

WE ARE HALF-WAY THERE. WE CAN DO THIS!

Dear Laronde Families,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

I remember walking through my school doors at my elementary school. The PAC was hosting a bake sale fundraiser, and the table was covered with delicious homemade treats. Little did I consider that behind those treats was a time-consuming phone chain, shopping for ingredients, and late-night baking. Not to mention the time spent selling individual cupcakes and how many had to be sold so PAC could raise enough money for us to have all the things we took for granted as kids.

My mom recounted that when I was in elementary school, the PAC held endless bake sales and walk-a-thons to raise enough money to buy us our first computers. And to be sure, not every PAC was doing this at other schools in our community. But like Laronde, my school's PAC was going to find a way. And I vividly remember sitting at that new computer for the first time in our library. I didn't know it at the time, but we were so fortunate, and I can't help but think what a difference it made in my education.

Today, we could do an email thread a mile long or a SignUp Genius to figure out who is making cookies or cupcakes, but the fact is, even if we wanted to bake, or go door-to-door selling wrapping paper or chocolate, we don't have the luxury of time.

So, while we may not have much free time, I believe we have an endless supply of good intentions for our children. But we want these intentions to materialize into tangible benefits that our children can experience. So, we thought it might be easier for everyone to put those good intentions into practice, without asking anyone to give up their precious free time. Thus, was born the "Direct Donation Campaign." We can ensure our children have all the benefits of your donation without taking that time that you want to save for your families and loved ones.

I am reluctant to keep sending out reminders, but I think about all the times I needed those extra reminders to do something, even if it was really important. So, here is your reminder!!!

If you have already donated, THANK YOU! For those who haven't had a chance, please check this off your list once and for all! Please put those intentions into action and donate to your child's memories. We want them to be good ones!

It's easy to donate. 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**