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For  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , let  $W_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/3 \rfloor} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{n}{3k} (-3)^{n-3k}$ , where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the greatest integer not exceeding  $x$ . Then  $\{W_n\}$  is an Apéry-like sequence. In this paper we deduce many congruences involving  $\{W_n\}$ , in particular, we determine  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{W_k}{m^k} \pmod{p}$  for  $m = -640332, -5292, -972, -108, -44, -27, -12, 8, 54, 243$  by using binary quadratic forms, where  $p > 3$  is a prime. We also prove several congruences for generalized Apéry-like numbers, and pose 29 challenging conjectures on congruences involving binomial coefficients and Apéry-like numbers.

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