



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,

It's hard to believe that we have been back in school for a month. We hope that everyone has settled into their routines. September is always an exciting and busy time at schools. We look forward to all the events October will bring.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Ronnie Ross our Area Counsellor.

Thank you to the many families that joined us on September 20th to celebrate the beginning of our new school year at Meet the Teacher. I hope you had fun filling out your passports. Thank you to our PAC for the delicious apples and the refreshments.

On Thursday, September 27 students, staff and families participated in the thirteenth Annual National Terry Fox School Day Run hosted by the PNE at Hastings Park. It was a beautiful day for a run. Thank you to the PNE staff for organizing this event and providing each student with a snack. For the past two weeks students have been collecting a toonie for Terry. Thank you for your contributions.

I would like to remind parents and students who ride bikes to school that they are expected to lock their bikes in the designated area. Students are not to ride or play near the bikes during school hours. After 8:30 am and before 3:30 pm students are always asked to walk their bikes on school grounds. Skateboard, scooters and wheeled shoes are not to be used during school hours as they pose a safety concern to students and adults. This is part of the Vancouver School Board Safety Policy and applies to adults as well.

This year the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) test is from October 1 – Nov. 8. The (FSA) is an annual provincial assessment that will be conducted in Grade 4 and 7 classrooms across British Columbia. Parents of grade 4 and 7 students will have received or will be receiving further details very shortly.

As we settle into fall and anticipate winter, we need to remember that students are still going out to play during recess and lunch almost every day. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the seasonal weather. 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, sweaters and lunch bags left behind. 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! Check out our Lost and Found (new location is near the elevator).

New this year at Lord will be our Walkathon Fundraiser. Further details about the event and pledge sheets will be sent home on Monday, Oct. 15.

This year our monthly assemblies will be based on one or two themes. We will align with the 12 Concepts of Kindness (Assertiveness, Caring, Compassion, Fairness, Gratitude, Helpfulness, Integrity, Perseverance, Respect, Responsibility, Self-Care and Self-Discipline). The themes for October are Gratitude and Self-Care.

As mentioned October promises to be a busy month. Please check our Upcoming Events section at the end of this newsletter. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time with family and friends.

Margie Trovao
Principal



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.

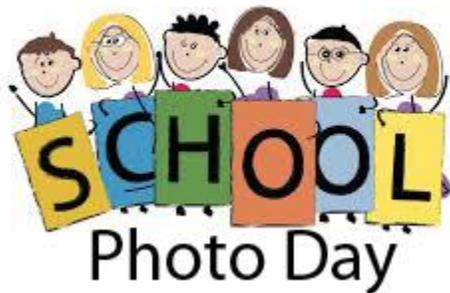
To Report Your Child's Absence – Please Call the number above **prior to 9 am** on the first day of the absence. The school will let you know if there are any changes to this new system.

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!



Individual School Photo Day

Smile! Individual photo day will take place on **Tuesday, October 16**. A form will be sent home with students prior to picture day. Please do not worry if your child is away, photo retakes will happen on **Wednesday, November 7**.

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.**



Gym Sense

Gym Sense begins on Tuesday, Oct 9. Students with signed permission forms will be participating during the regular scheduled gym times. Students will be jumping, climbing etc. so please make sure that your child comes dressed for the occasion. For safety reasons, children with long hair will be asked to bring something to tie their hair up.

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 maintain a safe environment for all of our students.



On October 18, officially "ShakeOut BC Day," millions of people worldwide will practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On at 10:20 am during the *Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill!* The standard drill uses simple steps to inform all students how to perform “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” – a quake- safe action designed to protect lives and prevent injuries from falling furniture and flying objects that can become projectiles during ground shaking. Lord students will also be participating, in “The Big One at 2pm” in May with all schools in the Vancouver School District.

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.

Lord had its first fire drill on Friday, September 28 and we have our first scheduled Lockdown drill for Friday, Oct. 12.



Message from our PAC



A reminder to all families of upcoming events.

Hot lunch program: Hot lunch Oct 25th - Sushi. Orders must be by the 18th. A reminder that parents can still sign up for a Munchalunch account via arlordpac.ca/hotlunch

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.

PAC meeting: October 16th at 6:30 in the library. And as always, FREE child minding is available.

PAC Family Photo Night: Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 – Family Photos – more information will be shared with families in the upcoming weeks.

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

Thank you all in advance and let’s start off this year strong.

AR Lord PAC



Upcoming Events (see also the school calendar)

Mon. Oct. 1 – Nov. 8	FSA
Thurs. Oct. 4	PAC Hot Lunch
Fri. Oct. 5	Assembly 9:30
Mon. Oct 8	Thanksgiving Monday – schools closed
Tues. Oct. 9	Gym Sense begins
Fri. Oct. 12	Practice Lockdown Drill Crazy Hair and Dress Up Day
Tues. Oct. 16	Student Individual Portrait Day
Thur. Oct. 18	Big Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill at 10:20 am District Cross Country at Trout Lake
Fri. Oct. 19	Provincial Wide Professional Day (No School for students)
Fri. Oct. 26	Walkathon Fundraiser
Wed. Oct. 31	Halloween Assembly (Dress up in costumes)
Thurs. Nov. 1	Family Photos (after school times TBA)
Fri. Nov. 2	Family Photos (after school times TBA)
Mon. Nov. 5 -8	Book Fair
Wed. Nov. 7	Parent/Teacher Conference (Early Dismissal 2:00 pm)
Thurs. Nov. 8	Parent/Teacher Conference (Early Dismissal 2:00 pm)
Fri. Nov. 9	Curriculum Implementation Day (No School for students)
Mon. Nov. 12	School not in Session (in lieu of Remembrance Day)