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"

Trouble logging in

[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](#)

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/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Bulletin Board for Families



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

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!

Douglas College Youth Camps registration is now open for Summer 2026.

Camps will run from June 29th to September 4th, 2026, with a variety of fun and engaging programs available for children and youth, including sports, computers, arts, leadership, and more.

Camps will be offered at both the New Westminster and Coquitlam campus locations.

Families can view the full camp schedule and register through Eventbrite here: [Douglas College Youth Camps is excited to share that registration is now open for our Summer 2026 Youth Camps, running from June 29th to September 4th, 2026.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact youthcamps@douglascollege.ca. Looking forward to seeing you this summer,

coquitlam celebrates YOUTH WEEK MAY 1 TO 7 2026

#CoquitlamYouth

schedule of activities

<p>Friday, May 1</p> <p>City-Wide Scavenger Hunt FREE May 1 – 7 Course ID 227988</p> <p>Youth BBQ FREE at Maillardville Community Centre 4 – 6 p.m. Course ID 227417</p> <p>Café Night and Karaoke FREE at Poirier Community Centre 5 – 7 p.m. Course ID 217001</p> <p>Kickoff Party FREE at Pinetree Community Centre ft. a Chalk Mural Creation 5 – 9 p.m. Course ID 229443</p> <p>Movie and Games Night FREE at Town Centre Park Community Centre 6 – 8 p.m. Course ID 227433</p> <p>Toonie Skate and After Hours Swim at Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex 8:45 – 11 p.m. Drop-In</p>	<p>Youth Night-In FREE at Pinetree Community Centre 6 – 9 p.m. Course ID 227422</p> <p>Sunday, May 3</p> <p>Study Lounge FREE at Pinetree Community Centre 12 – 5 p.m. Drop-In</p> <p>Monday, May 4</p> <p>Youth Urban Garden Team Open House FREE at Inspiration Garden 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Course ID 220657</p> <p>Create an Art Journal FREE at Glen Pine Pavilion 4 – 5:30 p.m. Course ID 223673</p> <p>Trivia Night FREE at Pinetree Community Centre 6 – 8 p.m. Course ID 229444</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 5</p> <p>Escape Room FREE at Poirier Youth Centre 5 – 7 p.m. Course ID 216991</p> <p>Wednesday, May 6</p> <p>Tree Spree Tours: Forest Canopy Walk FREE at Como Lake Park 3:30 – 5 p.m. Course ID 216882</p> <p>Acrylic Canvas Painting FREE at Centennial Pavilion 6 – 7 p.m. Course ID 227500</p> <p>Impossible Puzzle Fun FREE at Glen Pine Pavilion 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. Course ID 223858</p> <p>Thursday, May 7</p> <p>Game Show Night FREE at Centennial Pavilion 5 – 7 p.m. Course ID 216994</p>
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Saturday May 2

Movie Afternoon - A Minecraft Movie FREE
at Glen Pine Pavilion
1 – 2:45 p.m. | Course ID 223859

Park Flag Painting FREE
at Town Centre Park Community Centre
2:30 – 4 p.m. | Course ID 220236

Basketball Competition FREE
at Town Centre Park Basketball Court
3:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Course ID 228051



For more info and to register: 

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