
AROUND LARONDE – February 4, 2019

Our commitment at École Laronde is to offer a fulfilling French experience while developing kind, respectful and responsible learners who are creative builders of their future.

À l'École Laronde, nous nous engageons à offrir une riche expérience du français et à former des élèves gentils, respectueux et responsables qui sont les créateurs de leur avenir.

Wishing all of our families a very happy and healthy **lunar new year!** All the best for 2019!

Sending all of our families wishes of love and happiness for another year – Happy Valentine's Day on February 14th!

LITERACY NIGHT

Thank you to all of the families who came out to support literacy night! It was so much fun for us to read Robert Munsch books to our younger students! We raised \$ 424.25 – we will share half of this money with our sister school "Forsyth Road" and we will use the other half towards the purchase of one new library table.

SPIRIT DAY

We are looking forward to our next spirit day on Thursday, February 14 – we invite all the students, staff and parents to wear **pink**, **red** or **purple**! On that day several classes will be joining an integrated session where students from different classes and grades go around together to different classes to participate in various activities related to Valentine's Day and the Lunar New Year.

NOT A BOX PROJECT

Thank you Laronde families for sending in SO many boxes! The students were very engaged and excited to build their unique projects. We had huge forts built by several students, several cute doll houses, games that could actually be played, animals, mini vehicles, and robots, to name a few of the varied and interesting projects students made. Lots of learning takes place during these types of projects. Students are collaborating, planning, refining/revising their plans, being creative, problem-solving and persevering. See photos on page 2.



Upcoming Events

- Feb 8** – Movie Matinee @ 2:45
- Feb 14** – Spirit Day (wear pink, red or purple)
- Feb 18** – Family Day (no school)
- Feb 22** – NID (no school)
- Feb 27** – Pink Shirt Day (wear pink)
- Feb 28** – Early dismissal @ 1:32

Choir Practices

Wed & Fri 11:47-12:12 (gr 4-6)
Thurs. 11:47 – 12:12 (gr 2-3)

Orff Practices

Tues. 7:45-8:30 (gr 5/6)

MORE IMPORTANT NEWS

HIP HOP

Thank you to our PAC for paying for this amazing dance opportunity. Our students REALLY enjoyed this week long style of dance. Thank you to the instructor Ajay from Sound Kreations for making it so much fun!

SAFE SCHOOLS PRESENTATION

On Tuesday, February 12 our grade 4 – 7 students will attend the presentation "Shattering the Image" given by Safe Schools (a department of the Surrey School District). The focus of the presentation will be on promoting positive life choices and staying safe; avoiding trappings of gangs and drugs.

GLASSES

The following two pairs of glasses have been found at our school or in the community. Please come get them at the office if they are yours.



IDLING IN OUR SCHOOL PARKING LOT

It has come to our attention that some vehicles are idling for longer than 3 minutes in our parking lot while waiting for children to come out after school. Let's all work together to help create a safe and healthy environment for our students; please turn off your vehicle while you wait. We know that the line of vehicles does move along and that drivers would need to start and stop their engine a few times. According to the following information (see next page) this should not waste any fuel, it should actually save fuel. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Not a Box Projects:



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In the Community

PAC DATES:

Next PAC meeting → Feb 8 @ 9:00 am (all parents/guardians are welcome to attend)

GRADE 7 FUNDRAISER:

Movie Matinee – Friday, Feb. 8 @ 2:45 – 4:45 pm

Feature Movie – Incredibles 2

\$5.00 admission includes popcorn and water bottle

Information for Parents & Caregivers – Connect Parent Group

<http://connectparentgroup.org/for-parents/>

connectparentgroup.org

Attachment and your child. Attachment with caregivers is a biologically-based need. It is essential for survival. When a baby cries, the mother or father goes to the baby and looks after the baby's needs. If you are interested in this group please contact Shirley Hoffman @ 604-595-5373.

Book exchange – Thurs, Mar. 7 @ 2:30 – 3:30 pm in the gym
Please start collecting your gently used books.

Idle Free in BC



There are several programs that provide toolkits to help communities initiate an idle-free campaign like Idle Free BC and Idle Free Zone.

Idle-free initiatives are a straightforward and cost-effective action that local citizens can immediately take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. When a vehicle's engine is turned off instead of idling, not only does this reduce GHG emissions, but saves fuel as well.

A successful idle-free campaign can also be a catalyst for public involvement in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. An idle reduction initiative may mark a personal transition that leads to other actions on climate change and support for policies that reduce emissions. This change in behavior can be a foundation for learning about climate change and our roles.

Myths and Facts About Idling

MYTH: *Idling uses less gas than restarting the engine.* Studies clearly show that idling for over 10 seconds uses more fuel and produces more CO₂ emissions than restarting your engine. The amount of time to offset any potential maintenance costs to the starter or battery is under 60 seconds. So, as a guideline, if a car is stopped for more than 60 seconds the engine should be turned off. [1]

MYTH: *Idling warms the engine.* Idling is not an effective way to warm up your vehicle, even in cold weather. The best way to warm a car is to drive it. The tires, transmission, wheel bearings and other moving parts all need to be warmed up for the vehicle to perform well, and most of these parts do not begin to warm up until you drive. [1]

FACT: For the average vehicle with a 3-litre engine (e.g. 2000 Nisan Patrol) every 10 minutes of idling costs more than a quarter of a litre in wasted fuel or approximately 0.6 kg of carbon dioxide.

FACT: If Canadians avoided idling for just three minutes every day of the year, CO₂ emissions could be reduced by 1.4 million tonnes annually, which is the equivalent of taking 320,000 cars off the road for the entire year. [1]

Information taken from: <https://www.toolkit.bc.ca/tool/idle-reduction-bylaw>

