



DR. A.R. LORD NEWS

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

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Principal's Message

Dear Lord Families,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a wonderful Winter Break. Please join me in welcoming Melissa Yellowknee to our staff. She will be our temporary Indigenous Enhancement Worker.

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 30 boxes and cash donations of \$330.45. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Thank you to Mrs. Burke, Mrs. O'Neill, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Wise for volunteering their time to coach our volleyball teams. The students had fun and were great representatives of Lord.

If you have a child or know of someone in our community with a child born in 2015 please make sure you/they register for Kindergarten. The priority registration period for Kindergarten opened on **Friday November 1st and closes at 4 pm on Friday 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.

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!**

A reminder to all families, before and afterschool staff supervision 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.

The following is a message from the city of Vancouver.

Vancouver City Council has passed changes to the fees around stopping violations which will double the fines for violations which occur in the vicinity of schools, 8am-5pm on school days. This was passed Dec. 3, 2019 and will come into effect Jan 1, 2020.

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

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



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



TALENT SHOW (Friday, February 21st)

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. 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 in late January.** If your child is singing or using music in their act the song must be approved ahead of time by Mrs. Burke and Mrs. O'Neill and must be appropriate for use in an elementary school performance (no inappropriate lyrics or themes)
- All acts will be 1 – 2 minutes long so songs may have to be edited for length.
- Rehearsals will take place daily from Feb. 3 – Feb. 19 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 Thursday Feb. 20 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 **Friday Feb. 21 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.

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2015 begins on November 1st.



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.



1 Apply Online

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.



2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents

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.

Arts Umbrella

BMO Van Go Visual Arts Outreach Program will be at Lord Jan. 27 – Jan. 29 working with Divisions 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Students will have the opportunity to create a unique, realistic drawing of a bird (within its own habitat) using the fundamental elements of art and design. To inspire these workshops, students will be introduced to the historical artist James Fenwick Landsdowne, who drew and painted birds his entire life, and contemporary artist Myfanwy MacLeod, whose monumental sculptures of chickadees are on permanent display in Vancouver's Olympic Village.



During the art demonstration, students will be introduced to some of the 300 bird species that exist in the Lower Mainland area of British Columbia. For example, seagulls guide the ferry boats to Vancouver Island. The blue heron and loons inhabit the marshlands. Eagles, hawks, owls, and ravens soar the skies over the forests. The city-slickers, for example, robins, chickadees, starlings, wrens, and the smallest of all, the ruby-throated hummingbird, all inhabit our city landscapes.

Tansi (Hello)!

My name is Melissa Yellowknee, Indigenous Education Enhancement Worker (IEEW) with AR Lord, here on Tuesday each week! I have been in this role since mid November and have enjoyed getting settled in. I look forward to the time I have here to connect with students and families and hope to meet more as the school year progresses!

I am Cree from northern Alberta and am grateful for this opportunity to live, work and play on the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Coast peoples. I can be reached via cell 604-219-6631 or email myellowknee@vsb.bc.ca.

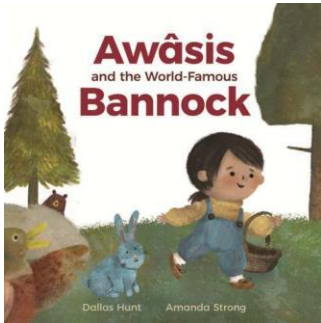
If you'd like to stop in to say hello, my office is located across from the main reception area in room 213! Ekosi maka (goodbye/that's all)



Library News

There is a lot happening in the library these days! The Begbie school librarian, Ms. Hunt, and AR Lord librarian, Ms. Parkin, applied to the BCTF for the Ed May Social Justice Grant. We were successful and were awarded funds to purchase sets of books that focus on social diversity! The two schools will be creating a book club in the coming months that will allow for some Begbie and Lord intermediate students to meet up together with the librarians to discuss these wonderful books! Once the book clubs are over, the schools will each be able to keep these books for intermediate students to use in literature circles with their classroom teachers.

In other library news, Grade 6/7 students from Mrs. O'Neill's class learned to write book reviews of their favourite titles in the library. Are you looking to help your child find a new author or series? Come check out these informative book reviews!



On Thursday, January 16, Indigenous author, Dallas Hunt will be reading and presenting to our K-3 students in the library. Dallas Hunt wrote the picture book, *Awâsis and the World-Famous Bannock*.

By Ms. Parkin

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!



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.



Upcoming Events (visit lord.vsb.bc.ca for greater details about certain events)

Fri. Nov. 1 – Jan. 31	Kindergarten Registration continues
Mon. Jan. 6	School Reopens
Thurs. Jan. 16	PAC Hot Lunch
Mon. Jan. 20	Pro-D (School not in session)
Tues. Jan. 21	Rescheduled PAC meeting (6:30 pm in library)
Fri. Jan. 24	Crazy Hair / Dress Up Day
Thurs. Jan. 30	PAC Hot Lunch
Fri. Jan. 31	Communicating Student Learning Reports go home
Wed. Feb. 12	Early Dismissal 2:00 pm Conferences 2:00 – 5:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 13	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 (10:00 – 12:00)
Fri. Feb. 21	Talent Show (10:00 – 12:00)
Wed. Feb. 26	Pink Shirt/Acceptance Day