



# DR. A.R. LORD NEWS

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

## Principal’s Message

Dear Lord Families,

Welcome to November. This school year seems to be going by very quickly. These are some of the events that took place this month and some events to look forward to.

Our first Earthquake Drill and Lockdown Drill were very successful. It is very important for students to know what to do in case of an emergency. There is more information about VSB Emergency Procedures in the body of this newsletter. It is a good idea to create and practice an emergency plan for your home as well.

On occasions throughout the year I will be leading school wide meetings for students based on a variety of Social Responsibility topics, kindness concepts as well as reviewing our school’s Code of Conduct. Please review the Code of Conduct contract you signed in September periodically to remind students of our school’s expectations. Thank you to Div. 3 and 6 for organizing October’s school wide meeting on Gratitude and Self-Care. This month’s kindness concepts are Compassion and Responsibility.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Walkathon fundraiser. If your child has not returned their donations, please make sure that all money is in by November 8. Congratulations to Div. 6. They have collected over \$700 so far. We are all excited to find out what our school’s final total will be.

October 31 is always an exciting day. The costumes were amazing and very creative. A special thank you to the students of Div. 1 for leading the assembly and for their Halloween Safety Tips. As always, the Thriller Dance routine was a hit. Thank you to the students that led the dance.

Every year, schools host a formal Remembrance Day Assembly. This year it will be held on November 8th at 11:00 a.m. Although this is a somber event, it is important for students to honour our past and this is one event mandated by the Ministry of Education. The student leaders are proud to facilitate assemblies such as these and have demonstrated tremendous public speaking skills.

A reminder to families that we are in year two of the Communicating Student Learning pilot project. Parents will receive five communications from teachers within a school year: a written progress report at the end of January, a written summative report at the end of June and a minimum of three ongoing communications of student learning in various subject areas. In addition, this year, Resource Teachers throughout the District will have the option to try a new format for Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

A huge thank you to Indigo Adopt a School for helping our school collect donations of \$2188. This will help our library stock up on some new books.

A huge thank you to our parent community for all the support they provide to the school. Thank you to the PAC for organizing hot lunches and the Family Photo Nights. Thank you, Joseph Cruz of Cherry Blossom Photography, for your time. November is shaping up to be another busy month for PAC. We are looking forward to the Scholastic Book Fair and more Hot Lunches. Please read “Message from the PAC” at the end of the newsletter for more details on all these events.

As the days continue to get shorter and as the rainy weather settles in, it is visibly darker when students are making their way to and from school. Please take time to review some of the basic traffic safety rules with your children to ensure they arrive safely each day.

Here are some important events to remember for this month – Parent Conferences, Early Dismissal, Remembrance Day Assembly, Kindergarten Registration and Grade 7 Mini School Registration to name a few. Please check our Upcoming Events for more information.

A final thank you to Aman Dhaliwal for coaching soccer as well as Mrs. Burke and Mrs. O’Neill for coaching Cross Country this year.

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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

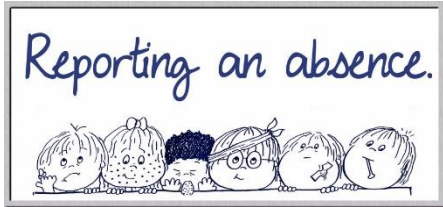
### School Mission Statement

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.



## 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 Child's Absence – Please Call the number above **prior to 9 am** on the first day of the absence. The school will let you know if there are any changes to this new system.

## Student Sign In and Out Procedure



If your child is late for school, please have your child sign in at the office before going to class. Teachers are being instructed to post their attendances by 9:15am and 1:15pm. When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they 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!



## **Kindergarten registration for children born in 2014 begins on November 1st.**



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 (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on Thursday November 1st and closes at 4 pm on Thursday January 31st. 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: Bringing supporting documentation, along with your child, to your neighbourhood English catchment school.

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 Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2019.



**2** Visit your catchment school with necessary documents

## Grade 7 Mini School Opportunities

VSB's Mini School programs provide enrichment opportunities for highly motivated students who are Vancouver residents and consistently achieve B averages or higher. **Students must apply to each program separately by picking up an application package at the school where the program is offered.**

Each year over 1,400 students apply for approximately 600 grade 8 spaces in the Mini School programs. Acceptance is based on a variety of criteria such as application and interview to name a few.

Please remember that all VSB secondary schools have a variety of challenging and exciting programs and courses, and that many students who take the regular programs graduate, receive scholarships and attend the university of their choice. Many schools have also developed their own school-based enrichment program for a wide variety of interests and abilities.

Test registration opens on October 26, 2018 at 8:00am and closes at 12:00 midnight on November 8th, 2018.

### **Test date and time**

November 20 at 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., 2018

(Students with a designated Special Need and IEP may choose to register to take the test at 9 a.m. at VSB Education Centre)

Test marks are not given to parents or students.

First Offers: Feb. 20, 2019 (Acceptances by Feb. 22, 2019 noon)

Second Offers: Feb. 27, 2019

**\*\*Each mini school program has its own application. Please check the Grade 8 Programs Brochure sent home at the beginning of the year or check the VSB website for program options and information.**

### Lockdown, Hold and Secure



#### **What is a Lockdown?**

A Lockdown code results in a full lockdown of all rooms within the school and is initiated when potentially life-threatening violent events are occurring inside the school. Staff and students secure themselves in rooms or hide or, if a secure option is not available, evacuate from a high risk/insecure area. All regular school activities cease and the students will not be allowed to leave their locked classrooms until it is safe to do so.

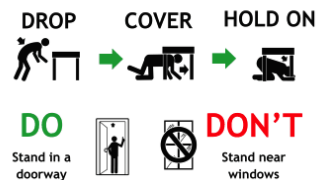
#### **What is a Hold and Secure?**

Formerly known as a code yellow, Hold and Secure is the action of holding students and staff safely inside a school when there is a known danger or threat outside of the school. This could be an altercation in the neighbourhood, an intruder on school grounds, or even a bear or coyote on the playground. Under Hold and Secure, all perimeter/exterior doors of the school are locked and no persons are to enter or leave the school once it is underway. Normal functions are maintained in the school. Students may not even notice any difference, especially if it doesn't happen during a time when they would be outdoors.

#### **Lockdown and Hold and Secure Background**

Hold and Secure and Lockdown procedures are events involving a known danger or threat outside the school or potentially life-threatening violent events which are occurring inside the school. In general if there is someone who doesn't appear to have a legitimate purpose to be on the school grounds and you are concerned, talking to the office is appropriate. Someone on duty will then approach the person as long as they don't appear threatening. This lets them know that their presence is noted. They will usually ask for directions and leave, or let the staff know who they are and whether they do have a reason to be on school grounds. Intruders who are persistent but not dangerous may need a verbal warning from the Principal. A dangerous intruder is someone whose behaviour suggests a threat. In that case they are not to be approached directly and word should be passed on to the school office.

#### Earthquake Safety



### Emergency Procedures

Every year schools practice Emergency Procedure Drills (Fire, Earthquake, Lockdown, Hold and Secure) throughout the year. All schools are required to facilitate drills and some require us to vacate the building to simulate real emergency procedures. Knowing what to do and where to go is extremely important and calming information for students to be aware of.

Although staff speak to students to prepare them for these events, it would be beneficial for families of younger and/or sensitive students to discuss this at home as well.

This month Lord participated in a Lockdown drill and an Earthquake drill.

## Before and After School Supervision

Please note that we have staff supervision starting at 8:40 before school and from 3:00 to 3:20 afterschool. Please do not bring your child to school earlier unless there has been a prior arrangement with your child's teacher or they have a special school commitment. **We are asking that all students wait for the bell at the back of the school not at the front. We have had several safety concerns with students playing in the front. Thank you for your support with this.**



**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.

## Student Voices

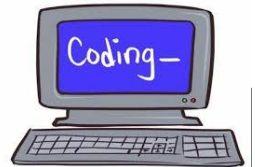
### **Cross Country**

Hi, this is Rae and Coen, we are going to tell you about the experience in being in Cross Country. In cross country you have to get up and go to the school to run at 8:15 am. As runners, we warm up by doing sprints, high legs, grapevine and relay races. Then we still have to run around the school! We had three mini meets at Clinton Park, and one big meet at Trout Lake. We were lucky to have all the days to be sunny. We think 2018's cross country was the best year ever!



### **Sphero**

We're from Div. 1 and we went on a field trip to the apple store to work with spheros. Spheros are coding devices that you can control on the device connected to it. They are little robots contained in a sphere. If you make a command on the app, such as 90 degrees for 3 seconds at speed 20, it would follow the command. At the apple store we were challenged to program the sphero to circle the perimeter of a tape path, and, if we wished, to add color and sounds. They gave out memory bands at the end and also gave us a bright yellow certificate stating our participation in the activities the provided for us! This was a fun opportunity and we were glad to experience it. [Sabin and Cleo]



### **Division 1 trip to the Apple Store**

On October 3rd our class went on a field trip to the apple store. In our class, we have been learning about natural disasters. We researched the natural disaster and were assigned to make a script about it as newscasters. Our class really enjoyed using garage band, a complex fun voice recording with interesting elements [disaster sound effects, music]. We sounded just like real broadcasters. [Maria and June]



### **Court House**

The division 1 grade 6/7 class went to the Court House to learn about the court system. We meet sheriffs, the court house educator and of course the judge. We were also lucky enough to observe a couple of cases. The judges were compassionate when talking to us, and strict when it came to judging. With this in mind, it was a great learning experience and we would love to go again! [Jessica and Eryn]



### **Choir**

Our Lord Choir is underway and meets every Monday at recess in the Music Room with Ms. Watson & Ms. Young-Eng. We are currently working on a song for Remembrance Day. New members are welcome.



### **Flashlights**

Please send a small flashlight to school, labeled with your child's name and division. Ms. Young-Eng is working on a special Winter Concert Song and will require each student to hold a flashlight. Flashlights will be returned after the Winter Concert. Please ensure your flashlight has adequate battery life. Ms. Young-Eng has extra flashlights should your child not have one from home.

### **Message from our PAC**



We tried a fundraiser this October for a fresh to you bundle of veggies. Participation was low and we didn't meet the minimum requirements. We'll be returning orders to those that did intend to participate. We'll take this into consideration for other fundraisers. A reminder to all families of upcoming events.

**Hot lunch program:** Hot lunch Nov. 1 and Nov. 22. A reminder that parents can still sign up for a Munchalunch account via [arlordpac.ca/hotlunch](http://arlordpac.ca/hotlunch) or pick up a form at the front desk in the office.

Ordering and payment can be done online OR ordering online and payment of cash/cheque to PAC box. Please include a copy of your child's order with payment to PAC box if paying with cash/cheque. Also, a limited number of paper order forms are available at school front desk.

**Scholastic Book Fair: November 5-8.** Another great opportunity for holiday gifts. We are currently looking for volunteers to help the sale run smoothly.

**PAC meeting: Nov. 20 at 6:30** in the library. And as always, FREE child minding is available.

Stay tuned for Purdy's chocolates order information. This is a traditional annual fundraiser and is a great gift idea. We'll send this out in our newsletters and on the [arlordpac.ca](http://arlordpac.ca) website with instructions and timelines.

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### **Upcoming Events (see also the school calendar)**

Mon. Oct. 1 – Nov. 8	FSA
Thurs. Nov. 1	Family Photos (after school times TBA) PAC Hot Lunch
Fri. Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Grade 7 Registration for Mini School
Mon. Nov. 5 -8	Book Fair
Wed. Nov. 7	Photo Re-takes (1pm) Parent/Teacher Conference ( <u>Early Dismissal 2:00 pm</u> )
Thurs. Nov. 8	Remembrance Day Assembly (11:00) Parent/Teacher Conference ( <u>Early Dismissal 2:00 pm</u> )
Fri. Nov. 9	Curriculum Implementation Day (No School for students)
Mon. Nov. 12	School not in Session (in lieu of Remembrance Day)
Tues. Nov. 20	Mini School Test (1:00 – 4:00) PAC Meeting (6:30 in library)
Thurs. Nov. 22	PAC Hot Lunch
Fri. Nov. 23	Moustache Day (Spirit Day)
Wed. Dec. 19	Winter Concert