



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,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break.

Thank you to everyone that attended our Winter Concert. It was an evening full of energy and excitement. I am so proud of all our students for their amazing performances. Thank you to Ms. Young-Eng for organizing this wonderful event and to all staff for their support and hard work.

Thank you to our Spirit Squad, with the assistance of Mrs. Bains and Mrs. Phongmany, for organizing and collecting donations for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. Through your generosity we were able to collect food items to fill 25 boxes and cash donations of \$230.65. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

If you have a child or know of someone in our community with a child born in 2014 please make sure you/they register for Kindergarten. The priority registration period for Kindergarten opened on **Thursday November 1st and closes at 4 pm on Thursday January 31st. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.** Details about procedures for registration are located in a separate section of this newsletter.

A reminder to all families, before and afterschool supervision staff begins at **8:40 am** before school and from **3:00 to 3:20 pm** 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.

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

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.





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1 Apply Online

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.

Applying for Kindergarten is a 2-Step process:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form.

Step 2: Bringing supporting documentation, along with your child, to your neighbourhood English catchment school.

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)



2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents

If you want to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. The K-Choice online application <https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/> will open on Monday January 14 at 9 am. The Cross-Boundary applications will be accepted from February 1st to February 28th.



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 1:15pm. 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!



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.

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

TALENT SHOW-Thursday, February 14th, 2019 at 10am

The talent show is a highlight of the school year at our school. Our students are given the opportunity to showcase a wide variety of talents including: playing an instrument, singing, doing magic, circus skills, sports skills, comedy, dance, beatboxing etc etc. We are always amazed by the hard work, preparation and skills the students demonstrate and the students love seeing a side of their peers that they may not have seen before.



- **The first auditions will take place on January 18.** If your child is singing or using music in their act the song must be approved ahead of time by Ms Burke and Ms O'Neill and must be appropriate for use in an elementary school performance (no inappropriate lyrics or themes)
- Rehearsals will take place daily from Jan 30 –Feb 12 at lunch time for various acts on various days so your child must listen to the announcements and come to rehearsals with everything they need.
- Any music your child needs for their act must be brought to school on a clearly labelled memory stick (Name and Division). It must be at school for all the rehearsals.
- There will be **dress rehearsals on Wednesday Feb 13th between 10-12 in the gym.**
- Please make sure that your child has **all their props/costumes/music etc with them those days.**
- The talent show will be on **Thursday the 14th at 10am** until approximately noon. It will be before and after recess to give the audience an intermission break.
- Families are welcome to come and watch. We usually collect food and cash donations for the Food Bank at this event

Message from our PAC



Hot lunch program: The Spring session of hot lunch is upon us. Take a moment now to order your child's lunch for the remainder of the school year. Order one lunch at a time, or better yet order for the remainder of the year, pay once and then you're done! Visit [AR Lord's Hot Lunch](#) page to access Munch A Lunch.

PAC meeting: Jan. 15 at 6:30 in the library. And as always, FREE child minding is available.

Saturday, Feb. 23, 6 pm at Oscars Pub - Calling all Parents: Mark your calendars, plan your sitters, and get ready for Dr. AR Lord's Pub Night! \$20 for Parents and \$25 for all others (friends, co-workers, neighbours). Fee includes entrance, beer, burger, door prizes and Silent Auction.

As always, please check arlordpac.ca for more details about upcoming events at.

AR Lord PAC



Upcoming Events (see also the school calendar)

Tues. Jan. 15	PAC meeting (6:30 pm in library) Gr. 7 Parent Information Night at Templeton (7 pm Auditorium)
Thurs. Jan. 17	Twin Day
Fri. Jan. 25	Pro-D (School not in session)
Thurs. Jan. 31	PAC Hot Lunch
Fri. Feb. 1	Communicating Student Learning Reports go home
Wed. Feb. 6	Early Dismissal 2:00 Conferences
Thurs. Feb. 7	Early Dismissal 2:00 Conferences
Thurs. Feb. 14	Talent Show
Mon. Feb. 18	Family Day (School not in session)
Tues. Feb. 19 – 26	Tennis BC Workshops
Wed. Feb. 27	Anti-Bullying/Pink Shirt/Acceptance Day