



School District No. 43 Coquitlam

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# COMO LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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April 22, 2026

***This email is sent on behalf of Mrs. Devon Ross, Principal and Mrs. Belanina Brant, Vice Principal at Como Lake Middle School:***

Dear Como Lake Families,

Below are some important reminders and information to help everyone stay informed.

### **Arriving on Time:**

We appreciate everything you do to support your children each day. One area where we need your continued partnership is morning arrival. When students arrive late, they miss important routines that set them up for a successful day. Please help us ensure your child is in class and ready to learn when the bell rings at 8:35 am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and at 8:55 am on Wednesday. A consistent on-time start helps them feel confident, connected, and prepared. Thank you for working with us to make every morning a strong beginning.

### **Emergency Release Day – Thursday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m.**

**This event is district-wide and occurs close to the majority of regular dismissal times to facilitate planning and preparation for district families to make suitable arrangements.**

In the event of a major emergency, it may become necessary to release students from school before the regularly scheduled time. A successful emergency release protocol requires preparation now, including a 'practice run' to help ensure a smooth procedure should such a release become necessary.

### **Preparation involves IMPORTANT ACTION on the part of Parent/Guardians:**

- Parents/Guardians must complete the [Student Emergency Release Form](#) and return it to their school(s) as quickly as possible, if they have not already done so. If you aren't sure if we have received one already from you, please complete a new one.



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- This form provides information to the school that identifies your child, siblings, and adult individuals that your child may be released to in the event of an emergency.
- Often a responsible adult that is named in this document is different than an 'emergency contact' that may be listed in school records. This individual should live nearby, preferably within walking distance, and be able to pick up your child in the event of an emergency release situation. Such an individual may be a neighbour or parent/guardian from the school, for example. Students must be picked up this day as they will not be permitted to walk home without an emergency contact adult.
- It is critical that such information is kept at the school in the event of an emergency release situation, like an earthquake or fire, that requires students be escorted off school property.
  - Genius Hour for this week is being changed to Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> so that students will be able to participate fully in their GHAP activities.

## **PAC Meeting – Thursday, April 23**

Our next PAC Meeting is this **Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting will be held in person and via Microsoft Teams. Please see the link below and the attached meeting agenda.

### **Microsoft Teams meeting**

**Join:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/24587474651267?p=nvLIIsTgpEIDHLCLE>

Meeting ID: 245 874 746 512 67

Passcode: bs38M27V

### **Dial in by phone**

+1 647-794-6047, 800767310# Canada, Toronto

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 800 767 310#

## **Class Placement for the new school year**

As we begin planning for next year, we welcome your input regarding your child's learning needs. If you would like to share information about your child's learning style or the type of classroom environment in which they thrive, **you may submit class placement input by emailing Mrs. Ross at [dross@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dross@sd43.bc.ca)**. Please note that we cannot accept requests for specific teachers, but we value your insights about what helps your child learn best. To ensure we can consider your input during the



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placement process, please submit any information by May 1st, 2026. Thank you for partnering with us to support a successful year ahead.

## **Terry Fox Foundation Fundraiser**

Our Terry Fox School Run was on **Friday, April 17!** We are still accepting online donations to the Terry Fox Foundation through our school's online fundraising page at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/ComoLakeMiddleSchoolCoquitlam>. All donations make a difference in support of cancer research and any amount is greatly appreciated!

With your help, Como Lake Middle School has fundraised over \$1,900 from our recent Me & Eds Pizza Lunch Fundraiser, Toonies for Terry and Online donations! Thank you!

## **Professional Day – Friday, April 24**

This is a district-wide Indigenous Focus Professional Development Day. School will **not** be in session for students.

Sincerely,

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