



Dr. A. R. Lord Elementary School
“Create Peace: Be Kind, Be Safe, Respectful, Be Responsible”

Learn and Play with Pride

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Respect and Responsibility</u>	<u>Integrity</u>	<u>Diversity</u>	<u>Engagement</u>
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School Hours:

8:55am – Warning Bell
 9:00am – School Starts
 10:50 – 11:05am - 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.



Principal’s Message

Dear Lord Families,

Welcome to November and welcome to our students that are returning for in person learning. A reminder to families that the next transition date is January 5, 2021, after Winter Break. Until then we hope that you continue to participate in the scheduled school visits. Please continue to check for communication from your child’s classroom teacher either on TEAMS or by email.

It was great to see all the costumes on October 30. Students shared their costumes outside during our revamped Parade of Costumes. The Thriller Dance is also a Lord tradition. This year Ms. Yong-Eng with help from Jack, Victoria, Lucy, Georgia and Claire recorded the steps for students to follow along virtually. Thank you for continuing to show school spirit.

A reminder to all families that Conferences are being held on Monday, November 9 and Tuesday, November 10. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on both days. Please take this opportunity to discuss with the staff your child’s strengths, areas for growth and ways the school and home can support their learning.

As we settle into fall and anticipate winter, we need to remember that students are still going out to play during recess and lunch every day. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the seasonal weather (raincoats, boots, etc). It is often cold and/or wet weather. Children are encouraged to dress in layers too, just in case. Also, don’t forget to label your child’s clothing. We are often finding jackets, and sweaters on the playground. It would be nice to know who to return them to. Better yet it would be nice if you checked in with the children to make sure they are collecting and bringing home their belongings each day!

A reminder to all families, please help your child wash their mask every evening. It is important to keep masks clean.

This month students have been introduced to the revised Code of Conduct, Lord Lions Learn and Play with P.R.I.D.E (Purpose, Respect and Responsibility, Integrity, Diversity and Engagement). A pamphlet of the revised Code of Conduct will be sent home in the new year.

November is another busy month. 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**

Welcome to our new PAC Executive Sarah Hoffman, Michael Louie and Greg Roy. A huge thank you to our exiting PAC Executive: Amarjit, Emily, Sherrie, Deanna, Jordan and Carly. Your contributions to our school community have been greatly appreciated.

Please continue to visit our website and refer to the School Calendar sent in September for important dates. All information about dates where school is not in session is also located in your child’s agenda.

Margie Trovao
 Principal





Kindergarten registration for children born in 2016 begins on November 1.

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 (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement. The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1 and closes at 4 pm on January 29**. 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: Verifying documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school office during your scheduled appointment



1 Apply Online



2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents

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 District program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for District programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2021.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>.



Virtual Conferences

A reminder that **Monday, Nov. 9 and Tuesday, Nov. 10** students will be dismissed at **2:00 pm** to accommodate conferences. Please make sure that you are able to sign on to your child’s Teams account before your conference date.

VSB Grade 8 Programs (Mini School)

The following information is for students that are wanting to apply to a Mini School Program. Registration for regular Secondary School programs will occur early in 2021 with support from the classroom teacher.

All 18 secondary schools in Vancouver offer challenging and comprehensive programs. Many schools have developed their own school-based enrichment programs for a wide range of student interests and abilities. In addition to the neighbourhood school, District programs also offer a set of enrichment programs to meet the needs of students.

Due to COVID-19 there have been changes to District Mini School Application processes. All information nights will be held through online platforms. There is no District Wide Assessment/Test. Check our website for the most up to date information <https://govsb.ca/secondary-programs>.

Important Dates:

General Registry: Apply to the District Mini School General Registry between November 9, 2020 - December 17, 2020 by 3:00pm

Complete Program Application Processes: Connect directly to each Mini School program site to submit required information, and documentation. Deadline: December 17, 2020 by 3:00pm

Check the website for the most up to date information <https://govsb.ca/secondary-programs>.

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.

Student Sign Out Procedure

Please ensure that the school is aware that your child is leaving school early. When you pick up your child during the school day, they will be required to come to the office and sign out. Please meet them at the front of the school near the main entrance. If not signed out properly your child 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!



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.

Thank you to all the families that have registered for School Cash Online and have paid for school fees and have completed on the necessary forms. Please register and pay online or send the fees and forms to the school as soon as possible if you have not done so yet. Please ensure that your child's Daily Health Assessment has been signed and sent to the school.





- Nov. 1 – Jan. 29 Kindergarten Registration
- Mon. Nov. 9 Conferences (2:00 pm early dismissal)
- Tues. Nov. 10 Conferences (2:00 pm early dismissal)
- Wed. Nov. 11 Remembrance Day (School not in Session)
- Tues. Nov. 17 PAC Virtual Meeting (6:30 pm)
- Fri. Nov. 20 Spirit Day (Moustache Day)
- Fri. Nov. 27 Professional Day: No school for students

