



COMO LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE BY DAVE CYR

Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

This year is rolling into its second half. I want to thank the community for the outpouring of support we received this last week. Sue Hindle had a profound impact on all of us. Her dedication to the students and the care she showed to her colleagues will never be forgotten.

This month we will also welcome our new Vice Principal, Ms. Christine Wald. She has a wealth of experience working with students in the middle years and she will be a welcome addition to Laker Nation. We will all miss Mr. Bird. He exemplified Como spirit and I know he will carry that forward at Moddy Middle.

Please make sure you are up to date with all that is happening at the school by checking out our website at Como Lake Middle. The Mountain Riders club have been a huge success. So many young students were able to enjoy their

first ski/snowboarding experiences. Watching them take the falls and get right back up was inspiring and an example of growth mindset at work.

With interim reports going home the second week of February, please take the time to review your child's progress and communicate with the teachers. If you wish to have a meeting with the teacher, our 3-way conferences will be taking place on the 20th and 21st of the month.

Mountain Rider Program for 2024
 is in full swing. It is an exciting
 time to see students discover and
 practice their skills at our local
 mountain and grown and learn
 together as a community.

CROSS CATCHMENT

Friday, February 9 to Wednesday, February 14

Cross Catchment application forms can be accessed on School District 43's main webpage between Friday, February 9 at 9 a.m. to Wednesday, February 14 to 4 p.m.

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Families have the opportunity to submit Cross-Catchment applications if you want your child(ren) to attend a school that is not their catchment school.

School District 43 uses a random draw process for Cross Catchment Applications (using in-district priority, then out-of-district). If enrolment projections show that space is available, Cross Catchment transfer applications will be accepted in accordance with the following priorities:

1. sibling of a child who will be in attendance at the Cross Catchment school in the following year;
2. a child residing within the SD43 residential boundaries (could include private or homeschool); and
3. non-school district resident child.

It is important to note that you will also need your child's personal education number (PEN) to complete these applications. The PEN number can be found on MYED BC Family Portal.

For more information, please go to:
<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Pages/CrossCatchment.aspx#/=>

3 WAY CONFERENCES



Tuesday, February 20 and Wednesday, February 21

Students have an early dismissal at 2:00 p.m. on both days.

FEBRUARY IMPORTANT DATES:



Friday, Feb 9 – Wednesday, Feb 14

- Cross Catchment applications process



Tuesday, February 13

- PAC Meeting in person and via Zoom at 7:00 P.M.



Friday, February 16

- Deadline to order Yearbooks



Monday, February 19

- B.C. Family Day
- School Closed



Tuesday, February 20

- 3-Way Conferences (Parent, student and teacher conferences)
- Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.



Wednesday, February 21

- 3-Way Conferences (Parent, student and teacher conferences)
- Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.



Friday, February 23

- Pro-D Day (District Wide)
- School Closed for all students

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

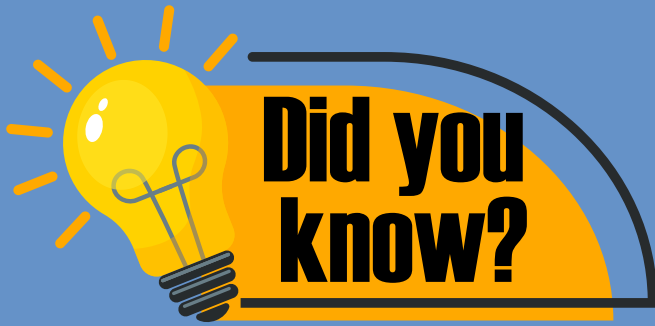
<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/como lake/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbook orders will close on February 16!

The cost is \$35. The Student Activity Fee and Athletic Fee must be paid before the yearbook is distributed at the end of the school year. Although we always order a few "extras", we cannot guarantee that one can be purchased in June. Please ensure that you pre-order to avoid any disappointments at the end of the year.

Many of our Como students wish to have a Yearbook, however, cannot afford the cost. If you wish to donate a yearbook to one of our students, please consider purchasing an extra yearbook. It's a gift that will bring a lot of joy in June!



Did you 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



OPT-IN to receive e-mail notifications for new fees/permission forms assigned to your student 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/>

MYED BC PORTAL CORNER

Learning Updates:

Learning Updates will not stay on the portal forever. Please download and save and/or print the report card for your records. **All reports are removed from the portal on July 30!**

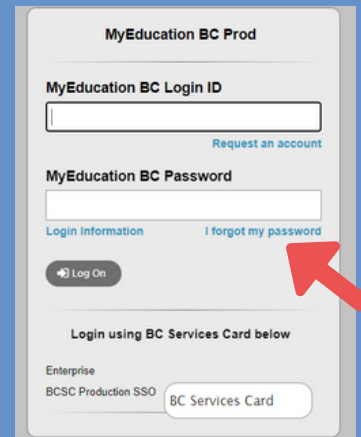
Login TO MYED BC Portal

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”



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.



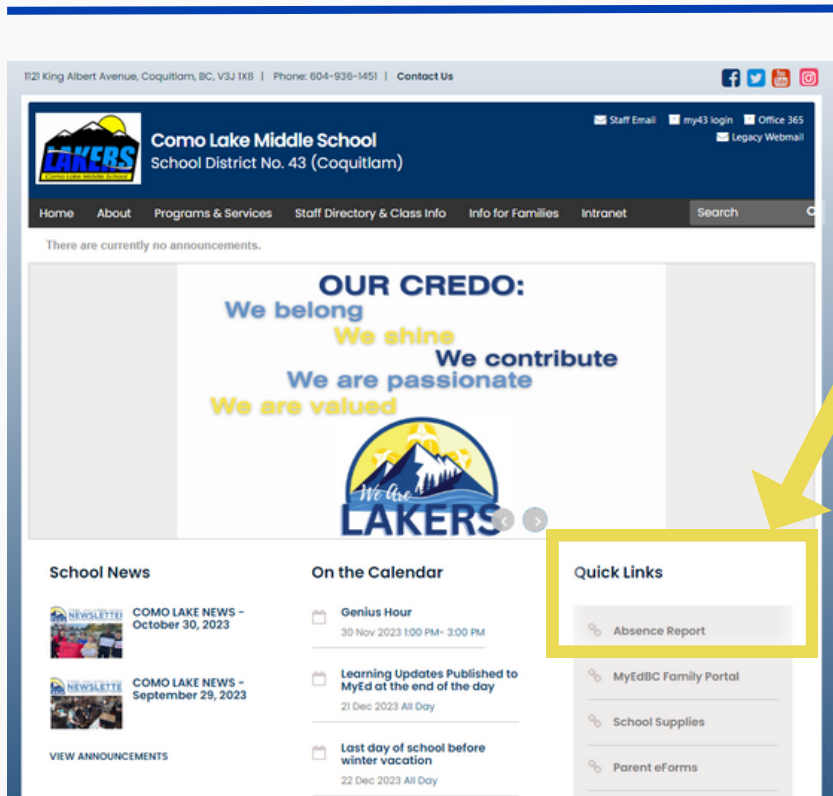
Your stuff misses you too

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" bin/table (hallway in front of the office). Items are collected every second Friday as we accumulate lost items quickly. Please remind students to check for items lost regularly and please LABEL all items with student's name! **Unclaimed items will be donated to Big Brother before we go on Winter Break.**



Support our Como Lake Leadership crew initiatives by donating your recyclables to the Return-It depot using School phone number: 604-936-1451.

STUDENT ABSENCES



ABSENCE REPORT

- Visit Como Lake website at <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/comolake/Pages/default.aspx#/=>
- Quick Links > Absence Report
- Use when submitting absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals

Morning bell rings at 8:35 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and at 8:55 a.m. on Wednesdays. 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.).