



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,

February is a month of love, kindness and acceptance. Thank you to Ms. Lambert and Div. 3 for organizing the activities for this month. Each morning students will be reading a kindness quote over the announcements. They will also remind the students what that day’s act of kindness is. On Friday afternoons they will also read out what the acts of kindness are for Saturday and Sunday. Check out our kindness calendar located in the hallway near the gym. If you are interested in learning more about RAK or are interested in participating at home please visit the following website: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas>. Kindness can be such a small gesture but can have such a huge impact. Our acts of kindness will lead us to our Anti-Bullying/Acceptance Day Assembly of Wednesday, February 27. Please make sure to wear pink.

Thank you to all the families that were able to attend Parent Conferences. This event is always a good opportunity to connect with your child’s teacher and the staff that support them.

Please join us on February 14th to applaud the many talented students at Lord. Our Talent Show is happening again. We have a lot of talented students at Lord. We have singers, dancers and musicians to name a few. The talent show will begin at 10 am approximately. There will be a short intermission during recess and the show will continue until about 12:00. Thank you to Mrs. O’Neill and Mrs. Burke for organizing such a wonderful opportunity for our students.

Thank you to Hastings Community Centre for inviting Lord students and staff to celebrate Lunar New Year with them. On Thursday, February 7 students walked over to watch the Lion Dance.

I know it is hard to believe but we are already planning for September 2019. In order to plan for September, we need to know whether your child/children will be returning to Dr. A. R. Lord for the next school year. We will be sending home a blue “Are you Moving” form next week. Please return this form to your child’s classroom teacher by Thursday, February 28. Extra forms are in the office. Please note that students who are returning are automatically registered for next year.

Lord’s new website is up and running. The website will include school information as well as district information. We are working hard to include items that will be beneficial to families and keep them up to date.

As always, a huge thank you to the PAC and all our parent volunteers for all the time they devote to supporting the students and staff at AR Lord. The PAC has graciously purchased new uniforms for our athletic teams. Our students are very excited and proud of their new jerseys.

Here are some important events to remember for this month – Kindergarten Registration, Gr. 7 Articulation, PAC Hot Lunches and Communication Student Learning Reports. Please check our Upcoming Events for more information.

Margie Trovao
Principal



Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day)

On February 27, 2019 we encourage everyone to wear pink to symbolize that we do not tolerate bullying. This event originated in 2007 when two high school students from a small town in Nova Scotia, David Shepherd and Travis Price, noticed that another student was being bullied because he was wearing pink. Here is a snippet of an article detailing the original incident:



“David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt] ...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. ‘I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,’ says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. ‘Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.’ So Mr. Shepherd and some other headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. ‘It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,’ Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again.”

Saleema Noon Body Science Workshops

Each year, students in all elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in sexual health education. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry for Education. From time to time, schools bring in experts in the field to address this topic with the school community. We are excited to inform you that this year Rayka Kumru of Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school to work with parents and students Kindergarten to Grade 7.

The parent information night will be Monday, March 4 and student workshops will be Wednesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 7. Details and permission forms for this event will be sent out the week of Feb. 19.

Snow Closures & Snow Safety

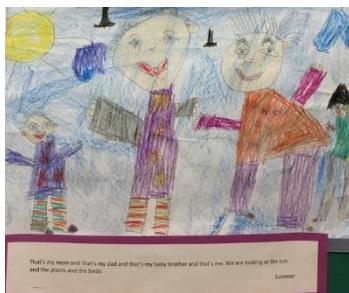
When the forecast predicts a heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures, please listen to the news beginning at 6:00 am for information regarding school closures. **Please do not call media outlets or the school to determine whether schools are closed. Please listen to the following news stations: CKNW (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 on line at 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



Students from Div. 1 are learning about World War 1 artifacts.



Message from our PAC

Hi Parents.

Are you getting PAC newsletters? If not, please go to arlordpac.ca and sign up. We send emails a few times a month and it's important that parents receive them.

The PAC is in fundraising mode to gear up for the next school year so we will have enough operating funds to achieve our goals. The PAC serves the school community in the following ways: Events to pull the school community together, supporting teachers through funding to off-set the cost field trips, to fund items that enhance school experiences such as technology, sporting goods and equipment. Presently we're running a \$12,000 or so budget to support this activity for the 2019/20 budget year and will be working with fundraisers on the PAC to deliver sufficient funds for the next year. Some of the activities we're doing to achieve this:

Pub Night is a major fundraiser for this year. We're sold out the tickets for this event. During the evening we will draw 5 door prizes, sell 50/50 tickets and a couple lucky winners will get that pot. Finally, we have over 60 silent auction and gift card items for sale. We're looking forward to seeing everyone who purchased a ticket there!

In March we will be teaming up with Tillicum Elementary to run our successful Manure sale event. Get your poop on and help your garden grow through getting something ever gardener needs. We'll be running this on March 30 and will appreciate any volunteers to help out with packing manure bags, delivering manure by vehicle, supporting volunteers through food prep and cleanup. A call out for volunteers will go out soon.

We have East Van shirts and totes for sale on the arlordpac.ca website. If you would like some of our unique branded merchandise, please support us that way by referring friends and family there. The East Van logo was exclusively made for AR Lord Elementary and purchasing through the PAC is the exclusive way to get that design. These will also be for sale during the Pub Night.

Important Dates:

- PAC Meeting Tuesday February 12 at 6:30pm. Child minding provided
- PUB Night Saturday Feb 23 from 3pm to 9pm. Sold-Out
- Manure Sale March 30th. Volunteers requested.



Upcoming Events (see also the school calendar)

FEB

Fri. Feb. 1 - 28	Online Cross Boundary applications
Tues. Feb. 12	PAC Meeting (6:30 pm in library)
Thurs. Feb. 14	Talent Show (10:00 am in gym)
Fri. Feb. 15	Curriculum Implementation Day (School not in Session)
Mon. Feb. 18	Family Day (School not in session)
Tues. Feb. 19 – 26	Tennis BC Workshops
Sat. Feb. 23	PAC Fundraiser at Oscar's
Wed. Feb. 27	Anti-Bullying/Pink Shirt/Acceptance Day Assembly 9:30 am
Thurs. Feb. 28	PAC Hot Lunch
Mon. Mar. 4	Saleema Noon Parent Information Evening
Thurs. Mar. 14	Group Photos (Panorama, Staff, Teams etc) 9:00 am PAC Hot Lunch

MAR.

Mon. Mar. 18 – 29	Spring Break
Mon. Apr. 1	School Reopens