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DR. A.R. LORD NEWS

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

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School Hours:

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

Athletics are alive and well at Lord. Our badminton team has finished off their season at Tupper. They worked hard during practices and games and demonstrated good sportsmanship. Congratulations! Students are still practicing and participating in Ultimate Frisbee and Track and Field. Thank you to all the coaches, Ms. Wise, Mrs. Mitchell, Ms. McCandless, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. O'Neill, Ms. Lambert and to all the parent volunteer drivers. Without all of your support these activities would not be able to occur.

Thank you to Ms. Young and Ms. Lambert for organizing Earth Week. Students participated in garden activities, took nature walks and cleaned up our school grounds as well as some areas in our community. Thank you to all the students that presented at our Earth Day Assembly. It was very informative and entertaining. We appreciate you sharing your learning with all of us. As always, we would not be able to offer so many activities without the support and commitment of our parent volunteers.

On Thursday, May 2 students at Lord participated in a District Wide Earthquake Drill. Thank you to all families for completing and returning the yellow **Emergency Student Reunification** form. If you have not returned the form yet, please do so as soon as possible. **This document is extremely important.** Reunification is a formalized, controlled release. In the rare event of a significant emergency or disaster, the school may use its emergency student reunification process. This process helps to ensure a speedy reunion for you and your child(ren) and contributes to the safety and well-being of your child(ren) in an emergency. Following procedures and protocol is essential for a successful, more predictable and less chaotic release of students for all involved. Please ensure that authorized emergency contacts are aware of their responsibilities and the Reunification process. We would like to thank our Kindergarten families for participating in the Reunification drill. We look forward to including more families next year.

Please join us on Thursday, May 16 for Sports Day. PAC will be providing lunch (a slice of pizza and a treat). Students will have the opportunity to purchase additional slices of pizza and baked goods. A notice will be going home with Primary students. Please check PAC website for further information.

Lord's new website is up and running. The website will include school information as well as district information. We are working hard to include items that will be beneficial to families and keep them up to date.

The next few months will be extremely busy. Please check the upcoming events section at the end of the newsletter for important dates.

Enjoy the last two months of school!

Margie Trovao
Principal

Welcome to Kindergarten – Thursday, May 30

Lord will be hosting our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event for students and families registered to attend our school in September. The event will be held in our gym Thursday, May 30 from 11:00 – 12:10. Registration will begin at 10:45. Information regarding this event will be emailed directly to registered families.



Criteria for Class Placement for 2019/20

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/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.

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 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.

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. 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 of the students in our school.



Save the Dates

Year End Celebration: **Wednesday, June 19, 3:30 – 6:00pm**

Come join our families and staff as we celebrate an amazing year together!

Look for more details about this event in June.

New Brighton Park Picnic: **Tuesday, June 25**

Grade 7 Farewell and Luncheon: **Wednesday, June 26**

Grade 7 families, you will be receiving more information in June.

Book Exchange

Dr. A. R. Lord staff would like to present another book exchange!

We would like to invite students to bring in any old books (good condition) they have outgrown to exchange for at least one 'new' book to keep. Books should be for children in Kindergarten to Grade 7. Collection boxes will be available outside of each classroom each morning from May 22nd to June 5th where students can drop off their books before the start of the school day.

On June 10th all students (regardless of whether they were able to donate a book or not) will be invited to the book exchange where they will be allowed to choose at least one 'new' book for free.



Upcoming Events (see also the school calendar)

Tues. May 7	PAC Meeting (Library 6:30)
Thurs. May 9	PAC Hot Lunch
Thurs. May 16	Sports Day (9:30 am)
Fri. May 17	Pro-D (School not in Session)
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day (School not in Session)
Thurs. May 30	Welcome to Kindergarten