

# DR. A.R. LORD NEWS



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

# Welcome Back!

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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.



## Message from the Principal

Dear Dr. A.R. Lord Families,

September is always a busy time of year in schools. We thank you for all the patience and understanding you provided while we were transitioning our students into their new classes.

We are happy to begin week two in our new classes for 2018-2019! Staff worked very hard to take into consideration the learning, social and emotional needs of each child when making placement decisions to ensure we made the best placements for each child. Thank you to the staff for their work in this process. The transition to their new classrooms occurred this afternoon. All the information about their new class (Teacher's name, Division number) will appear on the Verification Form being sent home with all other forms. There is a section in the newsletter that provides more details about the forms required from each student.

As in past years there are many combined classes (split classes) at Lord. "It is important to know that students in combined classes are not held back to the level of the younger children nor are the children in the lower grade expected to do work beyond their abilities. The learning outcomes are grade appropriate for all students, whether or not they are in a combined class" (VSB Brochure). 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 assigned by the Board and the contractual rules for class configuration. If you are interested in more information about combined classes we have a few brochures located at the front counter in the office.

This year we are fortunate to be part of the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation and the Adopt a School program. Thank you, Ms. McCandless, for organizing. More information about how to participate will be sent home soon.

A message from the City to remind families to please remember to follow the no stopping signs at the front of the school. The space near the ramp needs to stay clear so that we can provide wheelchair access to the school.

The remainder of this newsletter includes information that will be important for students and families to be aware of. Please pay close attention and read carefully the information regarding the procedures for Safe Arrival and Signing students in and out during school hours.

Please make sure you read our monthly newsletters and/or website for updates and events. We hope to see you at some of our events this year.

It has been an exciting and busy first week.

Sincerely,  
Ms. M. Trovao

**School Code of Conduct**  
**At Lord, we can all work together to:**  
**CREATE PEACE**  
**BE KIND**  
**BE SAFE**  
**BE RESPECTFUL**

***Our code and “contract” is included in our school agendas. (Ks will be given copies of the School Code of Conduct.) When we send these home, please go over the contract with your children, complete & sign the contract portion and return it to school.***

**Staffing**

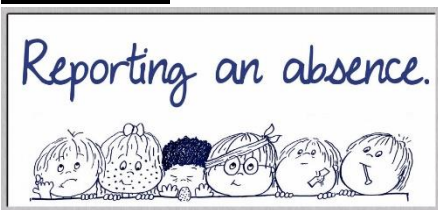
Great news! Enrollment at Lord has increased, and we have been given an additional division. We now have 9 divisions with close to 190 students. We would like to welcome the following new staff members to Lord: Danielle Hobbs (Area counsellor), Charmaine Bell-Irving (EOC for Ms. Skucas), Michelle Lambert (EOC for Ms. Doyle), Rosalind Maclean (Temporary. SSA for Amanda), Aliza Jacobs (Temporary SSA), Amanda Kennedy (SSA- on Maternity Leave until March), Monica Salvatella (Temporary SSA for Amanda Kennedy).



Div. 1 – Ms. O’Neill  
Div. 2 – Ms. Bell-Irving (Ms. Skucas)  
Div. 3 – Ms. Lambert (Ms. Doyle)  
Div. 4 – Ms. Wise (W, Th., Fr.) / Ms. Shore (M, T)  
Div. 5 – Ms. Mitchell  
Div. 6 – Ms. Watson  
Div. 7 – Ms. Phongmany  
Div. 8 – Ms. Bains  
Div. 9 – Ms. Young  
Resource Team: Ms. Burke, Ms. McCandless  
Music Prep: Ms. Young-Eng (M, W, Th)  
Teacher-Librarian: Ms. McCandless (W, Th., Fr.)  
Secretary: Ms. Liu (Selina)

SSAs:  
Ms. Doldolea (Veronica)  
Ms. Taylor (Preeya)  
Mr. Dhaliwal (Aman)  
Supervision Aides:  
Ms. Hsu (Sonia),  
Ms. Barbaro (Maria)  
Engineers:  
Mr. Leo Rocha  
Mr. Alan Morales (afternoons)  
SLP – Megan Bamburak  
Psychologist – Alexis Yau

**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 Out Procedure**

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!



## **Before and After School Supervision**

Please note that we have staff supervising 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.**



## **School Fees and Other Important Forms to Be Returned ASAP**

We will be sending home a package with the following forms/consent. Please use a pen to complete fully & return to your child's teacher by Friday, Sept. 14:

- 1) Student Information Verification Sheet
- 2) School Code of Conduct
- 3) VSB CASL Consent Form - pink
- 4) "Acceptable Use of Technology Policy" (AUP) Form – green
- 5) VSB Media Consent – blue
- 6) Community Walks - purple
- 7) PAC Consent - orange
- 8) BC Fruits & Veggies Program (reverse consent) - beige

Extra copies of notices are available in the office. As in past years, the Vancouver School Board purchases supplies in bulk. We will be collecting \$25 per student for VSB School Fees to help cover very basic school supplies. We will also be collecting fees for agenda/book bags and special school performances.

*The Board recognizes that some families may not be able to afford the fees described in this notice. Board policy states that no student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course or activity because of an inability to pay school fees. If you feel you may have difficulty paying some or all of the amounts listed, please bring this to the attention of your child's teacher, the Area Counselor or the School Principal, Ms. M. Trovao.*

## **Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program**

"Thank you for your support of the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program. It has been a long and rewarding partnership and is truly appreciated. Over the years, Kids Plus™ has helped many families, providing much needed reimbursements for out-of-pocket costs. We appreciate your support and we are truly grateful for the part you have played.

We have big news: the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance school distribution program is moving online!

All partner school boards can now access [kidsplus.ca/resources](http://kidsplus.ca/resources) for information about Kids Plus™ which they can use on their respective websites, e-newsletters and social media. The main website at [kidsplus.ca](http://kidsplus.ca) will continue to be available for parents to purchase coverage, access claims forms and full plan information online. Additionally, for 2018 we've decided to take our mission to be green one step further by discontinuing distribution of all Kids Plus™ Notices (Brochures) to reduce our overall paper use. These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to continuously provide superior and meaningful service to our partners and clients while reducing our impact on the environment."

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our new promotional landing page, our Kids Plus™ Client Service Specialists would be happy to assist you. You may contact us toll-free at 1-800-556-7411 or email [kidsplus@ia.ca](mailto:kidsplus@ia.ca).

## **School Participation**



Students interested in participating in extra curricular activities such as cross country, soccer or choir please make sure you listen during morning announcements for sign up information.



**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.

## Library News



The AR Lord library will be open Wednesday- Friday at 8:30am. As outside supervision begins at 8:40am, any student arriving between 8:30am and 8:40am should report to the library. Students are welcome to come check out books, use the computers for homework or typing practice, and receive homework help from Ms. McCandless. Library monitors will also be available to help patrons look for books and keep things tidy. Primary students must be accompanied by an adult. This is a great opportunity for family reading time in any of our comfy seating options.

## Nutrition at School

One of the best things you can do for your child is to send a healthy, tasty snack and lunch each day. Send a snack and lunch with a variety of food groups included: some fruit, crackers, cheese, a sandwich, both protein and carbs are helpful to refuel and be ready to learn. Try to avoid processed foods or foods with a lot of sugar or at least keep the 'choose least' foods to a minimum. Good nutrition, along with a good night's sleep, are key to a child's ability to concentrate and have a positive school experience. B.C. School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program will begin soon. A notice will be sent home.



## Student Valuables

Parents are reminded that there is **no VSB insurance coverage** for student belongings. Students who bring iPods, cell phones and other devices do so at their **own risk**. These items are to be kept off and in back packs during the school day, unless being used under supervision of a staff member for lessons. When personal items are brought to school they can easily get lost, broken or misplaced. Please keep this in mind, especially with collector cards and electronics.

## Bike Rack



Students are welcome to ride their bikes to school as they can safely be locked up for the day at the bike rack in front of the school. This is a great way to start the day with some exercise – we all know that regular exercise is important to a healthy lifestyle and research shows that starting the day with exercise can get a child's mind settled and ready to learn. Once on school grounds students must dismount their bikes/skateboard/scooters etc. Bikes are to remain locked up for the day for everyone's safety.

## Message from our PAC



Welcome Parents,

We look forward to spending a great year in support of our children at Dr. AR Lord.

This year will mark our inaugural year using Munch a Lunch for our hot lunch program. No more stressful feeling 1 day before hot lunch wondering if you have enough cash handy to submit in that zip lock bag, or if you've submitted your order on time. Now you'll be able to choose and order as many or as few lunches as far in advance as you like. Please let us know how it works out for you as we iron out any bugs there may be. Check your child's papers for instructions on what to do. Or just visit [arlordpac.ca/hotlunch](http://arlordpac.ca/hotlunch).

With a new year comes a new PAC Exec. Please welcome Amarjit, Briar, Jordon, Deniz, Sherrie, Joseph and Emily as our 2018/19 incoming executive members. You will be able to introduce yourselves during our first meeting of the year on September 25th at 6:30pm in the school library. Remember you can bring your children as free child-minding is available.

We would like to take this time to welcome all the new families to AR Lord this year including those transferring from Garibaldi Annex. Welcome and let us know who you are so we can say Hello.

The PAC will be organizing events, fundraisers, the fruit and veggie program and hot lunches. To stay on top of all of this we ask that all families sign up to the PAC newsletter. Your child has a form that you may fill out to give us your address or you may visit [arlordpac.ca](http://arlordpac.ca) to sign up. Email is our primary method of communication and you may communicate with the PAC any time by sending a note to [info@arlordpac.ca](mailto:info@arlordpac.ca). Additionally, you may find up-to-date information on [arlordpac.ca](http://arlordpac.ca) including events, fundraisers, meeting schedules and minutes as well as the hot-lunch schedule and registration.

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

AR Lord PAC

## Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox will be on Thursday, September 27. We will be collecting a Toonie for Terry again this year. The PNE Amphitheatre is the gathering area for the event and the place where schools will assemble and disperse. We will leave the school after 9:00 am attendance. We will meet with other schools at 9:30 am for introductions. The run will start approximately at 9:30 am. Please join us for this amazing event.

Dear Parents and Guardians,



We're thrilled to announce that our school has been adopted by the Bentall Centre Coles, in downtown Vancouver! From September 15 to October 7, this store is going to fundraise on our behalf.

We're also going to be raising funds to support our library through our Adopt a School online fundraising platform, which you can find at [adoptaschool.indigo.ca](http://adoptaschool.indigo.ca).

There are three ways that our community can support our school online at [adoptaschool.indigo.ca](http://adoptaschool.indigo.ca).

1. *Book Bonus*: For every two books you donate to our school online, the Love of Reading Foundation will donate a bonus book, up to 100 books!\*
2. *Tell a Story, Give a Story*. Every time you post a story to our Adopt a School profile, the Love of Reading Foundation will donate one book in support of our school library, up to 20 books!
3. *Adopt a School Story Contest*: "Heart" your favourite story to help a school for a chance to win\* big! The five most-loved stories in each province will be entered into a random draw for a chance to win a \$2,500 Indigo eGiftcard to purchase books for their adopted school. The remaining four top "hearted" schools in each province will win a \$500 Indigo eGiftcard to purchase books! Choose wisely because you only get one shot to "Heart" a story!

Our school is going to receive every dollar raised to support our library and a 30% discount off books when we shop at Indigo, Chapters and Coles using program donations. As you may know, our current annual library budget is not very big. Through the Adopt a School program, we are hoping to raise enough money to fill our library with many books, including current hot reads and up to date non-fiction books. Please visit [adoptaschool.indigo.ca](http://adoptaschool.indigo.ca) from **September 15 to October 7** to show your support for our school library. I look forward to surprising the staff and children at Dr. A. R. Lord with all the new library books this year!

Sincerely,  
A.R. Lord Staff

\* The Love of Reading Foundation values a book at \$10. To learn more, see our Program Overview and Contest Details pages.



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

Thurs. Sept 20	Meet the Teacher Event (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm) Starts in our gym
Fri. Sept 21	Professional Day: No school for students
Tues. Sept. 25	PAC Meeting (6:00 pm in library)
Thurs. Sept 27	Terry Fox Run @ the PNE
Mon. Oct 8	Thanksgiving Monday – schools closed
Tues. Oct. 9	Gym Sense begins
Tues. Oct. 16	Student Individual Portrait Day
Thur. Oct. 18	Big Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill at 10:20 am
Fri. Oct. 19	Provincial Wide Professional Day – No school for students
Fri. Oct. 26	Walkathon Fundraiser