



DR. A.R. LORD NEWS

Code of Conduct
**“Create Peace: Be Kind, Be Safe,
Be Respectful, Be Responsible”**

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School Hours:

8:55am – Warning Bell
9:00am – School Starts
10:40 – 11:00am - Recess
12:10 – 12:57pm – Lunch Break
3:00 pm – End of School Day

School Mission Statement

Our mission at Dr. A.R. Lord School is to develop a safe and positive school environment with creative and challenging learning experiences for all students to achieve their potential.

In order to help us attain this positive school environment, we constantly review and practice our school code of conduct. Expectations are that everyone in our school abides by our code.



Principal's Message

Dear Lord Families,

It's hard to believe that the year is almost at an end. Thank you to the students, staff and parent community for such an amazing year. There is only one month left to go but there are so many great events yet to come. Some of the highlights include, Ultimate Frisbee games and tournament, Track and Field Finals, Volunteer Appreciation, School Wide Field Trip to New Brighton Park, Grade 7 Farewell and Luncheon, Grade 7s at Camp Jubilee, Year-End Celebration, the Year-End Assembly and many classroom year-end field trips. Please make sure you check out the dates for our upcoming events at the end of this newsletter, on our school website or individual class permission forms.

During the months of May and June, the staff begin to make plans for next years' class placements. Please refer to the information provided later in this newsletter regarding the considerations that go into class placements by staff. We strive to help create the best possible learning environment for your children. Please note that any written requests must be into the office by Friday, June 14.

An event, field trip, culminating activity or extra learning opportunity, takes a lot of planning, collecting of permission slips/money and coordinating. Many of these opportunities can require planning and facilitation outside of school time. Many are opportunities for students to see real world examples of what the students are learning about, many are a great way to bring learning to life for students and many are a special experience with an important message. But all are done with the specific intent to make school special for the students at Lord! I appreciate all the hard work that goes into organizing and facilitating each fun filled event. On the last page of this newsletter is a list of all the things that happened at Lord School in this school year. It is overwhelming to see what an incredible year it has been!

There is another group whom I would like to pay tribute for their hard work at making Lord a great place to learn as well, and that is our PAC. We would like to sincerely thank our PAC for all their hard work and commitment to our school. Although fundraising is part of what they do, the events and activities the PAC have facilitated continue to add to the fun and sense of community. Please consider volunteering your time. Any support is appreciated.

Margie Trovao
Principal

School Fees

The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. In September families will receive a notice with all our school fees so please do not send in the monies until you receive the notice about fee collection. Great news, starting September 2019 families will be able to pay all fees online. The Vancouver School Board is rolling out **School Cash Online** as an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents and guardians to pay for their children's school fees, such as field trips and yearbooks. More information will be emailed to you soon so you can jumpstart on the registration and be familiar with the new process.

Notice of Late Return

The form is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school **LATER THAN noon on Tuesday, September 3, 2019** but prior to **September 30, 2019**. Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Wednesday, September 4th, 2019, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist. If this applies to your child(ren), please be sure to obtain a form from the main counter and return to the office before end of June.

Criteria for Class Placement for 2019/20

In May and June of each year, we begin the process of planning for the next school year.

Lord staff works very hard to make the *best possible placement* for your child. There are many factors considered when generating class compositions. They include academic progress/ability, individual learning styles, classroom interactions between students, specific learning needs in different areas, a balance of students requiring English Second Language and learning assistance support, and information provided by the children and parents.

This is not an easy task. Lord staff invests a great deal of time and thought into this process. It is not a perfect process as there are many variables to consider in our school population; however, our staff considers the individual needs and nature of each child.

The way in which the number of divisions and grade levels are determined is directly dependent upon the number of students registered at the school, the number of staff members assigned by the Board and the contractual rules for class configuration. In a small school, it usually means combined classes.

Placement in a combined class **does not reflect in any way your child's academic ability.** Placement in a combination class at the lower grade does not mean that your child will cover the curriculum of the upper grade or receive an advanced program. The same holds true for a student who is in the upper end of a split class - your child does not receive a non-advanced program because students from a lower grade are in the same classroom; nor will your child be academically penalized by being placed into the combination class, rather than a straight class.

Our teachers do an excellent job of placing all of the students. Make sure that your child's current classroom teacher has all pertinent information about your child. Please also make sure your classroom teacher is aware of any concerns you may have with regard to academic and emotional vulnerability or behavioural conflicts so that these factors may be **considered** in placing students. Please note, we do not place students based on wanting to be with a best friend. If you feel it is necessary to make a written request, please ensure that it is accompanied by an educational rationale for the placement. Writing a letter is **not** a guarantee of placement but an acknowledgement of your interest and hope for your child. Thank you for your support as we strive to create the best possible learning environment for all of the students in our school.

Volunteer Appreciation Tea



We would not be able to offer so many opportunities for our students without the support from our parent community. Thank you so much for all that you do throughout the year. If you have volunteered at our school this year (i.e. driven to a sporting event or field trip, helped with hot lunch, helped with classroom activities, etc), please join the staff on Tuesday, June 11 at 8:30am in the library. We would like to show our appreciation for all you do. Please be sure to hand in your RVSP to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Book Exchange

On June 10th all students (regardless of whether they were able to donate a book or not) will be invited to the book exchange where they will be allowed to choose at least one 'new' book for free.

Lost and Found

Please come look through the lost and found for clothing and lunch containers. All items will be donated to charity if not claimed. There are some smaller items such as keys, jewelry etc. in a small container on the office counter.



Individual Student Medication



If you have left your child's medication in the school office, please come collect it before you leave for the holidays. You can provide updated supplies in September. The "Request of Administration of Medication at School" form (if applicable) is available from the office.



Report Cards

Unclaimed report cards can be picked up in September. As in previous years, if you are unable to pick up the Communicating Student Learning report, please provide a self-addressed envelope to your child's classroom teacher.





Upcoming Events (see also the school calendar)

Thurs. June 6	Track Meet Final at Vancouver Technical PAC Hot Lunch
Fri. June 7	Frisbee Tournament
Mon. June 10	Book Exchange
Tues. June 11	Volunteer Appreciation (8:30 am – 9:30 am), Library
Wed. June 19	Year End Celebration (3:30 pm – 6:00 pm)
Tues. June 25	New Brighton Park Picnic Gr. 7 Camp
Wed. June 26	Gr. 7 Farewell and Luncheon
Thurs. June 27	Year End Assembly Last Day for Students
Fri. June 28	Final Day for Staff

CALENDAR 2019 – 2020
Dr. A.R. Lord Elementary School

School Operation Overview	
Number of Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction	181
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 26)
Important Dates	
School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2019
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 11, 2019
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2019
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 23, 2019 – Friday, January 3, 2020
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6, 2020
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2020
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2020
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 30, 2020
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2020
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2020
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2020
Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days (school not in session)	
Monday September 23, 2019	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 25, 2019	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 8, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, January 20, 2020	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 14, 2020	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Friday, May 15, 2020	Indigenous Focus Professional Day (District Wide)
Parent Conference Dates	Early Dismissal Times
Wednesday, November 13	2:00 pm
Thursday, November 14	2:00 pm
Wednesday, February 12	2:00 pm
Thursday, February 13	2:00 pm

New Bell Schedule and Breaks for 2019/20

Periods	Monday - Friday	Minutes
<i>Warning Bell</i>	8:55	
Period 1	9:00 - 9:40	40
Period 2	9:40 - 10:10	30
Period 3	10:10 - 10:40	30
<i>Recess</i>	<i>10:40 - 10:55</i>	<i>15</i>
Period 4	10:55 - 11:35	40
Period 5	11:35 - 12:00	25
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>12:00 - 12:47</i>	<i>47</i>
Homeroom	12:47 - 12:50	3
Period 6	12:50 - 1:10	20
Period 7	1:10 - 1:40	30
Period 8	1:40 - 2:20	40
Period 9	2:20 - 3:00	40
	Total Minutes of Instructional Time	293