

# 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.



#### 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 2019-2020! 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. All the information about their new class (Teacher's name, Division and Room number) will appear on the Verification Form sent home yesterday. 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.

A message from the City to remind families to please remember to follow the rules regarding no parking and no stopping at the front of the school. You may receive a ticket. The space near the ramp needs to stay clear so that we can provide wheelchair access to the school.

I would also like to ask parents to remind their children who ride their bicycles 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. Students are always asked to walk their bikes on the school grounds. Skateboards, scooters and wheeled shoes are not to be used on the school grounds during school hours as they pose a danger to students and adults. This is part of the Vancouver School Board Safety Policy and applies to adults as well.

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.

Recess and lunch are important times for students to spend with their peers. Participating in social activities is important in a child's development. We ask that families send lunches daily with their child so that they can practice routines and promote and support their learning of social interactions with their peers.

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 of Conduct 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

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to Lord: Carla Tuan (Gr. ½ Teacher), Qua Le (Area Counsellor), Barbara Parkin (Teacher Librarian/Resource), Corrina Anderson (SSA), Jill Springer (SSA) and Amy Shi (Temporary EOC).



Div. 1 – Ms. O’Neill	SSAs:
Div. 2 – Ms. Stephenson	Ms. Doldolea (Veronica)
Div. 3 – Ms. Doyle	Ms. Kennedy (Amanda)
Div. 4 – Ms. Wise (M-W) / Ms. Shore (Th.-F)	Mr. Dhaliwal (Aman)
Div. 5 – Ms. Mitchell	Ms. Salvatella (Monica)
Div. 6 – Ms. Watson (M,T,Th, Fr)/Mrs. Tuan (W)	Ms. Springer (Jill)
Div. 7 – Ms. Phongmany	Ms. Anderson (Corrina)
Div. 8 – Ms. Bains	Ms. Balzer (Shauna pm only)
Div. 9 – Ms. Young	Ms. Shi (Amy)
Resource Team: Ms. Burke, Ms. Parkin	Supervision Aides:
Music Prep: Ms. Young-Eng (M, W, Th)	Ms. Hsu (Sonia)
Teacher-Librarian: Ms. Parkin	Ms. Barbaro (Maria)
Secretary: Ms. Liu (Selina)	Psychologist – Alexis Yau
Engineers: Mr. Leo Rocha, Mr. Alan Morales (afternoons)	Area Counsellor – Qua Le
	SLP – Megan Bamburak
	IEW – Megan Haggerty

### *Reporting*

#### Absences



### 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 Childs 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 information and starting to collect the various fees soon. A package was sent home with the following forms/consents:

- a) **Verification Sheet**
- b) **School Code of Conduct**
- c) **VSB CASL Consent Form - pink**
- d) **“Acceptable Use of Technology Policy” (AUP) Form – green**
- e) **VSB Media Consent – blue**
- f) **Community Walks – yellow**
- g) **BC Fruits & Veggies Program**

**Please use a pen to complete fully & return to your child's teacher by Friday, Sept. 13.**

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 \$35 per student for VSB School Fees to help cover very basic school supplies. We will also be collecting fees for agendas, book bags, workbooks and special activities/school performances. **We encourage all families to pay online.**

*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.*

## Roots of Empathy

This year our Kindergarten students will be participating in the Roots of Empathy Program. This program teaches children about feelings, their own feelings, and the feelings of others. Once every three weeks, baby Arie, her parent (s) and a Roots of Empathy Instructor will visit our Kindergarten classes. The children will have the opportunity to watch Arie grow and reach “developmental milestones. The Roots of Empathy Instructor coaches the children in observing the baby and reading the cues Arie gives as to how she is feeling. Welcome baby Arie to the Lord family.



**Roots of Empathy**



The AR Lord library will be open:

Mondays – 3:00 – 3:20

Wednesdays – 8:40 – 9:00

Thursdays – 8:40 – 9:00

Students are welcome to come check out books, read or work on assignments. Library monitors will also be available to help students 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.



## School Participation



AR Lord provides students with many opportunities to participate in extra curricular activities throughout the year. Students interested in participating in extra curricular activities such as cross country, soccer, track and field, badminton, Talent Show or choir please make sure you listen during morning announcements for sign up information.





Meet the Teacher will be on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. The format for this event has changed for this year. Parents/guardians will meet in the Gym at 6:00 pm where they will be introduced to the staff and a brief message from PAC. Following these messages parents/guardians are invited to their child's classroom where staff will introduce themselves and share topics such as classroom routines, expectations and communication. We will have two 20-minute sessions so that you can attend multiple classes if necessary. This event is intended for parents/guardians to receive important information. If possible, we are asking that students not attend.

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.



### 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.

**Please sign and return the permission form if you would like your child(ren) to participate.**

**Unfortunately, they will not be able to participate until we receive the signed permission form.**

### 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.

### Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be on Thursday, September 26. 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.



### Orange Shirt Day

September 30<sup>th</sup> has been declared Orange Shirt Day annually, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and wellbeing, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters. Please support this event by wearing orange if you have it.

### 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. The Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance school distribution program is online!

All partner school boards can now access [kidsplus.ca/resources](https://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](https://kidsplus.ca) will continue to be available for parents to purchase coverage, access claims forms and full plan information online.

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).

## Message from our PAC



Welcome Parents,

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

In the next week or so we will be sending out some more information on how you can support your children by volunteering at special events, fundraisers as well as information on how you can keep up with PAC events.

Our first call out for support is in our Hot Lunch Program. In order to keep the Hot Lunch Program running this year we need parent volunteers. We require:

- 2 volunteers to wash dishes (at home using dishwasher). Each parent would do this once a month.
- 2 volunteers to help set up and clean up. This would be approximately 2 times a month, on Thursdays for approximately 2 hours.

If you are interested, please email the PAC at [info@arlordpac.ca](mailto:info@arlordpac.ca) as soon as possible. We want to keep our Hot Lunch Program running this year. Thank you for your support.

We will be emailing existing parents to confirm their enrolment in the 2019/20 PAC newsletter. If you are interested in receiving PAC communication, please fill out the PAC consent form that was sent home with your child.

Our first PAC meeting this year is Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 in the library. Please join us. We are looking for new members. We'll be working on solidifying the PAC exec for the current year and outlining our priorities for the year. As a reminder, you may always visit [arlordpac.ca](http://arlordpac.ca) for information on hot lunch, PAC meetings and updates.

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

AR Lord PAC



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

Tues. Sept. 17	PAC Meeting (6:00 pm in library)
Mon. Sept 23	Professional Day: No school for students
Wed. Sept 25	Meet the Teacher Event (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm). Starts in our gym.
Thurs. Sept. 26	Terry Fox Run @ the PNE
Mon. Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day
Mon. Oct 14	Thanksgiving Monday – schools closed
Tues. Oct. 15	Student Individual Portrait Day
Wed. Oct. 16	Jacky Essombe Workshop
Thur. Oct. 17	Big Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill at 10:20 am Trout Lake Cross Country
Thurs. Oct. 24	Walkathon Fundraiser
Fri. Oct. 26	Provincial Wide Professional Day – No school for students
Thurs. Oct 31	Halloween Assembly (Wear a costume to school)