



Dr. A. R. Lord Elementary School

“Create Peace: Be Kind, Be Safe, Respectful, Be Responsible”

Learn and Play with Pride

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School Hours:

8:55am – Warning Bell
9:00am – School Starts
10:50 – 11:05am - Recess
12:00 – 12:47pm –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,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable long weekend. This month’s newsletter will be short but filled with important information and upcoming events.

Families may have noticed some work being done around our Outdoor Classroom. VSB have been preparing the area for the expansion of the learning environment. Earlier in the year an Outdoor Education Grant was awarded, and the funds are being used to expand our Outdoor classroom and additional asphalt sensory/fitness activities.

Our school’s Book Fair is going online, so save the date! From April 12 -23, discover exciting new and bestselling titles from the comfort of your home. Bonus: Every purchase supports our school and helps to keep kids reading! This year we were able to purchase over \$1300 to enhance our Science and Math programs using previous funds. Thank you for your continued support.

Great news the District has given the thumbs up to take individual student photos. Our photos are scheduled for Tuesday, April 20. The photo company has provided and will be following all COVID safety protocols.

A reminder to families that a *minimum of three ongoing communications* with families occur throughout the year (timing at the teacher’s decision). These ongoing communications happen in different ways. They may be a three-way (student, parent, teacher) conference, an electronic portfolio review, a parent/teacher meeting, reflections on student work, an online platform, a telephone conversation, interim written reports, or demonstrations of learning. On Friday, April 16 some teachers will be sending home information regarding student learning.

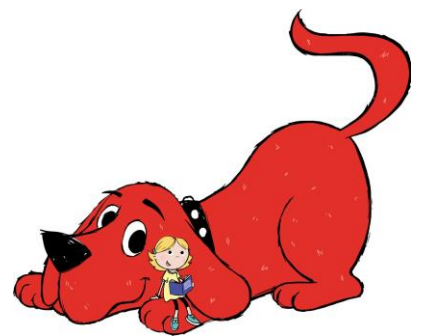
A reminder to all families to complete the Daily Health Assessment with your child(ren) and that students should remain home if they are sick. As of April 1, all students in grade 4-7 are asked to wear their masks indoors. Please refer to the letter sent last week by the District for greater details.

Thank you again for your continued support in keeping the students and staff at Lord safe and healthy.

Margie Trovao
Principal

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

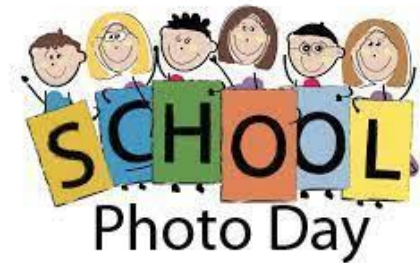
Starting April 12 to April 23, discover exciting new and bestselling titles from the comfort of your home. Bonus: Every purchase supports our school and helps to keep kids reading! Our Shopping Link: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5158650>.



- ✓ Please be advised that the link will not be active for shopping until April 12.
- ✓ Orders placed online are shipped directly to the customer’s addresses, and the school will earn **20% back in product rewards**, no minimum sales required.
- ✓ Shipping is free with orders \$40 or more, otherwise standard shipping is \$6. At this time, Express Shipping is not an option. Customers will receive a tracking number for their order once it is shipped.

Individual Student Photos

Lord students will be taking their picture on **Tuesday, April 20**. We will be following all COVID safety protocols. A class composite will be created using individual photos and will be provided as a complimentary high resolution digital download. Families will be able to download them from Mountain West website with an access code provided for each class after the photos are done.



Mountain West has updated their photography program to make ordering safer and more convenient:

- All ordering is online now
- Photo packages are now shipped to home and not to the school

Safe Arrival

Reporting Student Absences:

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713 5159**. This will prompt you to enter our school’s 2-digit extension number which is **#47**. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child’s absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

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To Report Your Childs Absence – **Please Call the number above prior to 9 am** on the first day of the absence.

Student Sign Out Procedure

Please ensure that the school is aware that your child is leaving school early. When you pick up your child during the school day, they will be required to come to the office and sign out. Please meet them at the front of the school near the main entrance. If not signed out properly your child will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a ‘missing’ student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.



Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!



Please continue to visit our website and refer to the School Calendar sent in September for important dates. All information about dates where school is not in session is also located in the front of your child’s agenda.

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| Mon. Apr. 10 – 23 | Virtual Book Fair |
| Fri. Apr. 16 | Communicating Student Learning |
| Tues. Apr. 20 | Individual Student Photos
Virtual PAC Meeting 6:30 |
| Mon. Apr. 26 | Pro-D (School not in Session) |