

DR. A. R. LORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



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NEWSLETTER (School Year 2016-2017)

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Dr. A.R. Lord Families and Friends,

It is bittersweet writing this final newsletter for the school year as it will be my last one as the principal of this great school. As you know, I will be moving to Queen Elizabeth in the summer. Ms Margie Trovao will be coming to Lord from Strathcona. Some of you will have had met her at our Volunteer Tea event last month. Ms Trovao is very excited to be back in the 'hood as she was a long time member of the Lord Nelson staff, first as a teacher, then as a Vice Principal before going to Strathcona.

I am not alone in leaving Lord. There are several staffing changes that we are aware of:

Our school psychologist, Kathy Grimm is retiring as is our long time Supervision Aide, Bice. Our other long time Supervision Aide, Maria, also left a few months ago and will not be returning. Thank you to these lovely ladies for all their years of service to our students! Lloyd, our part time SSW will be working at another school next year. Yan's assignment has finished here at Lord as well. Thank you to both for their support of students! Ms Danielle, our counsellor has also been reassigned. She made a big impact in the lives of many students in a very short time. Ms Phongmany will be returning in September; welcome back! But, this also means we need to send many thanks and well wishes to Ms Ferriera, who was here in her place. To all who are moving to various new adventures or roles, best wishes!

Monday's Year End Recognition Assembly turned into a surprise send off! I'm sure that both Maria and Bice join me in saying that we were all thoroughly surprised, humbled and deeply touched by the actions, words and slide show shared by staff, parents and students! What an amazing group! THANK YOU!

Words are not enough but, they are all I have to express my thanks to the PAC, both the official body and all the parents who have supported our school, and me, in so many ways over the past 5 years! Thank you also to the wonderful staff who have enriched my life and the lives of the students they work with every day. Thank you to the students who never cease to amaze and make me smile, and who are always at the core of all we do! I am blessed to have been able to stay for 5 years and have built some lasting relationships, both professionally and personally. I have thoroughly and sincerely enjoyed working together with all of you to make Lord the thriving, caring community that it is! It is truly a great place to live, work and learn! Take good care of one another. I will miss you all!

Have a fun-filled, healthy, happy summer!

Kind regards,

Mrs. S. C. Car



Report Cards: are going home on the last day of school, Thursday, June 29. Those families who will not be at school to pick up reports can choose to provide your child's classroom teacher a decent sized self-addressed stamped envelope with sufficient postage; the office will mail them by end of June or early July. All unclaimed reports will be here for pick-up in September.

Individual Student Medications: if you have left your child's medication in the school office, please come collect it before you leave for the holidays. You can provide updated supplies for us in the fall. The "Request of Administration of Medication at School" form (if applicable) is available from the office.





Late Return: blank forms available from office main counter. This form is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school LATER THAN noon on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 but prior to September 29, 2017. If it applies to your case, please *return it to our office*. Please note: If, by 12:00PM on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017, the school cannot verify that your child will be in attendance by Friday, September 29, 2017, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist.



New Student Registration: June is particularly a busier month for the school and the office, so the VSB District Reception and Placement Centre (DRPC) usually takes over new registrations (from early June until the end of summer). Students who were born in Canada and whose first language is English can register at DRPC located at 1000 East 59th Avenue. Tel: 604-713-5999 Fax: 604-713-5998. For details, please visit:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/drpc/Pages/default.aspx>.

Planning for next school year:

First Day of School

The first day of the 2017-2018 school year will be Tuesday, September 5. Please note the hours below:



New Kindergarten students will attend with their parents from 1:30 – 2:00 pm in the library. Parents will be signing up for an interview time with a Kindergarten teacher. Information about the Gradual Entry Schedule was given out at the Welcome to Kindergarten session. This schedule will be emailed home with the newsletter to new K families. It will also be available pm the first day of school.

All returning Gr.-1-7 students will only attend for the first hour: 9:00- 10:00 am. Students will begin the year in their 2017-2018 class groups. Students should return to their June classrooms; any further information will be shared at that point.

