



DR. A.R. LORD NEWS

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



Principal’s Message

Dear Lord Families,

February is a month of love, kindness, diversity and acceptance. The week of Feb. 10 – 14 is Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week. 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>. If students need ideas for small acts of kindness there are suggestions posted around the school. Kindness can be such a small gesture but can have such a huge impact. Check out our Kindness Bulletin Board just outside Ms. Doyle’s classroom (Room 109). Our acts of kindness will lead us to our Anti-Bullying/Acceptance Day Assembly of Wednesday, February 26. Please make sure to wear pink.

Thank you to Ms. Young and the students from Div. 9 for sharing their Lunar New Year Dragon Dance with the entire school. They performed in classrooms and through the hallways. We had some very tired students at the end. Great job.

A reminder to everyone that Conferences and early dismissal (2:00 pm) are occurring on Wednesday, Feb. 12 and Thursday, Feb. 13. We hope that you are able to join us to discuss your child/children’s learning. This event is always a good opportunity to connect with your child’s teacher and the staff that support them. When you are here for conferences please check out the amazing work many of our students are sharing in our hallways and the Scholastic Book Fair.

Please join us on February 21st 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 9:30 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, Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Mitchell for organizing such as wonderful opportunity for our students.

I know it is hard to believe but we are already planning for September 2020. 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 Friday, February 28. Extra forms are in the office. Please note that students who are returning are automatically registered for next year.

Here are some important events to remember for this month – Conferences, Talent Show, PAC Hot Lunches, Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day. Please check our Upcoming Events for more information.

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School Hours:

8:55am – Warning Bell
9:00am – School Starts
10:40 – 10:55 am - 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.



Attendance

We please ask that families and students arrive at school on time. All students should be at school for the warning bell (8:55 am) and ready to start their day at 9:00 am. Having students arrive late can be very disruptive to student learning.

In addition, regular school attendance supports student engagement and achievement. We understand that some absences are necessary and unavoidable. Please be aware that although extended vacations and/or vacations during school time are a parental decision, extended absences are disruptive to a student’s educational programming. Teachers are not expected to provide extra work or give extra time for assignments missed due to vacation. Common activities children can do while they are away is to keep a journal of the sites they are visiting and read 30 minutes daily. A Long-Term Absence Notification form must be completed and returned to the office for all extended student absences. Families should also be aware that unauthorized absences of prolonged duration could result in forfeiture of their child’s space at school.



Black History

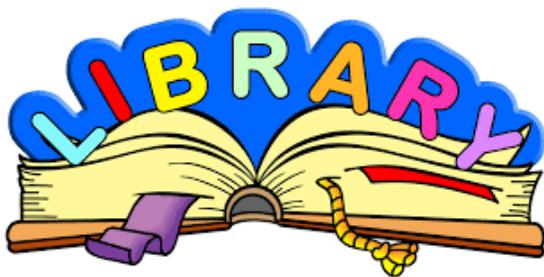
Each year, the Vancouver School District marks Black History Month through a number of events and school-based activities. Once again, this year, schools are a buzz with activity as students, their families, staff and trustees plan for festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day)

On February 26, 2020 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.”



Recently, the Lord library commons has been doing double duty as an art studio and reading centre. Ms Doyle, Ms Mitchell, Ms Parkin and students from Div. 3 and 5 have been finishing up their Personal Ancestry Project. Students enjoyed listening to books on the topic of ancestry, including *The Name Jar*, *Alma and how she got her name*, and *Grandfather’s Journey* among others. Students looked at the portraiture work of Frida Kahlo and George Littlechild. The resulting student portraits will hang at the VSB offices as of Tuesday, February 11 until mid March. Check out the student art gallery there if you’re in the area between 8:30 and 4:30 pm weekdays. - Ms Parkin



Snow Closures & Snow Safety

There may be times when schools and worksites are closed due to weather conditions (such as a heavy snowfall), natural disasters or other emergency situations in situations where the health and / or safety of students and staff may be at risk.



If any of these situations occur, please listen to the news beginning at 6:00 am for information regarding school closures. By 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about closures on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM) • CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM) • CJVB (1470 AM) • CFHG (96.1 FM) • CKWX (1130 AM) • BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11) • CITY TV (Cable channel 13)

Information regarding closures will be posted on the VSB website first then added as alerts to our school's website.

Please do not call media outlets or the school to determine whether schools are closed. We need to keep school phone lines available for emergencies.

The decision to close schools in Vancouver is made directly by the Vancouver School Board. It is not the decision of individual schools. After a process of consultation, the VSB makes the decision by 6:00/6:30 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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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



Message from our PAC

Hi Parents,

Are you getting PAC newsletters? If not, please go to info@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 2020/21 budget year and will be working with fundraisers on the PAC to deliver enough funds for the next year. Some of the activities we're doing to achieve this:

- Scholastic Book Fair – Feb 10 – 13
- PUB Night – April 4 (Ticket sales TBA)
- Manure Sale – TBA

If you can volunteer for any of these events, please contact us at info@arlordpac.ca.



Upcoming Events (see also the school calendar)

Feb. 3 - 28	Online Cross Boundary applications
Tues. Feb. 10 -13	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed. Feb. 12	Early Dismissal 2:00 pm; Conferences 2:00 – 5:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 13	PAC Hot Lunch Early Dismissal 2:00 pm; Conferences 2:00 – 7:00 pm
Fri. Feb. 14	Pro-D (School not in session)
Mon. Feb. 17	Family Day (School not in Session)
Thurs. Feb. 20	Talent Show Dress Rehearsal (9:30 – 12:00)
Fri. Feb. 21	Talent Show (9:30 – 12:00)
Wed. Feb. 26	Anti-Bullying/Pink Shirt/Acceptance Day; Assembly 9:30 am
Thurs. Feb. 27	PAC Hot Lunch
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Mon. Mar. 16 – 27	Spring Break
Mon. Mar. 30	School Reopens