

LORD LIONS P.R.I.D.E

PURPOSE, RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY, INTEGRITY, DIVERSITY, ENGAGEMENT

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P.R.I.D.E

Each morning at A.R. Lord, student announcers lead our school community with **purpose**: communicate daily announcements, **respect & responsibility**: welcome students, staff & visitors to our learning community, **integrity**: show kindness with encouragement, **diversity**: celebrate different perspectives, and **engagement**: share their ideas.

Grade 6/7 students are continuing to develop PRIDE leadership as part of the AR Lord PRIDE committee. They will continue to strengthen our school community through activities like spirit days and other special events. More info to come soon.

Thank you for sending your children with weather suitable outer wear. Rain jackets, boots (sometimes gloves) are important tools for biological **self-regulation** here on the wet coast. The school staff have set up the physical environment outside to maximize social and emotional regulation. The primary and intermediate groups alternate play areas each day. Within this structure, student groups in each space are engaged in compatible developmental play.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

www.arlordpac.ca

Email: info@arlordpac.ca

PAC is once again hoping to offer the Hot Lunch program to students. This optional lunch is supplied by local restaurant vendors (past lunches have been *White Spot*, pizza, sushi, *Subway* etc.) and delivered right to the classroom at a reasonable cost to families. Lunch would be offered two times per month and run from January to June.

To be able to offer this service, we are seeking 4-6 parent volunteers to organize and then help run the on-site portion of program.

Duties include being at school on the day of the hot lunch, receiving the lunches from the vendor, and coordinating delivery of the boxed lunches to each classroom while following all required health & safety protocols. Instruction/training will be provided. Volunteers must complete a Volunteer Conduct Agreement. Total time commitment is just a couple of hours per month. We need a team of consistent volunteers organized by December in order to run this program! If you are interested in helping out as a hot lunch volunteer, please email info@arlordpac.ca

The website has fundraising information for [Neufeld Farms](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Kindergarten Registration begins
(born 2017): Nov 1

Photo Retakes: November 17

Remembrance Day: No School
November 11

Early Dismissal @ 2 pm for Parent-Teacher Conferences: Nov. 17 & 18

Pro-D: District Indigenous Focus Day: No School November 26

The **#94DaysForReconciliation** campaign shares the 94 Calls to Action that came out of the final TRC report. Its goal is to keep the calls alive and relevant and to help viewers understand how they are important to young people. Each day, for 94 days, there is a video posted, an article or a picture dedicated to the call to action of the day. Youth from across the country have contributed. Check it out on [youtube](#).

- **Monique Gray Smith**



UPDATES

Arts Umbrella will be in the school for workshops this month. The *Van Go Visual Arts* program will involve 6 classes and is inspired by West Coast landscapes. The workshops will touch on themes of diversity, environmental sustainability and relationships with nature. In the new year, 6 more classes will have the opportunity to work with *Arts Umbrella Stage Coach* (theatre) workshops.

Volleyball

Lord Lions Senior (gd.7) Volleyball team practices on Friday mornings and will play games at Nelson Elementary against local schools on November 3rd, 10th, 24th. Parents (even drivers) are not yet permitted as spectators inside.

Health & Safety Drills

Thank you to all families for your support (emergency contact forms) and participation (Kindergarten guardians) in the October Earthquake and Student Reunification Drills. We were organized and performed a successful drill; even the weather cooperated!

In total each school year, we perform 6 fire drills, 2 lock-down drills and 2 earthquake drills.

Remembrance Day

will be commemorated at school this year with a student assembly on November 10th. We are not yet ready to host the entire student body in the gym at one time, so we are developing a virtual assembly. On November 8th, Indigenous Veterans Day, we will honour contributions made by First Nations, Inuit and Métis Veterans in service to Canada.

TEACHING and LEARNING

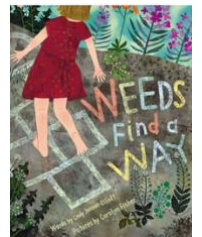
Our school teaching and learning goals: to improve our professional practise of Universal Design for Learning, to improve student demonstration of literacy and to improve student demonstration of self-regulation and social emotional competencies.

Important questions drive our practice and assessment: Where is the student now? Where are they going? How do they get there?

Ways to Support at Home:

[Edutopia](#)

There are many ways parents can encourage emotionally intelligent behavior in their children. Check out [this link](#) for a guide to resources for learning more about character development.



The school gardeners: staff and students in Divisions 10 & 6, followed the provocations from the story *Weeds Find a Way* by Cindy Jensen-Elliott and Carolyn Fisher and landed themselves in the dirt! They have been putting the school garden to bed for the season which means: the students planted some winter greens as well as 20 garlic bulbs for harvest next June. Then they finally tucked in the garden with a healthy layer of leaves to protect it throughout the winter. Division 10 and Division 2 have planted tulip bulbs at the front of the school. We are already looking forward to the beautiful spring blooms.



Communicating Student Learning (CSL)

Parent Conferences will take place via MS Teams this Fall. Please adjust your family schedule for Nov 17th & 18th as students will be dismissed at 2 pm. Families will meet with the teacher online for 10-15 minutes on these days. Scheduling information will be sent out shortly. We will be using the MS Bookings app to schedule conferences this year.

