

# LARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Q: What season is it when you're on a trampoline?**

**A: Spring-time!**

Here is what's happening at Larson for this month:

- May 1<sup>st</sup> ~ **Class Photos**
- May 5<sup>th</sup> ~ **FUN Lunch**
- May 8<sup>th</sup> ~ **No School** District-wide Professional Development Day
- May 9<sup>th</sup> ~ **Elections BC** Larson Gym in use
- May 12<sup>th</sup> ~ **FUN Lunch & PALS Flower Order Pick-Up**
- May 19<sup>th</sup> ~ **Larson FUN Day & PALS FUN Lunch**
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ **No School** Victoria Day Statutory Holiday
- May 25<sup>th</sup> ~ **Tiller's Folley** (PALS sponsored cultural performance)
- May 25<sup>th</sup> ~ **PALS Annual General Meeting**
- May 26<sup>th</sup> ~ **FUN Lunch**
- May 27<sup>th</sup> ~ **Larson Spring Fair: LARSONPALOOZA**



Remember to check the [Larson Events Calendar](#) for other upcoming events and for possible changes to the above.

Click to  
find out  
why we  
celebrate

## LARSON PARENT VOTE: SCOOTER BOARDS

Thank you to all the Larson families that responded to PALS vote request for the approval to purchase a class set of these scooter boards. The motion passed with 88% approval.

Larson students can look forward to having access to them this school term.

**PALS approved purchase:**

30 scooter boards and three stacking holders to store them



**PALS**  
Parents' Association  
Larson School

## Upcoming Events

### PALS Annual General Meeting

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

### PALS FUN Lunches

There's a **FUN Lunch** every Friday that school is in session. [Click here to order:](#)



No cash or cheques!

Orders must  
be paid **8**  
days in  
advance.



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## PALS Cash4Clothes





PALS wishes to thank Tracy Liberty and her parent volunteer team that folded bags and stapled flyers and collected the bags as they were dropped off. We'd also like to thank the parent volunteers who jumped in to lend the team a hand on both collection days!

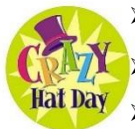
**The final tally was 149 bags netting a total profit of \$298.** All proceeds will go to help cover the costs of the many programs PALS supports within our school.



## More Important Upcoming Dates:

June events to be mindful of:

- **June 2nd** ~ **No School** School Based Professional Day
- **June 9th** ~ FUN Lunch
- **June 16th** ~ **Larson SPIRIT DAY** & FUN Lunch
- **June 21st** ~ **National Aboriginal Day**  Click to find out more about this!
- **June 22nd** ~ **Crazy Hat & Hair Day Spirit Day**
- **June 23rd** ~ FUN Lunch
- **June 29th** ~ Last Day for students 



# PALS needs YOU!



Volunteering at Larson on the PALS Executive Board is a great opportunity to contribute to your child's school community. We are proud that Larson parents are some of the most actively involved parents in the district!

On behalf of the current PALS Executive, we invite you to consider volunteering for the following roles, for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

### **PALS EXECUTIVE POSITIONS:**

**Past Chair:** Open to anyone who has previously served in the PALS Chair position and is a one-year term. This role provides historical assistance to senior executive officers.

**Chair:** The senior officer(s) of the PALS executive is an elected position for a one-year term (a two-year term is ideal). Can be shared (co-chair).

**Vice Chair:** Provides support to the senior executive officer(s) and is an elected position for a minimum one-year term (a two-year term is preferred). Can be shared (co-vice chair).

**Treasurer:** Responsible for the management of PALS finances and is an elected position for a minimum one-year term (a two-year term is preferred). Can be shared (co-treasurers).

**Secretary:** Responsible for recording and keeping all PALS meeting minutes and official documents and is an elected position for one-year term. Can be shared (co-secretaries). You'll have access to past meeting minutes for a template.

**District PAC:** Represent and speak on behalf of PALS at NVDPAC/BCCPAC meetings and report back to Executive at monthly meetings.

**Members at Large:** Multiple committee chair positions available! Organize a fundraiser/community event, produce the Student Directory, manage general communication of PALS information to parents and the school administration, attend executive meetings (minimum of 2 per year), etc. Voting rights will be established at the beginning of the Board year at the discretion of the elected Chair(s).

You may submit your nomination at the AGM in person or in advance of the **May 25th AGM** via email to [laronpals1@gmail.com](mailto:laronpals1@gmail.com) by using this template:

**Email Subject:** CALL FOR NOMINATIONS ~ 2017-2018 PALS Executive Board  
**Info to include in email body:** Full name, Phone & email address,  
POSITION interested in (1st & 2nd choice)

Formal selection will happen at the AGM. Please be prepared to attend the final PALS Executive meeting on June 1st.

## **Don't want to take on an Executive role at PALS? Not a problem!**

There are other ways in which you as a Larson parent can become involved without formally joining PALS at the Executive level.

The following are just a few examples:

### **Special Event Coordinator:**

Welcome Back Slice Night (Sept/Oct)

Movie Night (Feb)

Cash4Clothes Drive (April)

Toy Sale (April)

Teacher Appreciation Lunch (June)

### **Committee Coordinator:**

PALS Class Rep program

PALS Emergency Prep Team

PALS Traffic & Safety Team

PALS CPF (Canadian Parents for French) Representative

PALS Kindergarten Summer Socials

PALS After-School & Lunch time activities.

PALS Outdoor Play Space Improvement Team

**PALS Grade 7 End-of-Year Activities**

(If you feel your child has benefited from any of the above, then please consider volunteering some of your time to make them happen again next year).

## **Wonder what happens when we can't find volunteers?**

You may have noticed that the **Larson Student Crossing Guards** haven't been very much present this year, well it's because we weren't able to find enough parents willing to donate their time in the morning and afternoon to help them. When we can't find volunteers to take on these roles, we can't run the programs. Please contact [laronpals1@gmail.com](mailto:laronpals1@gmail.com) to volunteer.



# LARSONPALOOZA IS BACK!



**We Need You...**to volunteer your time on Saturday, May 27th between 1 pm and 7:30 pm to make the second annual Larsonpalooza a complete success. Last year's event raised approximately \$12,000 for the school.

You will receive a more detailed email via your class reps regarding specific volunteer duties ranging from set up; to game attendant; to food service and clean up and take down. We strongly and kindly encourage those attending the event to list one parent per household to donate time and volunteer during the event. Shifts range from 1-2 hours in length. Larsonpalooza is our largest and most effective single day fundraising event with the best ROI (Return on Investment).

Please be an active and supportive member of the Larson community and contribute to your child's educational best interests. [All monies raised are directed towards: updating Larson technology programs including laptops \(we currently have 20 for a school population of 470 students\), iPads, document cameras as well as greenspace upgrades.](#)

We are looking for some solid committed volunteer support. Please come out and meet fellow Larson parents, interact and have some fun and make a difference! We welcome everyone.

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 27th**

**TIME: 1 to 7:30pm (Volunteer shifts are 1-2 hours in length)**





## Larson Volunteer Tea



Once again the staff at Larson put on a wonderful Tea for all the volunteer parents and family members that donate their time to help our students.

Throughout the year, families donate their time in many ways including the Friday FUN Lunch distribution, guided reading programs, library, in-class projects, field trip chaperones, and so many numerous other ways.

As always the food was delicious, the student-made decorations were beautiful and best of all was the opportunity to chat with our teachers and administration staff over a cup of coffee or tea. Larson truly does value its volunteers and it's because of our volunteer community that Larson is such a wonderful school.



## PALS COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

PALS has a number of ongoing [passive fundraisers](#) that are an easy way to support PALS and Larson.

Why are they called passive?

These fundraisers don't require you to purchase anything more than what you already intended to buy for you or your family.

### Thrifty Foods Smile Card:

Use your Smile Card to purchase your families groceries and 5% is paid back to Larson.

**THRIFTY FOODS**

Eat happy

### COBS Bread:

[Edgemont](#), [Capilano Mall](#) and [Park & Tilford](#)

Mention Larson School and a portion of your purchase is paid back to Larson.



### PNE Group Sales:

Reduced ticket sales on events and [Playland](#). Visit their website for more event savings, [PNE Group Sales](#), and enter Larson's code **BJ9699EP**.



### Mabels Labels:

To order go to [Mabel's labels](#).



### SPUD Produce Boxes:

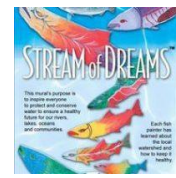
You can help us by ordering a box of local, organic produce. Create an account on line at [SPUD.ca](#), choose the organic produce boxes you want to order and add them to your cart. At checkout, enter the promo code **FUNDRAISING** and select **Larson Elementary** from the drop-down menu.



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# Larson has its very own Stream of Dreams!



PALS would like to thank **Mme Swain** who spear-headed this project and was instrumental in securing the grant funding. This was a wonderful experience for our kids and is a permanent legacy for our school & community.

Thank you to the [Pacific Salmon Foundation](#) for providing the grant that paid for the program and to [Stream of Dreams](#) facilitators, Louise, Crystal and Mary-Anne who worked with the students, staff and volunteer parents. Finally, a really big THANK YOU to the parent volunteers, Laura Weatherly, Tammy Pollock, Amy Tsang, Lisa Capitano, Kara Scobbie, Jennifer Ng, Maria Alice Ignacio, Caroline Tesky and Grandpa Jim, who spent over 5 ½ hours completing the art installation.



Come see our **Stream of Dreams**, there are all sorts of colourful schools of fish to admire such as the pretty **Watermelon**, beautiful **Rainbow**, gorgeous **Garden Flowers**, and the very rare **Pineapple** school just to name a few. There are quite literally hundreds of fish in all shapes and sizes! The different sizes represent the various growth stages of the fishes in our local rivers and streams.

