



DR. A.R. LORD NEWS

Code of Conduct
“Create Peace: Be Kind, Be Safe,
Be Respectful, Be Responsible”

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School Hours:

8:55 am – Warning Bell
9:00 am – School Starts
10:40 – 11:00 am -Recess
12:10 – 12:57 pm – 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

It was great to see so many families attend our Spring Concert, “Get in the Game”. What an AMAZING performance by all our students. An event like this does not happen without the support of many people. Thank you to:

- the students and staff for their hard work in preparing for this event.
- the students that helped with set up, AV and decorations.
- the students that participated as emcees and actors with speaking roles.
- the parent community for attending and donating money to support our Fine Arts program. We collected \$590.00.
- Ms. Young-Eng for organizing and preparing the students for this great event. Your hard work and dedication to our Fine Arts program is appreciated.

Athletics are alive and well at Lord. Our badminton team finished off their season at Tupper. They worked hard during practices and games and demonstrated good sportsmanship. Congratulations! Students are still practicing and participating in Ultimate Frisbee and Track and Field. Thank you to all the coaches, Ms. Wise, Mrs. Mitchell, Ms. McCandless, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. O’Neill and to all the parent volunteer drivers. Without all your support these activities would not be able to occur.

Welcome to the staff of Project CHEF. Our library has been converted into a kitchen for the month of May. Students will be learning about healthy food choices and how to make nutritious food for themselves. Our Project CHEF celebration will be a special event. Students, with the help from the Project CHEF staff, will be preparing and serving the treats at the Volunteer Appreciation event. Thank you to parent volunteers for sharing your time and providing extra adult support in our school.

This month we practice our emergency procedures. We participated in a Lock Down drill and our district wide Earthquake drill. The students were great. They know what to do. Try creating a plan together for your home.

Thank you to Ms. Young, Ms. Wise and Mrs. O’Neill for organizing the Earth Day assembly and Earth Day stations. Any activities that support and celebrate our environment is a worthwhile endeavour.

The next few months will be extremely busy. Please check the upcoming events section at the end of the newsletter for important dates.

Enjoy the last two months of school!

Margie Trovao
Principal

Get in the Game Photos



Ms. Young-Eng is looking for videos/photos of the Spring musical. If you can help out, please forward your video/photo on a memory stick (labelled with your name) to her letter box in the office. Thank you.

Welcome to Kindergarten – Friday, June 1

Lord will be hosting our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event for students and families registered to attend our school in September. The event will be held in our gym Friday, June 1 from 11:00 – 12:10. Registration will begin at 10:45. Information regarding this event will be emailed directly to registered families.



Volunteer Appreciation Tea



We would not be able to offer so many opportunities for our students without the support from our parent community. Thank you so much for all that you do throughout the year. If you have volunteered at our school this year, (driven to a sporting event or field trip, helped with hot lunch, helped with classroom activities, etc) please join the staff, students and Project CHEF on Wednesday, June 6 at 2:00 – 3:00 pm in the gym. We would like to show our appreciation for all you do.

Criteria for Class Placement for 2018/19

In May and June of each year, we begin the process of planning for the next school year.

Lord staff works very hard to make the *best possible placement* for your child. There are many factors considered when generating class compositions. They include: academic progress/ability, individual learning styles, classroom interactions between students, specific learning needs in different areas, a balance of students requiring English Second Language and learning assistance support, and information provided by the children and parents.

This is not an easy task. Lord staff invests a great deal of time and thought into this process. It is not a perfect process as there are many variables to consider in our school population; however, our staff considers the individual needs and nature of each child.

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. In a small school, it usually means combined classes.

Placement in a combined class **does not reflect in any way your child's academic ability.** Placement in a combination class at the lower grade does not mean that your child will cover the curriculum of the upper grade or receive an advanced program. The same holds true for a student who is in the upper end of a split class - your child does not receive a non-advanced program because students from a lower grade are in the same classroom; nor will your child be academically penalized by being placed into the combination class, rather than a straight class.

Our teachers do an excellent job of placing all of the students. Make sure that your child's current classroom teacher has all pertinent information about your child. Please also make sure your classroom teacher is aware of any concerns you may have with regard to academic and emotional vulnerability or behavioral conflicts so that these factors may be **considered** in placing students. Please note, we do not place students based on wanting to be with a best friend. If you feel it is necessary to make a written request, please ensure that it is accompanied by an educational rationale for the placement. Writing a letter is **not** a guarantee of placement but an acknowledgement of your interest and hope for your child. Thank you for your support as we strive to create the best possible learning environment for all of the students in our school.

Save the Dates

Year End Celebration: **Thursday, June 21, 3:30 – 6:00pm**

Come join our families and staff as we celebrate an amazing year together!
Look for more details about this event in June.

Grade 7 Farewell and Luncheon: **Monday, June 25**

Grade 7 families, you will be receiving more information in June.

Year End Assembly: **Wednesday, June 27 at 11:00am**



New Lord Logo

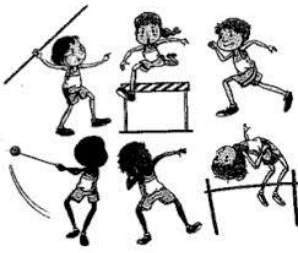


Our Lord Lion needs a makeover. Students and staff are invited to design a new logo for our school. Criteria for the new logo is as follows:

1. Needs to be a lion or lion themed
2. Must be drawn on a 8 x 11 piece of paper (please include your name and division)
3. Drawing should take up most of the paper
4. Include some colour

Please have all entries into the office by Tuesday, May 29 at 3:00. The drawing or drawings chosen will be given to a graphic designer and they will create our new logo.

Track and Field season is here!



Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Burke are coaching students from grades 3-7 on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 8:15 am. There are 4 mini meets at Britannia:

Juniors (gr 3, 4 & 5) on Thursday May 10th and Thursday May 24th

Seniors (gr 6 & 7) on Thursday May 17th and Thursday May 31st

Our final zone meet will be Tuesday, June 5th at Van Tech Secondary School 10am-2pm. Families are welcome at all mini meets and at the zone meet to drive, help supervise and cheer on our team. Good luck to all our athletes!

Safe Arrival & extended period of absence from school



Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. We thank all parents who continue to ensure reporting of student absences are done in a timely manner (by phoning 604-713-5159, extension # 47 prior to 9am on the day of absence).

Occasionally families may request that their child be absent from school for an extended period of time due to a family emergency, an opportunity to travel etc. It is practice within Vancouver Schools that space be held for up to 30 school days at the written request of a parent/guardian. Families requesting an absence of more than 30 school days should be informed, in writing, that space at the school/program cannot be held but that of course should space be available upon their return their child would be re-enrolled. The notification forms are available from the office main counter. Please make sure to return it to the office prior to first day of the extended absence.

School Fees

Please note that the general school supplies fee will still be charged for the upcoming 2018-19 school year.

The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2018-2019 will remain at \$25.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

Message from PAC



Thank you to everyone who came out to the April meeting and a special thank you to the bearers of the treats that kept us energized!

It's May already. May is such a beautiful month in Vancouver, and such a busy month at school as everyone tries to squeeze the last minute events and activities in. We hope you are finding time to enjoy the lovely weather as it has been so long coming!

Even though winter seemed never ending this year, this year's manure sale (March) was a great success again. We want to thank everyone for supporting the event by either buying some bags or lending a hand to make the event happen. Garibaldi School parents were paramount in pulling this sale together - so make sure to give them a high five as you see them in the neighbourhood!

As we mentioned before the amazing Spring Concert, and with the surveys sent home, we are actively looking for some help with the last few events this year, and with next year's activities. The surveys can be dropped in the PAC box, you can also reach out to any of the Exec, or send us a message at info@arlordpac.ca, and we will find the perfect opportunity for you.

Here are some updates on current and upcoming activities:

PAC meeting: Tuesday May 15th at 6:30 in the library.

ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS!

Come out and put your name forward for any of the positions.

Chair, Treasurer, Communications, Secretary, Members-at-Large.

And as always, FREE child minding is available.

Year End Scoot: May 25th at 3:30-6:00: The plans are coming together for this fun neighbourhood outing. The ride will start around 4:00. One, two, four, ten wheels...it doesn't matter - just come out for the fun. We will have hotdogs and drinks after to refuel all the riders. And if the weather is nice bring your bathing suits to cool off in the spray park. We want to thank the PNE for helping to sponsor this fantastic day.

T-shirts and hoodies: We are still selling! The perfect outfit to wear at the Scoot!

Hot Lunch: There are no hot lunches scheduled until June because of all the great food that will be prepared and eaten with Project Chef. Stay tuned for June's delicious feasts, and for some info on how the program will change for next year.

Flip Give Program: E-shop till your fingers drop! Thank you for your continued support of this program. Remember that every purchase gives a percentage back to our school. The portal can be found on our website (www.arlordpac.ca) under Fundraising, or enter this: <https://www.flipgive.com/teams/49445-dr-ar-lord-elementary-pac> into your browser.

Keep updated on these, and all PAC activities, by visiting our website (www.arlordpac.ca), following our social media accounts (@ARlordPAC), and subscribing to our email list. We also post all information on the bulletin board by the back and front doors for easy reading.

Please remember to send any questions or comments directly to the PAC at info@arlordpac.ca or by popping a note into the PAC box at the front desk. And we can't say this enough - we are always looking for input and volunteers.

Enjoy the sun and flowers this month.

Kindly,
PAC Exec

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with clothing and food containers. These items are located near the office, across from the washrooms. Please take a quick look when you drop off your child(ren). All items will be donated or discarded if not claimed by Thursday, May 17. Thank you.



Summer School



The VSB offers many programs over summer break. Please visit the summer school website at <http://summer.vsb.bc.ca> for information and registration. There are a few course calendars and registrations at the office.

Important Upcoming Dates and Events:

MAY

- Mon. May 7 - Project CHEF begins for the month
- Tues. May 15 - PAC Meeting (6:30 in library)
- Fri. May 18 - **School not in session**
- Mon. May 21 - **Victoria Day (school no in session)**



JUNE

- Fri. June 1 - Welcome to Kindergarten (11:00 – 12:00pm)
- Tues. June 5 - Final Track Meet at Vancouver Technical
- Wed. June 6 - Volunteer Appreciation (2:00 – 3:00pm in Gym)
- Tues. June 7 - PAC Hot Lunch
- Thurs. June 14 - Sports Day
- Fri. June 15 - Grade 7 Camp Jubilee
- Thurs. June 21 - Year-End Celebration (3:30 – 6pm)
- Mon. June 25 - Gr. 7 Farewell and Luncheon
- Wed. June 27 - Year-end Assembly (11:00am in gym)
- Thurs. June 28 - Last Day for students
- Fri. June 29 - Admin. Day (last day for staff)