

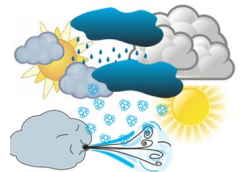


Around Laronde – October 29 2021

Working together to improve students' reading skills - At Laronde our staff works very hard to ensure that all students are reading, writing and speaking French and we put lots of thought into the various strategies and activities we plan and teach to ensure that students are meeting grade level expectations. One of the strategies/activities we would like to encourage all of families to use at home to support what we are doing at school is to have their child (grades K- 3/4) read to them in French every day, even for a few minutes. For students in grades 4 - 7, it helps when parents encourage their child to read on their own or to someone, in French, for 10 -15 minutes at a minimum each day, to keep up with fluency and understanding. Reading in French every day, even if it is a list of words for our younger students, will help increase each student's fluency and comprehension. It is ok if you don't speak/read French.

We thank you for your support.

Dress for the Weather - with wetter, colder and windier days - we are asking parents to ensure that their children have appropriate outer wear to go outside for recess, lunch and DPA (daily physical activity). Please send your child(ren) with warm coats or rain coats, boots, mitts, hat, umbrella...whatever they need to stay warm and dry. We like to send the students out rain or shine.



Dates to Remember

Monday Nov 01 - School wide PJ Day


Tuesday Nov 9 - Photo Retake Day



Thursday Nov 11 - Remembrance Day
School Closed



Friday Nov 12 - Pro-D Day
School Closed

Dec 21 - Dec 31 -  **Jan 03, 2022** - School reopens

Halloween for Hunger



L'halloween contre la faim

fundraising begins Mon. Nov. 1 to Friday Nov 5 thru school cashonline. You can make \$2 or \$5 donations. This year's initiative, which is primarily about raising awareness and fundraising for a local **food bank**.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Warm Clothing Drive

Don't forget during the week of November 01 - 05, Laronde PAC will be running a Warm Clothing Drive. During that week the donation drop off times will be **8:20 - 8:45 am** and **2:30 - 2:50 pm** at the front of school.

Thank you for your support!



October 25, 2021

Dear Neighbour,

Re: Safe Schools Halloween Initiative

As you know, Halloween is approaching. We are writing to request whatever assistance you can provide to help us keep our schools and neighbourhood from being vandalized.

In the last school year, the Surrey School District took close to **\$275,443.34** out of its budget (our taxes) to repair acts of vandalism. This money could have supported our students in many different ways. The Surrey School Board remains focused on reducing this expense.

While we do our best to educate young people to convince them of the senselessness of vandalism, we are also looking for other ways to deter vandalism on our schools and in the area. One approach is to enlist our neighbours' help to watch for anyone "hanging around" our schools, particularly after dark on Halloween.

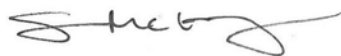
For many years, the school district has organized patrols of district staff (including trustees) in which small groups take shifts of an hour or two to walk around the grounds of the school. This small effort does a great deal to deter youth from even approaching our schools.

Please help us out by keeping your eyes and ears open to any activity at our schools and don't hesitate to notify us if you notice people milling about. If there is obvious, active vandalism taking place, please immediately notify police by calling 9-1-1. We also welcome your call to a special Surrey School District phone number set-up for Halloween at **778-776-9991** to report any suspicious activity so a security patrol can be dispatched.

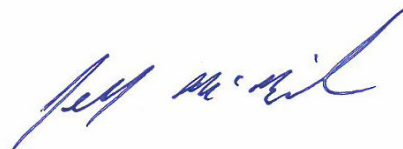
School vandalism affects our entire neighbourhood. Defaced walls or damaged property can be seen by everyone. News reports about such activity generate a public perception about our neighbourhood. Vandals allowed to congregate at a school typically spread their activities to neighbouring homes and vehicles. Vandals frequently choose to return and congregate where they have not encountered any deterrents in the past.

Please join us as we demonstrate to vandals that they are not welcome at our schools, or in our neighbourhood!

Thank you for your help.



Sarah McKay
Manager, Safe Schools



Jeff McMillan
Manager, Security/Infrastructure

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