



# 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 – 10:55am - 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,

On Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the staff and students hosted a Remembrance Day Ceremony to pay our respects for those that sacrificed so that we may enjoy the freedoms that we have today. Our Ceremony was very moving. Thank you to all the students and staff that contributed, to make it a special Ceremony. Special thanks to Mrs. Young-Eng for organizing this assembly.

It seems so long ago but thank you to all the families that were able to attend Conferences. This event is always a good opportunity to connect with your child’s teacher and the staff that support them. Communicating Student Learning Reports will be going home the last week of January.

A reminder that Kindergarten registration is up and running. Please let families in the community with children turning five in 2020 know that they have until January 31 to register at their catchment school. Information about Kindergarten registration can be found on next page of this newsletter.

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching. It is a busy and exciting time but as we know this time of year may also be stressful and challenging for some. For the past two years the staff and with the support of some families have collected monetary donations to help community members that may require extra support. We will be collecting again this year. If any family would like to contribute, please bring your donations to the office by Friday, Dec. 6. Thank you for your support.

A reminder to students and parents that cell phones are not to be used during school hours unless it is being used for educational purposes, supervised by staff. If a student does bring a cell phone to school, they are being asked to keep it in their backpack during the day, (this includes recess and lunch) either turned off or on silent mode. Please be advised that school is not responsible for any lost or damaged devices. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Walkathon fundraiser. We collected \$3,900.00. Your donations will be used to for a variety of initiatives that will support and enhance student learning.

Thank you to Mrs. Bains, Mrs. Phongmany and the Spirit Squad for organizing all the fun Spirit Days at Lord. Moustache Day was a great success. We are looking forward to this month’s Spirit Days, Ugly/Interesting Sweater Day and Pajama Day. The Spirit Squad has also organized the Food Drive for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

If families have any Lego that is no longer needed or being used the school would appreciate any donations. Lego is a great activity for students to use during inside Rainy Days. Please bring any donations to the office.

Thank you to the PAC for organizing Hot Lunches and the Poinsettia fundraiser.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all our families an amazing holiday season. See you back on January 6, 2020. Please make sure you inform the office if you will be returning later than January 6.

Margie Trovao  
Principal



## Kindergarten registration for children born in 2015 begins on November 1<sup>st</sup>.



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2015 is open between November 1 and January 31. Registration is a two-step process: 1) complete the [online form](#), and 2) visit your English catchment school with required documents.

The application form includes details such as child's name, birth date, home address and information about any siblings enrolled in schools. The online tool then automatically locates the English catchment school based on a family's home address. The online application takes about 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

Once information is submitted online, families finish the application process with a visit to the English catchment school with their child and the required documents before January 31.



### Supporting Documents Needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court Orders/Documents (if applicable)

Kindergarten enrolment is not on a first-come, first-served basis. All students registered by January 31 will receive priority at their catchment school. If a school does not have space for all students registering for kindergarten, children residing in-catchment who already have a sibling enrolled on the school will be placed first. A random draw will then take place to determine placements and establish an ordered waitlist.

Once registration at the English catchment school is complete, families who wish to enroll their child in a Kindergarten Choice Program can apply in mid-January. For those who would like their child to attend a school outside their English catchment area, the cross-boundary application period opens in February.

### AR Lord Winter Concert



The theme of our 2019 Winter Concert is “Peace Around the World.” Students and staff are hard at work preparing for this annual celebration.

Please note these important dates and information:

Thursday, Dec. 12 (3:00 – 4:15) – Gym Decorating

- All families and staff are invited to help decorate the gym and hallway with student art and holiday lights. If you are available, please meet in the gym at 3:00.

Monday, Dec. 16 (1:15) – Dress Rehearsal

- This is for students and staff only. Students will be asked to wear their costumes.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 (1:30 and 6:30) – Performances

- In order to abide to the Fire Regulations, we are limited to the number of people permitted in the gym during a performance. In order to make this process equitable we are providing each family with 2 tickets to ONE of the performances. A separate notice will be sent home with more details next week. There will be a section for families to fill out if they would like tickets. Please complete the section and return it to your child's classroom teacher by **Thursday, Dec. 12**. If your child has a sibling in the school, please return the form with the oldest sibling. Starting Friday, Dec. 13 all unclaimed tickets will be made available to other families who may want extra tickets. **Tickets will be required for entrance so please bring your tickets with you to the performance.** Thank you.



### Photos for Winter Slideshow

We are looking for photos of class events, field trips, school sports teams, whole school events, etc. If you have any photos that you would like to submit, please put them on a memory stick (labelled with your child's name and division) and submit to Mrs. Young-Eng's letter box in the office by Wed. Dec. 11. Memory sticks will be returned to families when done.

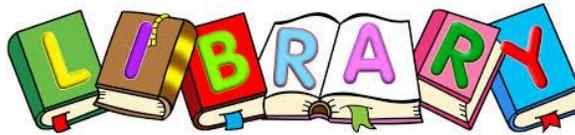
### Food Drive



AR Lord once again will be collecting donations for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. Donations of non-perishable items are being requested. The food bank is recommending donations of canned items such as soup, tuna, turkey, chicken, fish, chili, beans, chickpeas, as well as items such as pasta, pasta sauce and brown rice. This year the Food Bank has made a special request for Canned Salmon with low sodium. Other items that would be appreciated but at times forgotten is food for babies and toddlers. Wednesday, Dec. 18 is the last day for donations. Thank you for your continued support.

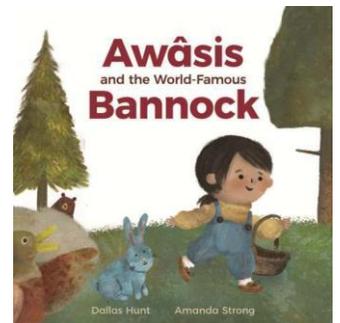


### Library News



This month we have ordered and received a wide variety of books, many of which were requested by students! Next month we will be receiving new titles on Biomes, Mindfulness, and Growth Mindset.

In the new year, we look forward to a visit from Indigenous author, Dallas Hunt. In January, he will be reading and presenting to AR Lord K-3 students in the library. Dallas Hunt wrote the picture book, *Awasis and the World-Famous Bannock*.



Finally, please take a look for book reviews by some of the best reviewers of all of our students! Grade 6/7s will be writing short book reviews that will be posted around the library in the coming weeks. - Ms. Parkin



Health Alert: We are a Nut Aware School - Please no nuts, (including Nutella spread), peanuts or peanut butter at school. We have several students with severe, potentially life-threatening allergies to these products. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment for all of our students.

### 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.



To Report Your Child's Absence – Please Call the number above **prior to 9 am** on the first day of the absence. The school will let you know if there are any changes to this new system.

## Student Sign In and Out Procedure



If your child is late for school, please have your child sign in at the office before going to class. Teachers are being instructed to post their attendances by 9:15am and 1:00pm. When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they 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!

## Snow Closures & Snow Safety

When the forecast predicts a heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures, please listen to the news beginning at 6:00 am for information regarding school closures. **Please do not call media outlets or the school to determine whether schools are closed. Please listen to the following news stations: CKNW (980 AM), CKWX (NEWS 1130 AM), CBC RADIO (690 AM, 105.7 FM), BCTV/Global (cable channel 11), FAIRCHILD Radio (CJVB AM 1470/CKHG FM 96.1) or CITY TV (cable channel 13). In addition, information on snow closures will be available online at [www.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.vsb.bc.ca).** The decision to close schools in Vancouver is made directly by the Vancouver School Board. It is not the decision of individual schools. The VSB makes the decision by 6:00 am and notifies the above news stations. The school closure information is broadcasted throughout the morning on the listed news stations and is not just a single announcement at 6:00 am.



## Snow Safety



We are providing parents with snow and ice safety information and would ask that you take the opportunity to discuss these rules and guidelines with your child(ren) to ensure the safety and well-being of all students at Lord:

- \* No throwing snow or ice balls
- \* No face washing
- \* Respect the structures others have built
- \* Dress appropriately for wet and cold weather (i.e. boots, mitts, coats)
- \* Walk carefully on wet or icy surfaces

## Winter Wardrobe

Please make sure your child is coming to school with clothes appropriate for the weather. This time of year, the weather can be unpredictable, and conditions can change throughout the day. Although the sky may be clear in the morning, it may reach freezing conditions or change to rain or snow during the school day. Warm, waterproof jackets, boots, hoods and mittens are necessary for this time of year. Students both prefer and need to play outside during the recess break, but we need to ensure they are warm and dry. We do have Rainy Day options for inside at lunch when it is very wet. Thank you for helping to keep our children warm, dry, happy and healthy. **As always please label clothing!**



## Bicycle Safety

I would like to remind parents and students who ride bikes to school that they are expected to lock their bikes in the designated area. Students are not to ride or play near the bikes during school hours. After 8:00 am and before 4:00 pm students are always asked to walk their bikes on school grounds, this includes the sidewalks around the school. This rule also applies if there is an evening school event. **Skateboard, scooters and wheeled shoes are not to be used during school hours as they pose a safety concern to students and adults. This is part of the Vancouver School Board Safety Policy and applies to adults as well.** Thank you for your cooperation.

## Before and After School Supervision

Please note that we have staff supervision starting at 8:40 before school and from 3:00 to 3:20 afterschool. Please do not bring your child to school earlier unless there has been a prior arrangement with your child's teacher, or they have a special school commitment. **We are asking that all students wait for the bell at the back of the school not at the front and please wait for bell to ring before entering the school. We have had several safety concerns with students playing on the rails and unsupervised inside the school. Thank you for your support with this.**

## Message from our PAC



A reminder to all families of upcoming events.

**Hot lunch program:** Hot lunch Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have an existing account, please login to [munchalunch.com/login](http://munchalunch.com/login) and update our child's classroom/division. If you are a new member go to [arlordpac.ca/hotlunch](http://arlordpac.ca/hotlunch) and follow instructions.

Ordering and payment can be done online OR ordering online and payment of cash/cheque to PAC box. Please include a copy of your child's order with payment to PAC box if paying with cash/cheque. Also, a limited number of paper order forms are available at school front desk.

You will be able to place orders for the remainder of the year in the next few months.

**PAC meeting: January 14 at 6:30** in the library. And as always, FREE child minding is available.

**Poinsettia Fundraiser:** Poinsettia Pick up is on December 4<sup>th</sup> near the Music room. Time: Before School 8:30-9:00 or After school 3:00pm -4:00pm

AR Lord PAC



### Upcoming Events (visit [lord.vsb.bc.ca](http://lord.vsb.bc.ca) for greater details about certain events)

Fri. Nov. 1 – Jan. 31	Kindergarten Registration continues
Mon. Dec. 9	Unique/Interesting Sweater Day
Thurs. Dec. 12	PAC Hot Lunch
Wed. Dec. 18	Winter Concert (1:30 pm and 6:30 pm)
Fri. Dec. 20	Pajama Day
Mon. Dec. 23 – Jan. 3	Winter Break (School not in session)
Mon. Jan. 6	School Reopens
Tues. Jan. 14	PAC meeting (6:30 pm in library)
Mon. Jan. 20	Pro-D (School not in session)
Fri. Jan. 31	Communicating Student Learning Reports go home

