



Welcome all new and returning Laronde families! This is an unprecedented beginning to a new school year and we would like every Laronde family - **whether returning in person or starting remotely** - to feel connected to our community. Because of the many changes happening at school and within the PAC, we will focus on keeping you well informed. The Laronde PAC (Parent Advisory Council) would like to take this opportunity to update you about the following PAC related items:

HOW TO REGISTER ON WWW.LARONDEPAC.CA

The Laronde PAC website is www.larondepac.ca. We use this for school-wide PAC related email communication. Please register on the system ASAP to ensure you receive all Laronde related emails (which may include class-specific details). Registration is required at the start of every school year, even if you have registered in previous years.

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Go to the registration [page](#).
2. Enter Access code: **LAR2020**
3. Complete the remaining fields, taking special care when entering your email address.

This communication system is different than the Surrey School District Laronde Elementary website. You should also register there to receive the newsletter and other communications from the Principal by signing up [here](#).

INTRODUCING YOUR 2020/2021 PAC EXECUTIVE

Position	Name	Email
Chair	Cynthia Springate	chair@larondepac.ca
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Class Parent Coordinator	Alita Roberts	classparent@larondepac.ca
DPAC Representative	Michelle Hoffman	
CPF Representative	Julie Elliot	
Members at Large	Stefanie Simpson, Laura Roberts, Tracy Merry, Amy Guelpa, Gaby Gutierrez, Hollis Pilling & Joy Rong	

PAC MEETINGS

Our first PAC meeting of the school year will be on Thursday, September 24th at 7pm. This year, we will hold our PAC meetings virtually on Zoom.

PAC meetings are an excellent opportunity to connect with the Principal, the PAC executive and other Laronde parents. During these meetings, after the Principal's school report, participants will have the opportunity to share any concerns or ask questions. The PAC executive also reports on PAC business and all parents vote on important matters including how we spend PAC funds.

Time: [Sep 24, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time](#) (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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CLASS PARENTS

Our Laronde school community of students, parents, teachers, along with the Principal's Office will be safe, understood, and efficient if we are closely connected regarding school matters and events. The Class Parent plays a **vital role** at our school by being the point of contact between parents and the school. At the beginning of each school year, a parent from each division takes on this role. There can be more than one class parent per division to share responsibilities; however, it is recommended to have a primary contact.

Some of the activities a Class Parent may be involved with include:

1. Attend Parent Advisory Council meetings, dates below (or send designate).
2. Assist the teacher in organizing volunteers for field trips/class events or other activities as required.
3. Prepare a student/parent contact sheet for the class at the beginning of the year using information from the www.larondepac.ca website.
4. Forward information about class-specific events such as the Christmas Hamper program. Any school-wide emails are sent directly to all families registered on the www.larondepac.ca website.
5. Organize classroom volunteers for special school-wide PAC events such as the Bi-annual Spring Fair.
6. Assist the teacher with Scholastic book orders if asked.

7. Organize their teacher appreciation acknowledgment/gift, usually done at Christmas and in June.

If you are interested in becoming a class parent this year or if you have further questions about this role, please email Alita Roberts at classparent@larondepac.ca

LARONDE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The PAC relies on parent volunteers to organize and run many special events. Some of these events may not be able to run this year, but we will keep you posted. Please consider taking on a role for this year. The following are very brief descriptions, committees, and activities the PAC supports or sponsors. Actual duties vary slightly from year to year, depending on needs.

LOST AND FOUND (ELAINE COORDINATOR) - Periodically organizes and display the lost & found items for collection. Wash and bundle unclaimed items to donate to Forsyth Road Elementary.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE (MARINA H. COORDINATOR) - works with the Principal to address safety concerns; maintains supplies in the earthquake container and the grab and go classroom containers.

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE (TRACY M. COORDINATOR) - works with the École Laronde Community, including administration, teachers, and parents, to collect photos for the annual yearbook. The committee may work with students to put together the layouts for the yearbook. It also works with an online printing service.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE - coordinates with our sister school, Forsyth Road Elementary, on current needs for their students/families by coordinating parent volunteers for events such as food or clothing drives throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER COMMITTEE (LAURA R. COORDINATOR) - coordinates with our sister school, Forsyth Road Elementary, on hamper needs for families. This is a school-wide event that requires the help of class parents to coordinate the collection of items in their classrooms.

SPRING FAIR (MELISSA W. COORDINATOR) - Every two years, Laronde hosts a Spring Fair in May. This event requires the help of numerous volunteer coordinators various activities and stations to run successfully. Examples of activities and stations are: raffle baskets, games coordinator, cake walk, talent show, food and beverage etc. Our Spring Fair this year was cancelled due to COVID. We do hope to reschedule when possible.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE (CYNTHIA S. COORDINATOR) will help to plan the replacement of playground #2. This work will continue in Fall 2020.

If you have any questions about any of these volunteer opportunities &/or would like to put your name forward to volunteer, please contact Cynthia Springate at chair@larondepac.ca

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Due to COVID, we are currently not permitted to offer a hot lunch program. Should this change, we do look forward to restarting this program as it is a very successful fundraiser appreciated school-wide by students and parents.

PASSIVE FUNDRAISERS FOR LARONDE

Emily Press Labels

Emily Press provides bright, durable and personalized stick-on labels to help ensure your items return home to you. They will donate up to 20% of our sales back to the Laronde PAC if you order through this link, <http://www.emilypress.com/laronde>

Cobs Bread - Ocean Park location

Our generous neighbourhood bakers at Cob's bread (Ocean Park location only) will donate a percentage of your purchases to the Laronde PAC, all you need to do is mention Laronde when you check out. It's that easy! Tell all your friends and family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 24 – PAC Meeting via Zoom. 7pm.

September 28 – Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

October 12 – Thanksgiving Day

October 23 – Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

November 6 - Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

November 11 – Remembrance Day (stat holiday)

WHAT IS A PAC?

The School Act gives parents the right, through PACs, to assume an advisory role in every school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the Principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the school.

PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools.

PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school
- involving parents in volunteer activities
- openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools

Direct from the Laronde PAC Constitution and Bylaws:

The purpose of the PAC shall be:

- 1. To provide a forum for discussion of school procedures, programs and facilities and to recommend changes where needed (subject to the Public School Act and Surrey School Board policies).*
- 2. To assist the Principal and staff in creating the safest possible environment for the children in the school and neighbourhood.*
- 3. To contribute to a sense of community within the school, and between the school, home, and neighbourhood.*
- 4. To advise parents in communicating with teachers and administration about their child's progress or other concerns.*
- 5. To encourage and support the involvement of community members in the school as volunteers or as auxiliary resource people.*
- 6. To organize, in consultation with the Principal and staff, activities and programs where appropriate.*
- 7. To raise sufficient funds and organize volunteers to support these activities and programs.*