

January 14, 2019

Dear Laronde families,

As you most likely recall, on December 20<sup>th</sup> a severe windstorm hit the Lower Mainland. This storm caused extensive damage in our community and knocked out power to a large portion of our neighborhoods including Laronde. In the early morning hours of Friday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> power was still not yet restored to the area, consequently the school district had to cancel school and we were also required to cancel the pancake breakfast. This was a very sad outcome for everyone! Our grade 7 students and parents had spent hours prior to the event planning the details, selling tickets, renting equipment, purchasing fresh fruit and supplies, and setting up the gym. Many of our volunteers were up early and on site ready to start preparing pancakes when we were advised that the power would not be restored in time and that school had to be cancelled. We are sorry for this disappointing outcome, but the weather was beyond our control.

We'd like to thank Ms. Tracy Cameron who generously donated Tim Hortons coffee and donuts for our volunteers who showed up, the pancake breakfast committee for their time coordinating this event, and our administration, teachers and Laronde families for their support.

After much feedback and consideration, we have made the difficult decision not to re-schedule the pancake breakfast. For those in the Laronde community who purchased pancake breakfast tickets, we will be offering full refunds.

- If you purchased your tickets **online**, you will receive an automatic refund on or after January 18<sup>th</sup> on the payment card used.
- If you purchased your tickets **in person**, please arrange to pick up your cash refund after school this week. We will set up a table outside the school near front office area. We will be there to provide cash refunds this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (Jan 15, 16 & 17) between 2:25-2:45pm.

If you would like to donate the cost of your ticket(s) to the grade 7 fund, we will gratefully accept any donation. The majority of funds raised will go towards a 4 day French camp in the spring, which is an amazing experience for our grade 7 students. Any additional funds will go towards other grad activities.

- If your payment was made **online**, please send a quick email to [grade7@larondepac.ca](mailto:grade7@larondepac.ca) by Thursday Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> to offer to donate your refund.
- If you paid for your tickets **in person**, you can also email [grade7@larondepac.ca](mailto:grade7@larondepac.ca) to offer to donate your refund.

If you are unable to pick up your ticket refund this week after school, please email [grade7@larondepac.ca](mailto:grade7@larondepac.ca) to make alternate arrangements.

We will also have a donation jar at the table this week should you wish to donate a portion of your refund towards the grade 7 fundraising efforts. Thank you!

Thank you all so much for your understanding and support with this difficult situation.

Kind regards,

Laronde grade 7 students and families