



Dr. A. R. Lord Elementary School

“Create Peace: Be Kind, Be Safe, Respectful, Be Responsible”

Learn and Play with Pride

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Respect and Responsibility</u>	<u>Integrity</u>	<u>Diversity</u>	<u>Engagement</u>
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School Hours:

8:55am – Warning Bell
9:00am – School Starts
10:50 – 11:05am - 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,

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you were all able to have a restful and relaxing holiday. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Steven Coffin and Mr. Daniel McFaul who will be at Lord temporarily covering classrooms.

A reminder that Kindergarten registration is up and running. Please let families in the community with children turning five in 2021 know that they have until January 31 to register at their catchment school. Information about Kindergarten registration can be found on the next page of this newsletter.

Thank you to all the families that contributed to our Holiday Support Campaign. Through your generous donations we were able to donate \$660.30 to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank and \$2000 worth of gift cards were purchased to provide support for members of our own community. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Please note that we have staff supervision starting at 8:40 before school and from 3:00 to 3:20 afterschool, however we ask that students arrive as close to their drop off times as possible and leave right after school. A reminder that parents socializing with each other outside school during drop off and pick up is not permitted under the current orders announced on November 19, by Dr. Bonnie Henry. This includes the sidewalk, parking lot and our playground area. Students and families are reminded to leave school grounds right after 3:00 pm dismissal. We thank you for your cooperation.

This time of year, the weather can be unpredictable, and conditions can change throughout the day. Please make sure your child is coming to school with clothes appropriate for the weather. 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. **There are no inside Rainy Days options. Students will be playing outside during recess and lunch breaks, so we need to ensure they stay as warm and dry as possible.** Thank you for helping to keep our children warm, dry, happy, and healthy. **As always please label clothing!**

There continues to be many parents parking and dropping off students right in front of the school. Please pay attention to the signs as this area is regularly checked by the City of Vancouver parking attendants. An update was shared with families (newsletters, website) that "Vancouver City Council 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 came into effect **Jan 1, 2020.** "

A reminder to all families to please help your child wash their mask every evening. It is important to keep masks clean. The next date for Option 4 students to return to in person learning is January, 19.

Margie Trovao
Principal





Kindergarten registration for children born in 2016 begins on November 1.

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 (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement. The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 29**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form

Step 2: Verifying documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment



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)



If you want to apply for a District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2021.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

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 Childs Absence – Please Call **the number** above prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence.

Student Sign Out Procedure

Please ensure that the school is aware that your child is leaving school early. When you pick up your child during the school day, they will be required to come to the office and sign out. Please meet them at the front of the school near the main entrance. If not signed out properly your child 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.**



NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL CLOSURE

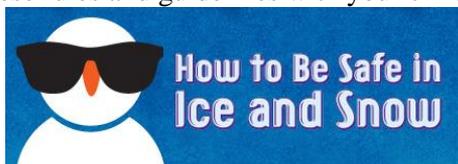
By 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closure on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations, including:

- 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)

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

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.** Thank you for your cooperation.



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.

Cell Phones

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.





PAC Message

Let's Help Our School Out!

This year is particularly challenging for the A.R. Lord Parent Advisory Council due to COVID restrictions. Unfortunately, we have not been able to carry out regular activities such as Hot Lunch, BC Fruit & Vegetable Program, Family Photo Night, Scholastic Book Fair, PAC in person meetings, support performances and field trips, and many other events this year.

Nonetheless, the PAC still directly supports the classrooms and teachers by providing monetary funds to pay for extra educational materials, sports equipment, instruments, technology, library books and art supplies. Funds also support Grade 7 graduation activities, an educational bursary for alumni students, and much more.

The PAC is still seeking creative ways to raise funds in a safe, covid-friendly manner. We ask that you consider supporting the following initiatives if you are able to do so:

FLIPGIVE

A.R. Lord PAC is once again launching the FLIPGIVE fundraiser that allows you to do your regular online shopping for gift cards, merchandise, vouchers, and more. It is a perfect solution to allow for remote fundraising, and just in time to purchase gifts for the holidays, get groceries delivered to your doorstep, or buy gift cards.

When you make a purchase, A.R. Lord Elementary PAC will automatically get a portion of the retailer profits in the form of cash back. This cash back is remitted from the profits of the vendors, does not cost you any extra, and ends up as a fundraiser for the A.R. Lord school and students.

Some examples of popular retailers which participate on Flipgive include: Amazon, Home Depot, Skip the Dishes, Real Canadian Superstore, Groupon, Esso, Old Navy, Indigo/Chapters, Hudson's Bay, Staples, Clearly, Apple, Starbucks, Sephora, Lego, VistaPrint, The Source, SportCheck, Wayfair, and many more!

SHARE THIS LINK WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS AND CONTRIBUTE TO A.R. LORD STUDENTS! www.flipgive.com/teams/49445-dr-ar-lord-elementary-pac

- 1) Go to: www.flipgive.com/teams/49445-dr-ar-lord-elementary-pac
- 2) Click on SHOP ONLINE
- 3) Select a vendor
- 4) Give cash back to "DR. AR Lord Elementary PAC (team)"
- 5) Click on BUY NOW
- 6) Enter your name and email, payment information, and then you are done!

MABEL'S LABELS

These parent approved award-winning labels can be customized to label all your family's important stuff. Products include emergency contact labels, washable lunch notes, curbside bin labels, clothing labels (and many more innovative products). Click on the link below for Dr. AR Lord and place your order. A portion of the proceeds will go towards the school.

- 1) Go to: https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/
- 2) Type **Dr. AR Lord** into the search bar
- 3) Shop for cool stuff and support our school!

BOTTLE RECYCLING

How to recycle your bottles and cans and have the money donated to the AR LORD PAC.

1. Put cans, bottles, juice boxes, etc in a clear plastic bag, transparent blue recycling bags preferred. The best part is that you don't need to sort the containers!
2. Approach the Express drop off kiosk at the Return-It Depot
3. Enter phone number for AR LORD PAC on the Computer: **604-713-4620**
4. Select the number of bags, print labels and stick labels on the bags. You are done!

For clearer instructions and some helpful pictures, click [HERE](#)

Return-It locations are located here: <https://www.return-it.ca/locations>

The closest locations to AR Lord are:

1856 Powell Street
960 Evans Avenue
2605 Kaslo Street

DIRECT DONATION

Would you like to donate to the school directly, without having to purchase anything? A simple option is to do a direct monetary donation in support of PAC, school activities and materials. Any amount is appreciated and can be given as a single one-time donation, or a few times throughout the year. 100% of your donation goes towards the school. Donations can be made using the **School Cash Online** website. You will get a tax receipt for every donation.

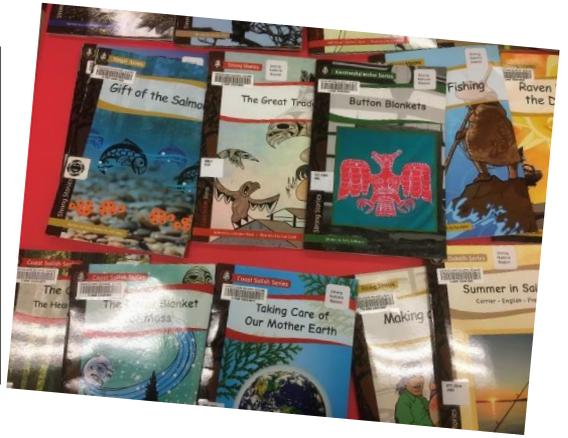
- 1) Go to <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>
- 2) Sign in using the same account that you use to pay your child's school fees
- 3) Click on the **MAKE A DONATION** button
- 4) Under Fund Destination select **E-Dr. A.R. Lord PAC**

Thank you for your continued support.

PAC Executive



New books in our library to support student learning about Diversity and Anti-Racism.



Please continue to visit our website and refer to the School Calendar sent in September for important dates. All information about dates where school is not in session is also located in the front of your child's agenda.

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| Nov. 1 – Jan. 29 | Kindergarten Registration |
| Mon. Jan. 11 | K Choice Program Registration begins |
| Mon. Jan. 18 | Pro-D (School not in Session) |
| Tues. Jan. 19 | PAC Meeting (6:30 on TEAMS) |
| Fri. Jan. 29 | Communicating Student Learning Reports go home |
| Month of February | Black History
Anti-Bullying/Acceptance/Kindness |
| Mon. Feb. 1 | Cross boundary process begins |
| Wed. Feb. 10 | Early Dismissal 2:00
Virtual Conferences |
| Thurs. Feb. 11 | Early Dismissal 2:00
Virtual Conferences |
| Fri. Feb. 12 | Pro-D (School not in Session) |
| Mon. Feb. 15 | Family Day (No School) |
| Wed. Feb. 24 | Wear Pink for Anti-Bullying/Acceptance Day |