

# NOVEMBER 2018

## LARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PALS Fun Lunches needs new volunteers for the 2018/2019 school year for the positions of **Friday Lunch Distribution**.

If you can volunteer, please contact [larsonfunlunch@gmail.com](mailto:larsonfunlunch@gmail.com)

### Upcoming events in November...

- November 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Non-instructional day **NO SCHOOL**
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Curriculum Implementation **NO SCHOOL**
- November 9<sup>th</sup> ~ **FUN LUNCH**
- November 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Remembrance Day **NO SCHOOL**
- November 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Photo Retakes & **PALS Monthly Meeting at 3:15**
- November 16<sup>th</sup> ~ **FUN LUNCH**
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 2pm Early Dismissal for Family Conferences
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Larson Book Fair in the Library
- November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Family Photo Nights (4pm – 9pm)
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ **FUN LUNCH**
- November 26<sup>th</sup> ~ **Winter Poinsettia Fundraiser** – deadline to place orders (for delivery on December 6<sup>th</sup>)
- November 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 2pm Early Dismissal – Staff Collaboration
- November 30<sup>th</sup> ~ **FUN LUNCH**

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

**larson school directory** Did you know that Munch-a-lunch is used for much more than just Fun Lunch ordering?

PALS uses Munch-a-lunch to establish a [Parent Email List](#) to keep you well informed about school events, teacher communications, and matters affecting our broader Larson community. PALS also publishes a [Student Directory](#) for Larson families to stay connected.

To register for PALS emails and/or the Directory, log into [Munchalunch.com](http://Munchalunch.com) and go to My Family>My Directory Info>I consent to the PAC contacting me about school-related matters.

**Your email address will NOT be published and is only used via BCC to dispatch information through PALS and/or your Class Rep.**

### PALS FUN Lunches

There is 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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### book donation drop

Inside the front entrance of the school there is an area where parents can donate books for use by Larson teachers in their classrooms. From learn-to-read sets, graphic novels and Archie comic books to well-loved paperbacks and books en français. Clear out your bookshelves and help us foster a love of reading.



# walk and wheel to school

Contributed by Deb Dagenais

October 1 to 5 - Walk and Wheel to School Week brought us a full week of fun events. It was great to see so many students walking from home, or from the "Drive to Five" area, biking, and scooting.

The RCMP came for a visit on Monday, the Fire Department came on Thursday, and to round out the fun, we had Natalie from the City of North Van and her wheel of prizes on Tuesday.

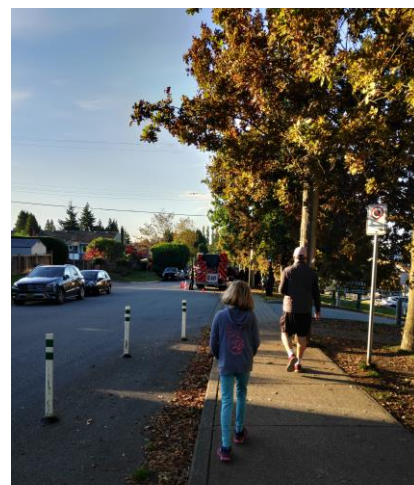
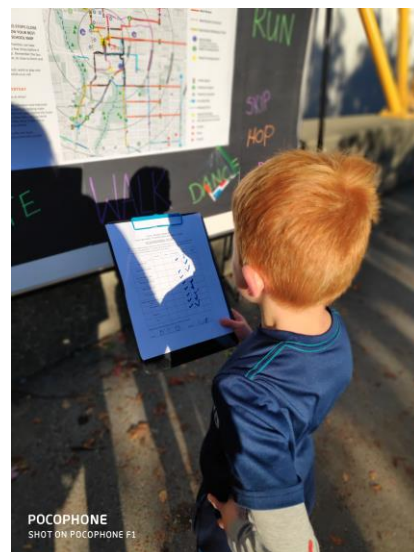
Students were invited to participate in a Scavenger Hunt and to share what they like about using active transport to get to school. Their answers ranged from 'it takes a long time' to 'I like to get the exercise', with lots of kids expressing how important the social aspect of walking or biking with their friends is to them. Others simply enjoy 'the fresh air'.

Everyone who handed in a form won a prize thanks to Luca and Annabella McCrae (Larson Alumni) who donated SRAM hats and DashBC who sent us fitness trackers.

Active transport benefits our students by reducing congestion and pollution around the school, and by exercising their bodies and minds so they are really ready to learn when they arrive at school.

A portion of the Living City Grant that we had applied for and received last year was used towards Walk and Wheel to School Week.

Here's to many more everyday adventures on the way!!



## Magazine Fundraiser is back! [www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca)

Magazine subscriptions make great gifts and can really encourage kids to read!

Throughout the year you can save on magazine subscriptions and raise money for the school by purchasing through QSP.

From Oct 29 - Nov 17 the annual subscription drive is on - share with your family and friends, and make sure all those sales are assigned to your student and they will receive prizes!

[www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca)  
CODE: 3702495

### LARSON'S BLOG:

Please [click here](#) to link to this feature on our school's website:

#### What's new on the blog?

- [Mindful mornings at Larson](#)
- [Cross Country](#)
- [Quidditch Season at Larson](#)



## uzume matsuri taiko

PALS sponsored this cultural event at the beginning of October. The last drum dance was about sushi so I'm sure many families had a request for sushi that night!

<https://www.uzume.com/>



## traffic safety in our school zone 🚧 🚧 🚧 🚧

The North Shore Safety Council met on October 4 at Delbrook Rec Centre and one of our Larson parents, Dan Ross, was in attendance to bring our concerns regarding traffic safety during school pick-up and drop-off.

North Shore Safety Council (NSSC) was established in 1954 as an educational, advisory and advocacy organization. NSSC is a Society in BC and is a registered federal charity.

NSSC's main program is Elmer the Safety Elephant – teaching pedestrian and bike safety to Kindergarten and Grade 1 students in all elementary schools in NVSD, WVSD, preschools, daycares and private schools.

The most recent public forum, held in early 2017, was called **Slow Down North Shore**, which has now become a campaign that in its early stages features an on-line survey "Rate Your Street" -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/22PNSKX> to determine localized needs for speed reductions with a goal to localized, specific solutions.

A 30-minute, interactive presentation on **Slow Down North Shore** is available for a PAC, "family of schools", or community association meeting, by contacting Kulvir at [kulvir@shaw.ca](mailto:kulvir@shaw.ca).



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Three years ago, Jill Soles started organizing Friday Fun Lunch for every Friday that school was in session. She found that there was an opportunity to provide more fun lunches to students and to raise more funds for PALS and Larson.

I'm sure I'm not alone when I say I'm grateful that my Thursday nights are a little less hectic with a few less lunches to make.

Jill, alongside Daniela Dornicak, has been the Larson Fun Lunch Coordinator, organizing Munch-a-Lunch, coordinating menus and buying supplies, while leading the Lunch Distribution Team for the past three years.

With help from Kimberly MacMillan and Laura Weatherly, she was also the brain child of LarsonPalooza, which has been a great success for the last three years!

Did we mention that Jill also volunteers many hours, both in her children's classrooms and around the school?

Thank you, Jill, for not only bringing these great ideas to the table, but for also making them happen!

## north van pac update

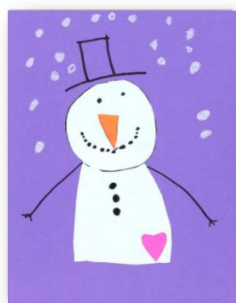
The NVPAC (also called DPAC) is the Parent Advisory Council for the North Vancouver School District.

The NVPAC acts as a volunteer liaison between PACs, parents and the School District, and represents the parent perspective related to broader educational matters at the district level.

We now have three awesome parents who are sharing the role of PALS DPAC rep. Thank you to our volunteers.

Next meeting is on November 28, 2018.

## "THE CARD PROJECT" – TURNING ART INTO GREETING CARDS



The children made amazing art for this exciting fundraiser. The Card Project uses the children's masterpieces to make professionally printed greeting cards and notebooks. Every child will get a copy of their unique greeting card in early November. **Their own art** is printed on the front of the card and their name and grade is printed on the back.

**Our School Access code is: LE76**

**Priority deadline has passed, but orders can be made up to Nov 16th.**

[www.TheCardProject.ca](http://www.TheCardProject.ca)

### pals meeting schedule

November 15, 2018 at 3:15pm

December 20, 2018 at 7:00pm

January 17, 2019 at 3:15pm (GM)

February 21, 2019 at 7:00pm

March 14, 2019 at 2:15pm

April 25, 2019 at 7:00pm

May 16, 2019 at 3:15pm

May 30, 2019 at 7:00pm (AGM)

June 20, 2019 at 7:00pm

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS:

### Did you Know?

PALS has a number of ongoing passive fundraisers that are an easy way to support our programs.



#### 1. Thrifty Foods:

If you shop at Thrifty, 5 % of your grocery purchases can be funneled back to the school. Email [Larsonpals1@gmail.com](mailto:Larsonpals1@gmail.com) for more information.

*\*\* Cards are available through the office or by contacting PALS.*



#### 2. COBS Bread

**(Edgemont, Capilano Mall and Park & Tilford):**

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



#### 3. QSP Magazine Orders:

Available all year. To order, go to **QSP**, enter in our school code **3702495**.



#### 4. PNE Group Sales:

Reduced ticket sales on events. Visit their website **PNE** and enter Larson's promo code **UHYT2645**.

**NEW CODE!**



#### 5. Mabel's Labels:

To order go to **Mabel's labels**.

# pals budget (from the october general meeting)

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## Larson PALS

Fiscal Year: 2018/19  
Period Start: 1-Sept 2018  
FYE: 31-Aug-2019

Reporting Date: October 28, 2018

<u>OPERATIONS-REVENUE</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Year Prior Actual:</u>
Direct Licence & Gaming Grants	11,472 * 1	16,075
NVPAC Grant	0	-
Parent Donations	0	-
<b>Total Contributed Funds</b>	<b>11,472</b>	
FUN Lunch Days	16,000	19,816
Thrifty Foods Fundraiser (Year-long)	1,000	1,009
COBs Dough Raiser (Year-long)	400	-
QSP Magazine Sales (Year-long)	200	209
Mabels Labels (Year-long)	50	50
PNE (Year-long)	40	43
Welcome Back Ice Cream Social (September)	0 * 8	-
Halloween Dance Fundraiser (October)	1,000	-
Card Project Fundraiser (November)	1,000	1,567
Poinsettia Fundraiser (December)	500	506
Movie Night ~ Community Building Event (February)	800	876
Cash for Clothes Fundraiser (May)	300	540
Living City Grant	2,600	-
Grade 7 Fundraising	0 * 2	-
Interest	0	0
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>23,890</b>	
<b>Total Contributed and Fundraising Funds</b>	<b>35,362</b>	
<u>OPERATIONS-EXPENSES</u>		
<i>Monies transferred to SD 44 Account:</i>		
Cultural Events	4,000	4,000
Guest Speakers/Parent Education	3,000	3,000
School Wide Sports Program	5,000	6,000
Classroom Enrichment	2,650	2,850
Safe Teen-Grade 7	400	350
Field Trip Bus Allowance	8,625 * 3	8,050
Library renewal/home reading	1,000	1,000
Admin's Discretionary Fund	1,000	1,000
<i>Monies held in BlueShore Maximizer Account:</i>		
Munch-a-Lunch Food Software	500	448
Office Supplies & Printing	200	159
General & Annual Meetings supplies & childcare	400	335
Marketing	600 * 7	590
Grade 7 Farewell (June)	550	151
Traffic and Safety (2017/2018)	300 * 4	0
Traffic and Safety	300	300
Fun Day Treat (May)	200	123
Staff Appreciation Event (June)	200	0
CPF membership renewal	150	0
Living City Grant Purchases	2,600	0
Emergency Preparation	2,000	4,000
Bank Service Charges	50	47
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>33,725</b>	
<b>Net Income/(loss)</b>	<b>1,637</b>	

PALS Accounts Update: Oct 28, 2018	
<b>Assets</b>	
Maximizer Account:	35,734
Gaming Account:	27,547
SD 44 Trust Account:	0
	<b>63,281</b> * 6

Added expenses dependant on additional fundraising:	
Grade 6 First Aid	4,000 400
Technology Renewal/Replacement	5,000 20,000
Learning Supports for the classrooms	2,000 2,000
Replacement of Classroom Projector Purchase	2,000 2,000
Outdoor Play Space improvements / Gym Equipment	2,000 2,000
Lunchtime/After School Programs Supplies	300 300
Seasonal Events/Supplies	200 67
End of year gift purchases	200 * 5 -
Anti-Graffiti paint for container	450 -
<b>Total Additional Expenses dependant on additional fundraising:</b>	<b>16,150</b>

- \* 1 Budget based on \$20 per student x 466 students enrolled for 2018/2019. \* Govt gave more this year, but no guarantee that increase will occur next year.
- \* 2 The Grade 7 families fundraise for their own classes end-of-year activities under a separate PALS subcommittee.
- \* 3 Field Trip Bus Allowance is \$375 per division (21) + 2 extra trips to facilitate the kindergarten outdoor learning program.
- \* 4 Last year's budgeted amount for the student volunteer Pizza lunch will be utilized this school year.
- \* 5 This allows for PALS to purchase a small thank you gift for outgoing PALS executive members that
- \* 6 Actual funds in accounts for end of 2018/19 to be reviewed at the end of the current school year or
- \* 7 Expense was the updated flyers and posters advertising what PALS has purchased for the school.
- \* 8 Includes \$213 made in family donations plus \$105 for Larson gear sold at the event.

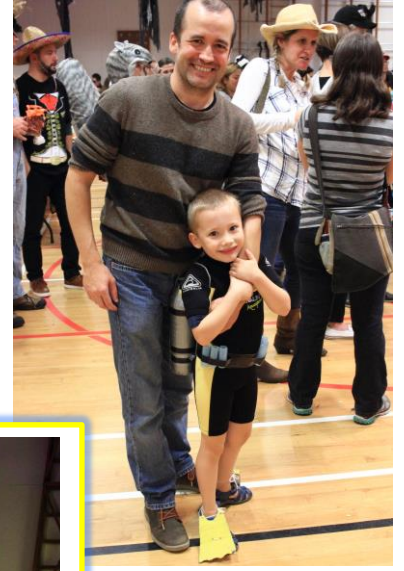
The above is a snapshot of where the budget is at the date of reporting.



## hallowe'en dance

PALS hosted a Hallowe'en dance on Friday, October 26. The event was sold out and the gym was packed with parents and students. It looked like fun was had by all.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the event possible and to all of the parents and students for attending and making it so much fun. We will include more photos and fundraising details in next months' newsletter.



## winter poinsettia fundraiser

This season we are selling beautiful, locally grown Poinsettias, festive wreaths and holiday tropical planters to help raise money for our school. Parents can expect more information to come home with their children in the next 1 to 2 weeks. Order deadline is November 26<sup>th</sup> for delivery on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to place orders using the following link: <https://larsonelementary.growingsmilefundraising.com>

