



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 – 10:55am - 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,

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.

Thank you to the many families that joined us on September 25th for Meet the Teacher. The new format seems to have been successful.

On Thursday, September 26 students, staff and families participated in the fourteenth Annual National Terry Fox School Day Run hosted by the PNE at Hastings Park. 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 and your continued support of this event.

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 8:00 am and before 4:00 pm students are always asked to walk their bikes on school grounds, this includes the sidewalks around the school. This rule also applies if there is an evening school event. **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.** Thank you for your cooperation.

This year the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) test is from September 30 – Nov. 7. 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.

Lord will be a busy place this coming week. The gravel field will be off limits to the students from Oct. 8 – 10. We are thankful that we have such a large play area to accommodate this. In addition, the gym at AR Lord is once again being used as a Polling Station for elections. Advance polls are scheduled for Oct. 11- 14 and of course Election Day on Oct. 21.

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 (near the elevator).

Our Walkathon Fundraiser will be on Thursday, October 24. Further details about the event and pledge sheets will be sent home on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

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!

Jacky Essombe visiting October 16

Travel to the depths of Africa with professional dancer Jacky Essombe in this day-long workshop. Accompanied by a live drummer, Jacky celebrates the richness and community spirit of African culture using easy-to-follow African dance steps, traditional songs and storytelling. This shared experience allows students to interact in a playful and focused way, building important developmental skills.



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 and please wait for bell to ring before entering the school. We have had several safety concerns with students playing on the rails and unsupervised inside the school. Thank you for your support with this.**



On October 17, 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" and our Reunification Drill in May with all schools in the Vancouver School District.

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.



Lord Lion Spirit Wear

Coming in November will be Lord Lion T-Shirts. Look for more details in our next Newsletter or check out our website (<https://lord.vsb.bc.ca>)

VSB Grade 8 Programs

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. To apply for most District programs, students must complete the District Cognitive Skills test on November 19, 2019.

Test date and time

Online registration for the 2019 Mini School Test opens on October 24, 2019 and closes on November 7, 2019. **Late registrations are not permitted.**

November 19 at 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., 2019

(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: February 19, 2020 (Acceptances by February 21, 2019 noon)

Second Offers: February 26, 2020

A brochure was sent home with grade 7 students describing each of the programs and dates for Information Nights. **Each program has its own Information Night and students must apply to each program separately by picking up an application package at the school where the program is offered.** If you need more information please visit:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Secondary/Mini_Schools/Documents/sbfile/190627/Secondary-Program-June-2019-web.pdf.

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.



Individual School Photo Day

Smile! Individual photo day will take place on **Tuesday, October 15**. 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 6**.



Message from our PAC



A reminder to all families of upcoming events.

Hot lunch program: Hot lunch Oct 10th – Fresh Slice Pizza and Oct. 31 – Whitespot. If you have an existing account, please login to munchalunch.com/login and update our child's classroom/division. If you are a new member go to arlordpac.ca/hotlunch and follow instructions.

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 Family Photo Night: Oct. 17 and Oct. 18 – Get your holiday photos ready. Book your timeslot through Munch A Lunch (arlordpac.ca/photos). Your sitting fee (\$30) will get you a 20 min. session with the photographer and an 8 x 10 print. You may purchase additional packages starting at \$25. Slots fill up fast so book as soon as possible. Thank you, Joe and Cherry Blossom Portrait Studios.

PAC meeting: October 22nd at 6:30 in the library. And as always, FREE child minding is available.

Poinsettia Fundraiser: PAC will be selling Poinsettias. Orders will begin the last week of October or first week of November. Exact delivery date is TBA but we are aiming for the first two weeks of December. PAC will be sending out further details in the coming weeks.

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

AR Lord PAC



Upcoming Events (visit lord.vsb.bc.ca for greater details about certain events)

Mon. Oct. 1 – Nov. 8	FSA
Thurs. Oct. 10	PAC Hot Lunch
Fri. Oct. 11- 14	BC Elections Advance Polls in Lord Gym
Mon. Oct 14	Thanksgiving (School not in Session)
Tues. Oct. 15	Student Individual Portrait Day
Tues. Oct. 16	Jacky Essombe Dance Workshops
Thur. Oct. 17	Big Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill at 10:20 am District Cross Country at Trout Lake Family Photos
Fri. Oct. 18	Family Photos
Mon. Oct. 21	BC Election (Voting at @ Lord)
Thurs. Oct. 24	Walkathon Fundraiser
Thurs. Oct 24 – Nov. 7	Online registration for the 2019 Mini School Test opens. Late registrations are not permitted.
Fri. Oct. 25	Provincial Wide Professional Day (No School for students)
Wed. Oct. 31	Halloween Assembly (Dress up in costumes) PAC Hot Lunch
Wed. Nov. 6	Photo Retakes
Thur. Nov. 7	Remembrance Day Assembly
Fri. Nov. 8	Provincial Wide Professional Day (No School for students)
Mon. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day (School not in Session)
Wed. Nov. 13	Parent/Teacher Conference (Early Dismissal 2:00 pm)
Thurs. Nov. 14	Parent/Teacher Conference (Early Dismissal 2:00 pm)