



Frank Hobbs Elementary

Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri May 19th Pro D Day No School
(Teachers working on New Curriculum)

Mon May 22 Victoria Day No School

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**Our Book Fair was
a huge success!!!**



**We received over \$5,000.00
in book sales!!! Thank you!!**

DANCE FESTIVAL AT UVIC

Our students did a fabulous job representing Frank Hobbs at the Dance Festival on Thursday, April 27th at UVIC.

Our Primary Dance club as well as Mr. Ellison Grade 4 class have been invited back to the HIGHLIGHT CONCERT at UVIC on May 8th

This is an evening performance!

Tickets can be purchased at the UVIC box office.

Notices and Permission forms have gone home!



Will you be returning next year?

**2017/2018 Intention form available on the
school website under the
Parent Information top tab.**

**Please only complete the
Intention form if you are NOT
returning next year.**

Thank you !



Getting a Head Start
on Planning for Next Year

A MESSAGE FROM THE PAC

New playground

The playground sub-committee volunteers have been busy talking to contractors about replacing the old wooden playground which is worn and will soon be removed. We are hoping to be able to install a new playground, incorporating nature elements, landscaping and new equipment. Over \$50,000 has been raised at this time. The total project is likely to exceed \$100,000, so we still need help to make this dream a reality.

During May we're asking for donations for the new playground. With successful fundraising, this project could be a reality as early as 2018. A drop box for cash donations will be placed in the main office. Cheques should be made out to Frank Hobbs Elementary, for amounts over \$25, should you require a tax receipt. *Information on how to donate will be coming home in backpacks over the next few weeks.*

In the month of May, playground designs will also be available in the Learning Commons for you to look over and give comments. We'll be using your feedback to guide the final design, and firm up the detail included in grant submissions. More information about this will be posted on our PAC website as well as being presented at the May parent meeting.

Family Dance

With the nicer weather and busy calendars, we've decided to postpone the Family Dance until the Fall. Hope you are able to get out and enjoy these lighter evenings!

Executive interest

A huge thank you to three parents who have stepped forward to express an interest in supporting the PAC Chair and Co-Chair roles for the next school year. Executive positions will be established at the AGM on Tuesday May 30th at 6pm. Everyone's welcome to attend the meeting.

If you are interested in volunteering next year, please come along too! We're still in need of one or two parents to help coordinate the PAC lunches and perhaps even a school event too. Full training and support will be provided to anyone who is interested in either the executive or non-executive positions.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PAC

Victoria Confederation of PACs

There's loads of news on the PAC website's VCPAC page at frankhobbspac.ca. We'd love to get your thoughts on:

\$1.4 million has been set aside for the district.....what would you like this to be spent on? Technology? Emergency supplies? Do you have other ideas?

Community engagement....how could VCPAC better get information out to parents?

Do you have a teacher that you would like to nominate for an award?

Nominations due to Nicole by May 12th.

Please email our VCPAC representative Nicole Strong at frankhobbs.pac@vcpac.ca with suggestions!

Staff appreciation meal

Thanks to Tricia Schaddelee for arranging this years staff appreciation meal. Over the next couple of weeks, information will be sent to you via your classroom partner, as well as being available on the PAC website at frankhobbspac.ca.

Please shop at Peppers!

Thanks to any Peppers customers who have been remembering to mention Frank Hobbs at the till or when purchasing gift cards at the store. It's another super easy way to support the PAC and get the playground project off the ground. Thanks to Peppers for this wonderful continued support.

Don't miss out

A quick reminder to check PAC website at frankhobbspac.ca. The month of May will be a busy one for school events and playground updates, so please check in regularly!

Thoughts and feedback

A link to an end of school year parent survey will also be coming out at the end of May. This will be in the next parent e-newsletter as well as on the PAC website. We're looking for your input so we can plan next year's PAC lunches and events. You'll also be able to give your feedback regarding the playground designs that will be coming out in May.

Contacting PAC

Apologies for any parents who contacted us in April but did not get a response. We had some technical problems with the PAC email last month. The email account is now running smoothly and you can send us emails again at frankhobbs.pac@vcpac.ca

ON-LINE PARENT COURSE

Discounted Mindfulness Course for Parents

If you have a child who's experiencing anxiety, consider taking an online video course, *Reduce Your Child's Anxiety with Mindfulness Practices*. The course is available for readers of this newsletter for over 50% off, **until May 31/17**.

You'll learn how to do basic mindfulness practices yourself and how to teach them to your child.

See full details on the course and buy at the discounted price at the link below, until May 31/17.

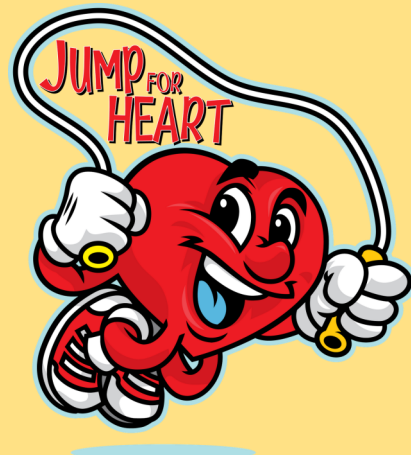
https://www.udemy.com/reduce-your-childs-anxiety-with-mindfulness-practices/?couponCode=VICTPARENTS_MAY17



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

On the afternoon of Thursday, May 11 our Frank Hobbs Students will be skipping for Jump Road for Heart.

Donation envelopes went home last week. Just a reminder that donation are made online only!!



TRACK PROGRAM

GRADE 3-5

Track & Field will begin this week.
Our field has been lined and we are ready to go!

The training will be part of the regular PE program .

Our fastest students in each relay category will advance to the 'Zone'
Track Meet on Wed. May 24th at UVIC Centennial Stadium from
10:00 am—2:00 pm.

Those top runners will then have an opportunity to
participate in the **CITY FINALS** on Thursday, June 1st.



All the details are on our school website.

School Calendar

May

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MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
1	2	3 All School Group Picture	4	5 Pizza Lunch
8 Highlight Evening Dance at UVIC	9	10	11 Jump Rope for Heart	12 Booster Juice
15	16 Popcorn	17	18 Hot Dog Day Spirit Day! Gr. 5 Transition Day	19 PRO D No School
22 Victoria Day No School	23	24 Kindergarten Orientation PM Track Meet @ UVIC	25	26 Booster Juice
29	30 PAC MEETING 6 PM	31 Track City Finals		