
AROUND LARONDE – Sept 25, 2017

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I know that the newsletter format has changed since my arrival. Changes take time to get used to. I am learning about what goes on annually at the school, what students are interested in doing and experiencing as well as how parents get involved in various activities and events. There is lots to learn. I appreciate everyone's patience and kindness as I learn about our school community and how it functions. I wanted to let parents know that I have heard from a few parents that they are finding the new newsletter format and scheduling difficult to follow. If you have suggestions for making information clearer or easier to access please send me (Mme Niro) an email. I am happy to hear about your concerns, ideas and suggestions. I plan to keep sending the newsletter out every two weeks on the Monday.

CLARIFICATION ABOUT NOV. 3 "PRO-D"

I wanted to let our community know that on November 3 teachers around the district met for one of the curriculum implementation days. This day has a different purpose and usage guidelines than regular professional development days.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY INITIATIVE

Thank you to all of our community members who helped keep our school safe and vandalism free during Halloween evening. Overall vandalism at Surrey schools was down significantly. We are appreciative of all our neighbours' help keeping our school safe.



Upcoming Events

November 13

Statutory Holiday – no school

November 15 & 22

iGuy-iGirl for grades 6 & 7 students

November 27

next school newsletter comes out

November 28

PAC meeting @ 7pm in the library

November 30

Student Craft Fair 2:40 – 4:30 (in the gym)

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to all our parents, guardians and family members who came out to our Remembrance Day Assembly. It was nice to see so many in attendance.

We want to thank Mme Ziolkoski and all of the students who prepared such a wonderful and respectful Remembrance Day presentation.

More Important News

SURREY SCHOOLS APP

Stay Connected with the "School Link" app! Download the free app on your personal device. This will keep you connected with all the latest information from our school. Go to the app store, find "school link" then download and add "Laronde Elementary" to your school list. You will then receive a newsfeed of anything posted on our website directly to your personal device. It's a great way to stay up to date with school information!

CRAFT FAIR

Registration for the Laronde Craft Fair is this week. Please complete the registration form with \$3 for each participant and deliver it to Cindy Akyuz in the hallway by the front office at lunchtime Tuesday, Nov 14 - Friday, Nov 17. Register early to avoid disappointment as this is a very popular event! The Laronde Craft Fair happens Thursday, November 30th from 2:40-4:30pm. Please email cindyakyuz@gmail.com with any questions.

CROSS WALK ON LARONDE DRIVE

I would like to ask all of our families who drive to and from school to ensure they are extra careful if driving by the crosswalk on Laronde Drive (the new one closer to the new extension of Laronde Drive). We have had a few families report that they have almost been hit while using this crosswalk. Please drive carefully.

It would also be helpful if drivers parked further back from the crosswalk to allow better visibility. Thank you for helping to keep our students and community members safe.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Laronde will be hosting a winter clothing drive to help support families in other schools in Surrey where students are in need of raincoats and winter coats as well as rain boots and winter boots. If you have gently used items you can donate please drop them off at the school, by the flag pole, from Monday, November 20 – Friday, November 24. We thank you in advance for your donations.

NEW EMAIL FOR MME NIRO

I have a new email address: niro_s@surreyschools.ca

ONLINE PAYMENTS

See attached notice. More good news the 2% processing fee **will be waived** by the school district.



Weekly music practices:

Mondays: hand bells 11:45

Tuesdays: choir 11:45

Wednesdays: Orff 7:45

Volleyball home games:

Thursday, November 16

Girls' volleyball game 2:45

Wednesday, November 22

Boys' volleyball game 2:45



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Online Payment for School Expenses Preferred Payment Method

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to announce that several of our families are now registered on our *School Cash Online* System, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as field trips, planners, recorders and the yearbook to name a few. We really want to save you time when paying for school expenses, so we can't wait for you to take advantage of this opportunity. *School Cash Online* is a great way to pay without the need for cash or checks! It minimizes valuable administration time counting cash, cheques and standing in line at the bank.

Please go onto the Laronde Website to register
<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/laronde/Pages/default.aspx> .

Step 2: Click on the “parent” heading in the ribbon at the top and then select “pay fees online” to register. (It takes less than 5 minutes!).

Step 3: Register by selecting the “Get Started Now” and follow the steps.

Step 4: After you receive the confirmation email, select the “click here” option, login in and add each of your children to your household account.

Once you have registered your child/children, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

As of November 1st, the district is offering parents to pay with Credit Card as well as e-check and e-wallet. Originally we were told there would be a 2% surcharge. The district has since re-considered this. Therefore the district **WILL NOT** be initiating this recovery of cost. This is in response to the sensitivity around applying a cost recovery for credit card processing fees for when accepting payment by cash or cheque.

If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the **SUPPORT** option in the top right hand area of the screen.

Regards,

Joyce Buchanan, Head Secretary