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## AROUND LARONDE – Sept 25, 2017

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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.

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Wishing all of our families a Happy Thanksgiving! At Laronde we are thankful for our supportive families, our kind students, our helpful staff and our beautiful community. We have many things to be thankful for on a daily basis. Research shows that being thankful or grateful has several benefits.

Read more here to find out:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/amymorin/2014/11/23/7-scientificallly-proven-benefits-of-gratitude-that-will-motivate-you-to-give-thanks-year-round/-6bd194f183c0>

### JACKY ESSOMBE

On Monday, October 23 we have a special presentation from Jacky Essombe. Singing Africa features music, dance and storytelling from the African countries of Cameroon and Zimbabwe. Led by accomplished dancer Jacky Essombe, this participatory performance features music played on marimba, djembe, shekere, mbira, and various other traditional instruments.

### INTERIM CONFERENCING

During the week of October 23 students will be having some form of interim communication. This may take the form of parent-teacher conference, student-led conferences, paper document, ongoing sharing using FreshGrade, phone call, email etc. This is an opportunity for students and teachers to share where students are at in their daily routines and learning. It is a very quick and brief snapshot in time.

A more detailed communication will be sent home in December for classes using paper documentation and ongoing communication will be shared via FreshGrade for other classes.

Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for a conference time, online, for Wed. Oct. 25 or Thurs. Oct. 26. More information will be sent out shortly by individual teachers.

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## Upcoming Events

### October 10

Cross Country Meet

3:00 Crescent Park

### October 20

PRO-D no classes

### October 23

Jacky Essombe – African dance and storytelling performance

### October 25

Early Dismissal 1:30

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### October 26

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## **HALLOWEEN**

We invite all of our students, staff and parents/guardians to celebrate Halloween with us. Wear orange and black or wear a costume. Please remember no masks, no fake or replica guns, swords, knives etc.

Costumes should be appropriate for elementary school children of all ages.

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## More Important News

### COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

As you may already know schools in Surrey have the option to communicate student learning using a paper document three times per year **or** in an ongoing manner using FreshGrade. No matter what format each teacher uses, each student will receive a final summative document in June. If you have questions about either format please speak with our classroom teachers. If you have done so and would like further information please speak with Mme Niro or Mme Kostur.

### KIDS in CONFLICT

<https://www.smore.com/edm7h-helping-kids-in-conflict-at-school?ref=board>

Good website that gives practical tips for dealing with friend or peer conflict.

### MUSIC PRACTICES

Please note that all Orff, hand bell and choir practices are cancelled for the week of October 9-13. Mme Ziolkoski will **not** be available during this week.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR VOLLEYBALL

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to coach our teams. We now have sufficient volunteers. We appreciate your support and time!

### FIELD TRIPS

Please note that our field trip permission forms have some updated wording/language as required by the district. We will indicate the location and address on the portion you sign as well as the method of transportation. Please ensure you check off the box indicating you are aware of how your child will be transported to and from the field trip or outing. We are always appreciative of your support and contributions to making these experiences possible for your children.



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## In the Community

### FRENCH for PARENTS

**French for Parents**  
Be part of your kids' immersion

Intro, Basic and Intermediate courses

after school drop off or before pick up

\*young companions welcome!

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