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DR. A.R. LORD NEWS

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



Principal's Message

Dear Lord Families,

Congratulations everyone! We did it. Thank you for your support and patience during another unusual year. I am truly thankful to be part of such a wonderful community.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication. There is no doubt that this year has presented some unique challenges, but I was impressed by their ability to “pivot”. They were patient and flexible. I feel very fortunate to be a part of such an amazing team. The staff and I would like to thank the PAC and particularly the PAC executive, for supporting the Grade 7 farewell event. Finally, we would like to thank all the Lord students for continuing to make us proud each and every day with your kindness and acceptance. Lord truly is a great place to learn!

I would like to wish all our grade 7 students the best as they begin their new journeys. We were able to share a virtual farewell with the students and their families. Along with the Grade 7 students, we are also saying goodbye to a few other students. We wish you all the best in your new schools. We also need to say goodbye to some staff. We would like to thank Mr. Neilson, Mr. McFaul, Ms. Green, Ms. Albrecht, Ms. Bell-Irving, Ms. Yen, Ms. Leo (Michelle), Ms. Wagnitz (Abbie), Ms. Aldakhallah (Carmen) and Ms. Sigvardt (Rebecca) for all they have done for the students at Lord. We would also like to thank Mr. Friesen, Ms. Backerman and Ms. Machaj for stepping in to support our students. We wish you all the best on your next adventures.

After twenty-nine amazing years Mrs. Wendy O'Neill is retiring. We are all sad to see her leave, but we are excited for her as she starts her new journey. We thank her for the many years of hard work and dedication to the students and parent community. We will miss her enthusiasm and passion for teaching.

The following is a message Mrs. O'Neill would like to share.

It is time to say good-bye.

My colleagues and students know that I have never been at a loss for words, until now.

I have taught at A R Lord school for 29 years. Wow, that's a long time! The parent community has always been supportive, the students were fun to work with, and keen to learn, and the teachers are my best friends. AR Lord will always be part of my family. I will keep in touch, and I wish everyone a happy summer. XO.

Please continue to read your emails and check our school website for any updates about September school start up. Our understanding is that September will be back to normal. First day of school for students in Grade 1 -7 will be Wednesday, September 8th from 9:00 am – 10:00 am. Students will return to their 2020-21 classrooms for the first few days. We usually have families leaving and coming during the summer so we want to make sure we have correct numbers before starting in our new classes. There will be no changes once students are placed in their 2021-22 class.

We will continue to use external doors for drop off and pick up. Students in Div. 1, 5 and 8 will continue to line up outside for pick up by classroom teachers. We will be returning to our regular school hours of pick-up and drop-off as there will be no staggered entry schedules. Please note the change in times to recess, lunch and end of the day.

Please make sure you complete a Notice of Late Return form if your child(ren) will be away at the beginning of the school year. The form is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school LATER THAN noon on **Wednesday, September 8th, 2021** but prior to **September 30th, 2021**. Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Thursday September 9th, 2021, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist. The digital form is available from our school's website, under Publication. Please email it to drarlord@vsb.bc.ca before September.

We encourage all families to register with *SchoolCashOnline*. Instructions on how to register is on the VSB website (<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>). Please do not pay fees until your child(ren) is in their new class.

On behalf of the A. R. Lord staff, I would like to wish all of you an amazing summer break. See you in September.

Sincerely,
Margie Trovao
Principal

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School Hours:

8:55am – Warning Bell
9:00am – School Starts
10:50 – 11:10 am - Recess
12:05 – 12:52 pm –Lunch Break
3:03 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.

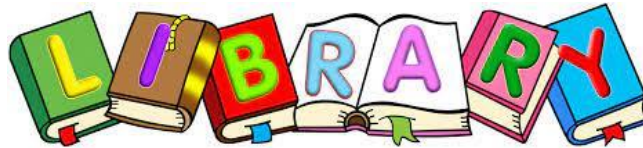
In order to help us attain this positive school environment, we constantly review and practice our school code of conduct. Expectations are that everyone in our school abides by our code.



Bell Schedule and Breaks

Please note the slight change to our bell schedule for the upcoming school year.

	Monday - Friday	Minutes
Warning Bell	8:55	
Period 1	9:00 – 9:55	55
Period 2	9:55– 10:50	55
Recess	10:50 – 11:10	20
Period 3	11:10 – 12:05	55
Lunch	12:05 – 12:52	47
Period 4	12:52 – 1:13	21
Period 5	1:13 – 2:08	55
Period 6	2:08 – 3:03	55
	Total Minutes of Instructional Time	296



Dear Lord families: What an extraordinary year it has been. The library was very well utilized this year! Students enjoyed book exchanges every week, following all protocols.

We also had a number of intermediate book clubs occur this year—some of which were student-initiated! It has been an exciting time to see how engaged Lord students are in literature--with social diversity topics of particular interest. If you are interested in the comings and goings of the library please follow us on @ARLordreads on Twitter.

For the summer and beyond, your child can access ebooks and audio books through their student number and division password. Here are some instructions on how to do that:

1. Download the “Destiny Discover” app onto your device.
2. Choose your school: type in Dr AR LORD
3. Type in your student Username . Your username is your student number _____
4. Your password is your division’s password _____
5. Explore the ebooks or audio books by pressing either tab

You don’t need to “check out” many of the books. You can simply listen to them (audio) or view (the ebooks).

I hope you get to use and enjoy the extensive collection of books now available to VSB students online! Have a wonderful summer.

Ms. Parkin



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| Wed. Sept. 8 | First Day of School for Grades 1 - 7 (9:00 am -10:00 am) |
| Thurs. Sept. 9 | First day of full classes gr. 1 - 7
New Ks begin gradual entry schedule |
| Fri. Sept. 24 | Pro-D (School not in Session) |

