



DR. A.R. LORD NEWS

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

Principal’s Message

Dear Lord Families,

Along with the district, the staff at Lord would like to extend our deepest condolences to Chief Rosanne Casimir of the Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and community as well as all Indigenous staff, students, families and community members; our thoughts are with all of you. Last week staff and students wore orange to express our solidarity and flags throughout the district were lowered to acknowledge and pay respects. In addition, many classes created orange hearts with the words, “Every Child Matters” and placed them around the school.

It is hard to believe that we are in our final month of the school year.

When we started the school year in September, I am sure we all wondered how this school year would go. I sincerely would like to thank students, families and staff for your patience and flexibility. By working together, I believe we were able to create a learning environment that was healthy and safe and provided a space for all students to learn to the best of their ability. We have all demonstrated that amazing things can be accomplished when we work together.

June is usually a very busy month. This year is no exception. Similar to the month of May where students participated in activities to learn about Asian Heritage, this month they will be participating in activities to celebrate and honour Indigenous heritage as well as celebrating Pride month. Staff are busy collecting information to complete Communicating Student Learning Reports. When you receive reports at the end of the school year, please be mindful that the written comments reflect students’ progress based on the information collected since January’s report and the competency scale will reflect the students’ progress for the entire year.

Resource Teachers will be consulting, reviewing, and updating IEPs with families and concentrating on connecting with individual students to gather information about their progress in reading and writing. After next week resource support will be limited. Please contact your child’s Resource Teacher if you have any concerns.

In addition to reports, the staff are starting 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 child(ren). Please note that any written requests must be into the office by Friday, June 18.

Our farewell to our grade 7 students has been scheduled for Monday, June 28. Although we are unable to provide our traditional event, the school team are working on a virtual event to mark the occasion. Grade 7 families will be receiving an email when details have been finalized.

Once again thank you for your continued support.

Margie Trovao
Principal



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School Hours:

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



Songs are Our Healing

Message from the District

Song and singing are very important to Indigenous Communities. As we have been taught, ‘the more we sing, the more we heal’. On June 9th, 215 hours will have passed, and we invite you to sing with us:

Date: Wednesday, June 9th, 2021

When: 11:10-11:30 (timing to be mindful of elementary staggered recess and secondary lunch)

Program:

- Opening remarks – Indigenous Education Department
- 2 minutes 15 seconds of silence
- Songs led by the Indigenous Education Department: Chief Dan George Song, Cherokee Morning Song (words attached)
- Closing remarks – Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent

Where: Link to the Livestream: <https://youtu.be/UoPYNFKaaxs>



[Songs Are Our Medicine](https://youtu.be/UoPYNFKaaxs) “The more we sing, the more we heal”
youtu.be

The content is developmentally appropriate for all age groups and the length of time of the event was chosen to be cognizant of our younger students. We are always mindful about the emotional safety of our community.

This is a community event so please feel free to share the link with members of your broader community. The song sheets can also be shared. We dedicate this event to the 215 children and families of the Secwépmc and Nlaka’pamux peoples. The more we sing, the more we heal. Students, staff and community members are encouraged to wear orange to support.

Criteria for Class Placement for 2021/2022

In May and June of each year, we begin the process of planning for the next school year. 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, 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. 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 members assigned by the Board and the contractual rules for class configuration. In a small school, it usually means combined classes. Placement in a combined class 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 split class - your child does not receive a nonadvanced 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. Our teachers do an excellent job of placing all of 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 with regard to academic and emotional vulnerability or behavioural 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. ***Please have your request in by Friday, June 18.*** 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 all of the students in our school.





School Fees

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. 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. In September families will receive another notice with all our school fees so please do not send in the monies until you receive the notice about fee collection. This year we provided families the ability to pay all fees using **School Cash Online**. If you have not already signed up for an account, please visit <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com> to register. You will need your child's usual first name, last name and birth date to register. Should you encounter any difficulties during the registration process, please phone the parent help desk at 1(866)961-1803 or by visiting [schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support](https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support).

Families found this an easy to use, safe and convenient way to pay for their children's school fees. We will use this to pay for other events as well (field trips and etc). We have lowered our Performance and Activity Fees for the upcoming year as some funds still remain.

Notice of Late Return

A Notice of Late Return 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 30, 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. If this applies to your child(ren), please be sure to obtain a form from our school's website under Publication and email it to drarlord@vsb.bc.ca before end of June. Currently plans for September are unknown, however, if this applies to you, please make sure you provide the school with the form.

Individual Student Medication

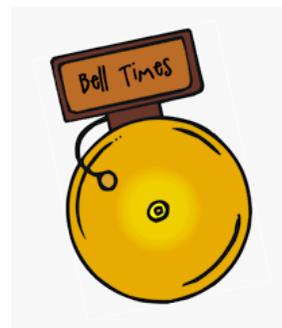


If you have left your child's medication in the school office, please make an appointment with the office to come and collect it before you leave for the holidays. You can provide updated supplies in September. The "Request of Administration of Medication at School" form (if applicable) will be available in the office in September.

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



Wed. June 9	Songs are Healing (11:10)
Mon. June 28	Virtual Grad Ceremony and Lunch (students only)
Tues. June 29	Last Day of School for students
Wed. Sept. 8	First day of School (Gr. 1- 7) (9:00 – 10:00)

CALENDAR 2021–2022

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School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	186
Number of Days of Instruction	178
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

Important Dates

First Day of School for Students	Wednesday September 8, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 11, 2021
Remembrance Day	Thursday November 11, 2021
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday December 17, 2021
Winter Vacation Period	Monday December 20, 2021-Monday January 3, 2022
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Tuesday January 4, 2022
Family Day	Monday February 21, 2022
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday March 11, 2022
Spring Vacation Period	Monday March 14-Friday March 25, 2022
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 28, 2022
Good Friday	Friday April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	Monday, April 18, 2022
Victoria Day	Monday May 23, 2022
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Wednesday June 29, 2022
Administrative/School Closing Day	Thursday June 30, 2022

Professional Development and Non-Instructional Days (school not in session)

Tuesday September 7, 2021	In-Service Anti-Racism Training Day
Friday September 24, 2021	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 22, 2021	Professional Development Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 26, 2021	Indigenous Focus Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)
Monday, January 17, 2022	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 18, 2022	Professional Development Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 25, 2022	Professional Development Day (District Wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday, November 17, 2021	2:00 pm
Thursday, November 18, 2021	2:00 pm
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	2:00 pm
Wednesday, February 16, 2022	2:00 pm



SCHOOL FEES for (2021-2022)

Important Information – Please Translate

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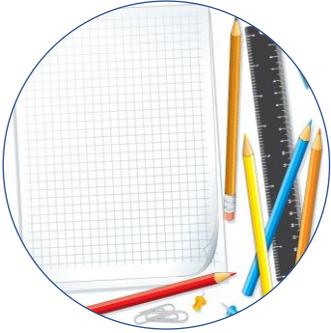
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Información importante - Por favor traducir

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GENERAL \$35.00 SUPPLY FEE



The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2021 – 2022 is \$35.00 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES

Student Agenda/Planner – \$7.00

Students at Lord will be using an Agenda/Planner in grades 1-7. School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families.

Performance Fee – \$10.00

This supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align with a particular educational theme. Parent support has made these opportunities possible, and we appreciate your continued contribution.

Activity Fee – \$10.00

During the school year, and as permissible under Provincial and District Health and Safety protocols and direction, non-curricular activities may be offered to students with nominal fees. Program fees will be published at that time.

Workbooks – \$15.00

This year, students in a variety of division(s) will be bringing home a JumpMath or Spectrum Math Practice and Homework Book. This material supplements the classroom math program. Please wait to receive confirmation that your child's division is participating.

The workbook is available for purchase at the cost of \$15.00. Students are not obligated to purchase the workbook and may opt to use their copy as a reference textbook instead, meaning the workbook will be returned at the end of the school year for another student to use in the future. Students opting to use the workbook as a textbook will be responsible for ensuring that it remains unmarked and in excellent condition in order to return the workbook at the end of the year.

Field Studies – To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level

Throughout the school year, and as permissible under Provincial and District Health and Safety protocols and direction, your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, Ms. Trovao. All requests will be treated confidentially.

如果你需要经济帮助，请联系

你们学校的负责人 • 如需經濟

協助，請聯絡貴校校長 •

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