



DR. A.R. LORD NEWS

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

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School Hours:

8:55 am – Warning Bell
9:00 am – School Starts
10:40 – 11:00 am -Recess
12:10 – 12:57 pm – 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

It’s hard to believe that the year is almost at an end. Thank you to the students, staff and parent community for such an amazing year. There is only one month left to go but there are so many great events yet to come. Some of the highlights include, Ultimate Frisbee games and tournament, Track and Field Finals, Welcome to Kindergarten, Volunteer Appreciation, Sports Day, School Wide Field Trip to New Brighton Park, Grade 7 Farewell and Luncheon, Grade 7s at Camp Jubilee, Year-End Celebration, the Year-End Assembly and many classroom year-end field trips. Please make sure you check out the dates for our upcoming events at the end of this newsletter or individual class permission forms.

A huge thank you to the staff from Project CHEF and all the family volunteers. What an outstanding program. Any time I visited the program the students were enthusiastic, engaged and focused. The chefs used many items from our own gardens. Thank you to Tibby and John Mc Kercher for their generous donation and our photographer, Gavi Mak.

We had two special visitors at our school this month, Mrs. Hoffman our Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Dominato our School Trustee. Both guests had the opportunity to spend time at Project CHEF and tour the school.

During the months of May and June, the staff begin to make plans for next years’ class placements. Please refer to the information provided later in this newsletter regarding the considerations that go into class placements by staff. We strive to help create the best possible learning environment for your children. Please note that any written requests must be into the office by Wednesday, June 13.

Thank you to the students that participated in creating a new “Lord Lion Logo”. We have many talented and creative students at Lord. The new Logo will be unveiled to students and parent community by the end of June.

An event, field trip, culminating activity or extra learning opportunity, takes a lot of planning, collecting of permission slips/money and coordinating. Many of these opportunities can require planning and facilitation outside of school time. Many are opportunities for students to see real world examples of what the students are learning about, many are a great way to bring learning to life for students and many are a special experience with an important message. But all are done with the specific intent to make school special for the students at Lord! I appreciate all the hard work that goes into organizing and facilitating each fun filled event. On the last page of this newsletter is a list of all the things that happened at Lord School in this school year. It is overwhelming to see what an incredible year it has been!

There is another group whom I would like to pay tribute for their hard work at making Lord a great place to learn as well, and that is our PAC. We would like to sincerely thank our PAC for all their hard work and commitment to our school. Although fundraising is part of what they do, the events and activities the PAC have facilitated continue to add to the fun and sense of community.

As the year comes to an end, it has been a pleasure to work as part of this dynamic community. The new school year will be one filled with excitement as we begin developing plans for a new school. We hope that you have enjoyed a fabulous year at Lord School and we look forward to seeing you back in the 2018/19 school year.

Sincerely,
Margie Trovao
Principal

School Fees

Please note that the general school supplies fee will still be charged for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2018-2019 will remain at \$25.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students’ personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. Please do not send in the monies until you receive the notice about fee collection in September.



Notice of Late Return

The form is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school LATER THAN noon on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018** but prior to **September 28, 2018**. Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Wednesday, September 5th, 2018, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist. If this applies to your child(ren), please be sure to obtain a form from the main counter and return to the office before end of June.

CRITERIA FOR CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2018/19

Lord staff works very hard to make the *best possible placement* for your child. There are many factors considered when generating class compositions. They include: academic progress/ability, individual learning styles, classroom interactions between students, specific learning needs in different areas, a balance of students requiring English Second Language and learning assistance support, and information provided by the children and parents.

This is not an easy task. Lord staff invests a great deal of time and thought into this process. It is not a perfect process as there are many variables to consider in our school population; however, our staff considers the individual needs and nature of each child.

Difficulties often arise when the parents' perceived needs for their children do not align with the perceived needs by the professionals who work in our school. For example, we might receive information from students or parents that two or three students work well together, but the evidence in the school indicates otherwise. In this case, contrary to requests, students may be separated.

Another difficulty is regarding combination classes, which contrary to what some believe, **does not reflect in any way your child's academic ability**. Placement in a combination class at the lower grade does not mean that your child will cover the curriculum of the upper grade or receive an advanced program. The same holds true for a student who is in the upper end of a combined class - your child does not receive a non-advanced program because students from a lower grade are in the same classroom; nor will your child be academically penalized by being placed into the combination class, rather than a straight class.

The way in which the number of divisions and grade levels are determined is directly dependent upon the number of students registered at the school, the number of staff assigned by the Board and the contractual rules for class configuration.

Our teachers do an excellent job of placing all the students. Make sure that your child's current classroom teacher has all pertinent information about your child. Please also make sure your classroom teacher is aware of any concerns you may have regarding academic and emotional vulnerability or behavioral conflicts so that these factors may be **considered** in placing students. Please note, we do not place students based on wanting to be with a best friend. If you feel it is necessary to make a written request, please ensure that it is accompanied by an educational rationale for the placement by **Wednesday, June 13**. Writing a letter is **not** a guarantee of placement but an acknowledgement of your interest and hope for your child. Thank you for your support as we strive to create the best possible learning environment for all the students in our school.

Geering Up

The VSB and the Templeton Community Schools Team has partnered with *Geering Up - UBC Engineering & Science for Kids* to offer a week-long STEM program for grades 1-6 at Hastings Elementary School (July 16-20). There will be two groups of 25 students in grades 1-3 and 4-6. Our office has registration forms for this program but all completed forms must be handed into the main office at Templeton. Details about the program are described in the registration/brochure.

Project CHEF

All Lord students are now experts in the kitchen. Hopefully students are continuing to use what they learned at Project CHEF at home. The children:

- Developed skills in making nutritious meals
- Applied principles of safety in the kitchen (using utensils, food safety and personal and kitchen cleanliness)
- Participated in shared meals and became aware of social and cultural behaviours associated with food service
- Worked cooperatively with others in promoting and enjoying healthy food choices
- Using environmentally sensitive food practices by using local foods, or foods sourced from as close to home as possible, recycling refuse, composting and using real dishes and cutlery

Project CHEF



Cook Healthy Edible Food

Volunteer Appreciation Tea



We would not be able to offer so many opportunities for our students without the support from our parent community. Thank you so much for all that you do throughout the year. If you have volunteered at our school this year (i.e. driven to a sporting event or field trip, helped with hot lunch, helped with classroom activities, etc), please join the staff, students and Project CHEF on Wednesday, June 6 at 2:00 – 3:00 pm in the gym. We would like to show our appreciation for all you do. Please be sure to hand in your RVSP to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Summer School

The VSB offers many programs over summer break. Please visit the summer school website at <http://summer.vsb.bc.ca> for information and registration. There are a few course calendars and registrations at the office.





June is here — so bring on summer!

As this is the last newsletter for the 2017/2018 school year, it's the perfect time to thank you for everything you have done for the school, students, and staff this year. Whether you put time in the classroom, helped out with one of our fantastic events, supported us by purchasing any of our fundraiser items (wear those shirts with pride!), or even sent us warm thoughts, we are grateful.

Our little East Van school has tremendous spirit, and that is something to be very proud of.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the May election meeting. It wasn't a large turnout but we got a lot accomplished.

We held the general election for PAC executive positions, and here are your reps ready and willing to serve you!

Chair: Open

Co-Treasurers: Sherry Taylor and Amarjit Parhar

Communication: Jordan Randall

Secretary: Emily Sharman

Members-at-large: Briar Cook, Joe Cruz, Deniz Randall

Because of the small turnout for the meeting we have decided to hold another round of elections in the fall. If you have any interest in any of the positions PLEASE put your name forward, or just show up at the first PAC meeting in September. We will be welcoming a larger student population next year, so there will be even more reasons to get involved!

Our first (hopefully) annual Community Scoot event was a great success! We were so glad to see such a great turnout from the school and community — with close to 200 people coming through. Everyone had a fantastic time during the ride. And if the line up at the cotton candy machine was any indication, it is safe to say that was a hit with young and old. Please make a point of supporting our sponsors over the summer and let them know how much their involvement means to us.

There is not much time left (we are down to days) but there are still some wonderful events planned to send everyone off in style. We are actively looking for some help with these last few events. Sign up easily on line at [Volunteer Sign Up](#), complete the survey and dropped it in the PAC box, reach out to any of the Exec, or send us a message at info@arlordpac.ca, and we will slot you in.

There is no PAC meeting in June.

Garden Cleanup: Friday June 1 3:00 Come get dirt under your nails as you lend a hand to Ms. Young and help our beautiful garden grow. The more hands the lighter the work. Kids are fantastic weed pullers too!

Year End Celebration: June 22 at 3:30-6:00 The last school and community party before summer. Please join the PAC, staff, students, and our lovely community for a delicious dinner along with games, crafts, and entertainment. And if you have any gardening questions, Victory Gardens will be there to answer them all! This year is extra special as we will be joined by families from Garibaldi School. Let's make them feel welcome. There is no charge for this event.

T-shirts and hoodies: We had great uptake of these items at a recent Farmer's Market but there are still some available! Get yours now to spread our "brand" all summer long.

Hot Lunch: The very last hot lunch of the year will be on **June 7th**, and it will be the ever-popular Subway and TCBY. We are excited because next year you will be able to order and pay online if you prefer. This will mean your cheque book can take a much-needed rest next year! However, the traditional paper forms will still be available if needed.

Flip Give Program: Shop all summer long through this great program. And don't be shy about sharing the access information with family and friends. We welcome support from everyone. The portal can be found on our website (www.arlordpac.ca) under Fundraising, or enter this: <https://www.flipgive.com/teams/49445-dr-ar-lord-elementary-pac> into your browser.

Keep updated on these, and all PAC activities, by visiting our website (www.arlordpac.ca), following our social media accounts (@ARLORDPAC), and subscribing to our email list. We also post all information on the bulletin board by the back and front doors for easy reading.

Please remember to send any questions or comments directly to the PAC at info@arlordpac.ca or by popping a note into the PAC box at the front desk. And we can't say this enough - we are always looking for input and volunteers.

Have a wonderful, fun filled summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Kindly,
PAC Exec

Important Upcoming Dates and Events:

Fri. June 1	- Welcome to Kindergarten (11:00 – 12:00pm)
Tues. June 5	- Final Track Meet at Vancouver Technical
Wed. June 6	- Volunteer Appreciation (2:00 – 3:00pm in Gym)
Tues. June 7	- PAC Hot Lunch
Thurs. June 14	- Sports Day
Fri. June 15	- Grade 7 Camp Jubilee
Thurs. June 22	- Year-End Celebration (3:30 – 6pm)
Mon. June 25	- Gr. 7 Farewell and Luncheon
Wed. June 27	- Year-end Assembly (11:00am in gym)
Thurs. June 28	- Last Day for students
Fri. June 29	- Admin. Day (last day for staff)



A Year in Review

Field Trips

Science World
Stanley Park (Salmon Release)
Museum of Anthropology (UBC)
Science at Playland
Capilano Fish Hatchery
Writer's Festival (Granville Island)
Burnaby Mountain
Science Challenge @ Templeton
Burnaby Village
Art Gallery
Mining
Camp Jubilee
Notre Dame Theater program

Guest Speakers/Volunteers

BC Hydro Workshop
Project CHEF
Financial Literacy Program
Water Conservation Specialist
Nurse (Vancouver Coastal Health)
Junior Achievement
Lori Snyder (Nature Walks & Indigenous Plants)
Biologist from Wildlife Preservation
Garden (Planting, Harvesting)
Clay in the classroom
VSB Diversity Mentor
Beyond the Hurt (CST from Templeton)
One to One program

School Wide Meetings

Code of Conduct
Diversity
12 Concepts of Kindness
Random Acts of Kindness
School Goals
Pink Shirt Day/Anti-Bullying
Acceptance
Solving Problems/Finding Solutions
SOGI
Physical Literacy
School Spirit
Cultural Identity
Building Character and Social-Emotional Learning

Athletics/Clubs

Cross Country
Volleyball
Basketball
Badminton
Track and Field
Ultimate Frisbee
Choir
Environmental Caretakers
Library Monitors
PA Announcers/Office Monitors
Lunchtime Hockey

Events/Performances

Pow Wow Dancers
Kids Lit Quiz
Terry Fox
Yoga
Spirit Days
Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra
Dance Education
Lunar New Year @ Hastings Community Center
Welcome to Kindergarten
Ready, Set, Learn
Volunteer Appreciation
Spring Musical
Volunteer Appreciation
Year-End Celebration
Meet the Teacher
Sports Day
Talent Show
Food Bank
Winter Sing-a-long
Grade 7 Luncheon
Earth Day Stations

Assemblies

Halloween
Remembrance Day
Olympics
Pink Shirt Day/Anti-Bullying/Acceptance
Earth Day
Grade 7 Farewell
Year-End

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018 – 2019
A.R. Lord Elementary

School Operation Overview	
Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 28)
Important Dates	
School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 12, 2018 (in lieu of Sun. Nov. 11)
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 21, 2018
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 24, 2018 – Friday, January 4, 2019
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 7, 2019
Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 15, 2019
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 18 – Friday, March 29, 2019
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 27, 2019
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 28, 2019
Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days (school not in session)	
Friday, September 21, 2018	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 19, 2018	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 9, 2018	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Friday, January 25, 2019	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 15, 2019	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 29, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Friday, May 17, 2019	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Parent Conference Dates	Early Dismissal Times
Wednesday, November 7 th , 2018	2pm Dismissal
Thursday, November 8 th , 2018	2pm Dismissal
Wednesday, February 6 th , 2019	2pm Dismissal
Thursday, February 7 th , 2019	2pm Dismissal