



Dear Parents and Guardians of Laronde students:

The Laronde Parent Advisory Council (PAC) has two major fundraising initiatives: our popular Hot Lunch program, and the annual Direct Donation campaign. Our Direct Donation campaign will be our largest fundraising event this year. The Laronde PAC Direct Donation campaign is simple and is tax deductible. The campaign provides parents the ease of making one annual donation versus the time required to bake cupcakes, sell cookie dough, coupon books, or gift-wrap to friends and family.

To learn more about how you can donate, please see the options below:

- Via [CanadaHelps link](#) - just a click away, tax receipts sent instantly to your e-mail, 3.9% fee (suggested for donations under \$150). Donate [here!](#)
- Via e-transfer - send to donations@larondepac.ca, complete the attached form for tax receipt, no fee.
- Via cheque - give to Cheryl at the office, complete the attached form for tax receipt, no fee. Cheques are made payable to: **Laronde Elementary PAC**

DONATIONS IN SECURITIES

- We accept donations in securities, such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Donate [here.](#)

The primary goal of the PAC, via its fundraising activities, is to enrich the school life of all Laronde students. Many popular activities and programs were paid for by past PAC donations, including:

- Design, Purchase, and Installation of Playground #2
- Physical Education Enrichment – Zumba/Hip Hop
- Science Enrichment - Unique Minds Learning, Le Petite Architect Design for Kids
- Junior Geologist Workshop
- UBC Geering UP Engineering Workshop
- Artist in residence – Saltwater Studios Art Program
- Screenagers – social media and online education/awareness
- Body Health Workshops Saleema Noon - Parents & Students
- Cultural Performances – Théâtre la Seizième
- Young Actors Project Drama Workshops
- Jesse Ruben – We Can Workshops
- First Aid Training for Grade 6/7 Lunch Monitors
- EMS Scholarships (to support former Laronde graduates)
- Classroom book donations and teacher funds for classroom purchases

Playground #2 was completed in February 2022 at a total cost of \$114, 880.84. Most of this money was raised through parent donations from past direct donation campaigns. A huge thank you to all past and current Laronde families who donated to make this new playground a reality for our

children. We are currently saving money for the eventual replacement of Playground #3 in the next 7-10 years.

Recognizing the varying circumstances of our families, we suggest a donation of \$50 per student for our campaign this year, intending to reach a \$15,000 goal. However, we deeply appreciate that any contribution, regardless of size, is a significant gesture of support. If your employer has a corporate giving program, your impact could be doubled by designating Laronde Elementary PAC.

The Laronde Elementary PAC is a registered charity. To request a tax receipt for donations over \$20 (except those donations using CanadaHelps which automatically provides tax receipts), please fill in the attached form. Requested receipts will be distributed via email no later than **January 31, 2025**. We are mindful of the financial strains of the times, and thus, we express our sincerest thanks for considering a gift that feels right for your family. With your continued generosity, we can continue to enrich the school experience for all our children.

If you have any questions about the Direct Donation Campaign, please contact Megan Johnson at chair@larondepac.ca. Any questions regarding the issue of tax receipts, please email the treasurers at treasurer@larondepac.ca.

Thank you very much from the Laronde PAC Executive!

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