

# DR. A. R. LORD ELEMENTARY

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**Tuesday, February 22, 2011**

**Dear Families;**

The month of February has been filled with exciting classroom and school activities. On February 16, all of the classes got together for a whole school assembly during which some of the divisions shared a bit about what they are learning in the classroom. One class, division 2 performed a dance piece they choreographed during music/dance with Ms Young-Eng. We also had some student leaders get the whole group moving for an activity break in the middle of the assembly! This assembly was a great way to promote student leadership and it was just one of the high lights of the month. There will be more of these community building school assemblies over the months ahead and parents/guardians are always welcome to join us.

Lord school also had another couple of very successful hot lunches - Chinese New Year lunch on Feb. 4 and hot dog day on Feb. 16. A huge thank you is extended to all of the many volunteers who made the extra special Lunar New Year lunch so delicious. Also to celebrate the start of the year of the rabbit, we were fortunate enough to have activities in the library hosted by the REAL parents & grandparents. Gung Hai Fat Choy to all and thank you to our REAL group for all that you do to contribute to our school community!

Many students came in on the evening of Friday, February 18 to watch Toy Story 3, for another well attended Family Movie Night. Many thanks to the PAC parents who hosted this event.

Our school community has been informed by district staff that the out building at Lord may become the new site for 2 alternate education programs, Sunrise East and East Side. While the initial reaction amongst the school community is mixed at this point, I encourage you to ask any and all questions so that you have the information you are wondering about. Questions, feedback and comments are welcome in writing - they can be handed in at the office by Feb. 25 or sent via email to the Board at [mcaparas@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mcaparas@vsb.bc.ca) Also, you are welcome to talk to Sarah Gray in the office. While this conversation is going on let's remember to stay positive about what is happening right now in our lovely, thriving school. Our students continue to have wonderful learning opportunities each and every day here at Lord. Please read on for a glimpse into some of the high lights in the classrooms.

Sincerely,

Sarah Gray  
Vice Principal

## CLASSROOM NEWS

There are always many exciting things happening in our classrooms every day. Here are just a few high-lights from the primary classes to share at this time.

**Div. 4** The students in division 4 enjoyed a great field trip to the Reifel Bird Sanctuary in Delta to learn about BC waterfowl. What an exciting and perfect day – the sun was shining bright for this trip which was a welcome change in February for all!

Teacher update – Mr. Campbell will be released from his other school to join the grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  class after the March break. Mr. D. will continue to work with the students on Thursdays and Fridays until the switch. We apologize for the delay in the transition but know it is worth the wait!

**Div. 5** More great things are happening with Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Burke and the division 5 students. They are reading to themselves for over 20 minutes now, writing more elaborate and detailed stories and journals and they have recently wrapped up an extended study of the Fin's Friends program about respect and responsibility.

**Div. 6** These K and grade 1 students are busy each day with reading, writing, counting, adding, singing, poems and centres. They are also learning about the importance of kindness and caring to be a good friend, problem solving peacefully and sharing.

**Div. 7** Salmon in the classroom! The K and grade 1 students are learning first hand about the life cycle of salmon and even have a tank full of eggs in the classroom right now. Soon, the eggs will hatch into alevins!

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Our group of student leaders has been very busy this month! First, they planned, organized and hosted a bake sale that coincided with celebrating Valentine's Day. The bake sale earned \$154!! All of the profits are going to support the school's World Vision Sponsor Child, Aruintuya and his family so that they have access to clean water, food, shelter, health care and education. Way to go everyone!!

Student Council has also taken the lead to coordinate the pink t-shirt day, Wednesday February 23. This is a designated day to stand up to bullying and stand up for what is right – treating others with kindness and respect at all times. Wear your pink clothes to show your support.

## TENNIS...THIS WEEK AT LORD!

All classes are learning the basic skills for tennis in the gym every day this week! Expert instructors from Tennis XL are at Lord working with all of the classes. Your support with this program is appreciated. Not only are students learning how to play tennis, they are also learning about good sportsmanship as that is embedded in the Tennis XL teachings and philosophy.

## SENIOR BADMINTON

Over the next few months, students in grade 7 will be invited to join the school badminton team. Mrs. Wong has volunteered to coach both the boys and girls and take them to tournaments at other schools. The philosophy is to give any interested students a chance to participate and learn the game of badminton and to have an opportunity to play against students at other schools. Good luck and have fun!

## ARE YOU MOVING?

We are looking at our registration and enrolment for next September. Please return the hot pink "Are You Moving?" notice in early February. One form per family works well for us. If your status changes or you are unsure of your plans for September, please keep the office informed. Also, we welcome all Kindergarten registration for children who are or will turn 5 years old this year. Please encourage your friends and neighbours who intend to come to Lord in the fall to register now if they have not yet had a chance to do so. Thank you for your help.

## LORD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dr. A. R. Lord Alumni Association (DARLAA) is comprised of mainly Dr. A. R. Lord Alumni. We hope to enhance the learning environment for current students, support fellow alumni, and gain support from local communities. DARLAA will hold many fun and exciting events in the near future for everyone to enjoy! Come join us and strike a win at DARLAA's 1st fundraising event 'SUPER BOWL' on Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm. Contact [lordalumni@gmail.com](mailto:lordalumni@gmail.com) for more information and tickets!  
-Larissa C., *DARLAA*

## PAC ~ THANK YOU

Our school has been able to order a variety of supplementary resources and materials, thanks to a generous donation from the PAC. Recently, we purchased a class set of headphones for the students to be able to use in the computer lab. THANK YOU!

## PAC NOMINATIONS

A. R. Lord Elementary School's PAC is hosting annual elections for its 2011-2012 Executive Committee on **Tuesday, May 10th**. Any parent or guardian of an enrolled child is automatically eligible to be nominated. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the meeting to vote in this election.

## POSITIONS FOR ELECTION

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Positions have a one year term. Regular meetings are held once per month, usually at 6:30pm in the school library. Free child minding is available on site during all meetings.

## HASTINGS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Homework club – this is available for all students aged 9-12 years on a drop in basis. An SFU student is working at Hastings Community Centre every Thursday from 4-5:00 to help students with projects, assignments and homework. This is a free club so take advantage of the extra help. Bring your work and your pencil and plan to stay for the full hour.

## SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is meant to gather information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Over the next couple of months, the Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province.

This year, the survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at:

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey)

Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. All that is required is a logon number that the school will provide to participants; parents of grade 4 & 7 students are asked to please come to the office for your own unique logon code. Each code can only be used once. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site, without a logon number.

School computers will be available to parents during conference time on Wednesday, March 16 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. For parents who do not wish to use school computers, local public library computers or computers at the community centre could be used.

## E-MAIL LIST

If you would like to have your email address added on to our school distribution list, please return the following details to the office:

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address, please print clearly:

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## MARCH 2011

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   |
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| 28 Feb.<br><br>Arts Umbrella                    | 1<br><br>Arts Umbrella<br><br>2:45-3:15 PAC<br>Ideas meeting - library           | 2<br><br>Arts Umbrella                                       | 3   | 4  |
| 7   | 8<br><br>6:30 – 8:30 PAC meeting   | 9  | 10<br><br>9:30 School Assembly  | 11<br><br>Hot Lunch  |
| 14<br><br>Report Cards<br>go home with students | 15<br><br>PM ~ K -7 Science Shows<br>by Templeton Senior<br>Science Students~gym | 16<br><br>Book Fair<br><br>2:00 dismissal for<br>conferences | 17<br><br>Book Fair<br><br>9-10:30 Gr. 3<br>Fire Safety House<br><br>St. Patrick's Day wear<br>green! | 18<br><br>Book Fair<br><br>Last day before Spring<br>break |
| 21<br>Spring Break Week 1                       | 22   | 23   | 24  | 25   |
| 28<br>Spring Break Week 2<br>District Closure   | 29   | 30   | 31  |  |

## APRIL 2011

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
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| 4<br><br>School Re-opens<br><br>Welcome back! | 5<br><br>2:45 – 3:15 PAC<br>Ideas meeting – Library | 6<br><br>9:00 ~ Clean Up Your Act<br>Dream Rider Theatre | 7<br><br>Jump Rope For Heart<br>Kick Off Assembly                  | 8   |
| 11  | 12<br><br>6:30 – 8:30 PAC<br>Meeting - Library      | 13   | 14<br><br>Jump Rope For Heart<br>School Wide Event &<br>Fundraiser | 15<br><br>Pro-D<br>School Closed                        |
| 18  | 19  | 20<br><br>PM – Easter Egg Hunt                           | 21   | 22<br><br>Good Friday<br>School Closed<br><br>Earth Day |
| 25<br><br>Easter Monday<br>School Closed      | 26  | 27   | 28   | 29<br><br>Hot Lunch<br><br>Family Movie Night           |

