

Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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October School Newsletter



Hello and welcome to Autumn! We're all enjoying the brisk fall weather and the changing colours as we're getting well into our new school year routines. Here is a look at what October looks like here at Frank Hobbs ...

Staff Updates

We welcome Mary Walker, our new Educational Assistant! Mary Walker will be with us for the year as she takes Carly Manzon's place while Carly is away on leave.

2021-2022 Frank Hobbs School Bell Schedule:

- Start time 8:53 am
- Recess: 10:15-10:30
- Lunch: 11:36-11:56 (eating) 11:56-12:31 (recess)
- Dismissal: 2:35 pm

Terry Fox School Fundraiser

We would like to say a very big THANK-YOU to our amazing Frank Hobbs Family Community for donating so generously to this year's Terry Fox Fundraiser. We raised over \$2,800!! *Thank-you all!*

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Students and staff across the District recognized the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation Week ran from September 27th to October 1st. Schools were closed on Thursday, September 30th, to mark the new statutory holiday, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which has been known as [Orange Shirt Day](#) since 2013.

Professional Development Day is October 22nd, there is no school for students.

Picture Day is October 5th:

After Picture Day, you can order your child's photos on mylifetouch.ca using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your child's Picture Day Order Form.

Scholastic Book Fair:

The Frank Hobbs LLC will be holding a *Scholastic Book Fair* from Oct. 4-8. We are very excited to be having a fair this year, as it always brings in lots of new, updated, and exciting reading materials for everyone! There will be an in-person fair as well as a virtual fair. We are looking for some parent volunteers to help before and after school. If you are interested in volunteering it's not too late, please contact Ms. Mac at nmcilmoyle@sd61.bc.ca.

The book fair will be taking place in Room 1 of the school. There will be a limited number of individuals allowed in at one time, so patience is always appreciated! Masks are required and hand sanitizing is needed before entering the room.

Interact, Cash, Cheque, and Credit cards are accepted ways of payment.

Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place over the week of **October 4th-8th**

Hours:

Mon.-Thurs.: 8:15-8:45; 2:40- 3:30

Friday: 8:15-8:45; 2:40-5:00

Chess Lessons

We are looking forward to starting Chess Lessons in October . Please remember to pay for your child's lesson fee online at [School Cash Online](#).

Kindergarten / Grade 1 Hearing Screenings

We are pleased that Island Health will resume the hearing screenings for our Kindergarten and grade 1 students. This will take place on November 10th starting at 9am.

Parent Connect:

Just a reminder to those parents who have not yet logged in to Parent Connect to review and consent to any applicable class access forms. There are important online consent forms for which parents/guardians must read and provide consent.

The link: [Parent Connect Sign In](#)

Library Books

Just a friendly reminder to please return your library books on time. Thanks!

Hallowe'en

Students in all grades are invited to either wear orange and black, or dress in costumes on Friday, Oct 29th. We are leaving this decision up to the parents. *We ask that all accessories including swords, fake weapons, and props be left at home.* If there is make-up to be applied, this will need to be done at home, not in the classrooms or in the washrooms. Please be aware that your child will be in a costume all day - if this is a very special or elaborate costume, you may wish to consider something more "outside friendly" as students will still be outside for play, and may get dirty, or your child can wear orange and black!



Health and Safety:

As the weather gets colder, we thank you for performing a daily health check with your child. The process is very important as it helps to keep us all healthy, and helps to stop the spread of Covid 19, colds and the flu. This is the updated message from the BC Ministry of Health: All students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 are required to wear a mask indoors in schools and on school buses.

Student masks: *Please remember to send a clean mask with your student daily, and have a few spares in your child's backpack – thanks!*

Below is the link to District Website that contains all the Public Health and Ministry of Education Guidelines related to the management of COVID-19 and Communicable Diseases

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/departments-services/human-resource-services/covid-19/>

Link to K-12 Daily Health Check App

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>

Information in Head Lice

The above link is simply for your information.

And remember, our [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) has links to our Daily Health Checks for Parents, updated District Health and Safety Information, Parent Connect, School Cash Online, and much more!

School Cash Payments Online: If you have not yet done so, please remember to pay for your student(s) Agenda Planners. We have set up a convenient link for families to pay online for these on our [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) under Quick Links! Thank you so much. (\$7.00 per Agenda)

1000X5 = 1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria - **Bring on the Books!**

The 2021-2022 year has begun and 1000X5 volunteers are into Year 11 of sorting and delivering the 250,000 books for babies and preschoolers which have been so kindly donated by you. Every month we send 2500-3000 books into homes with few resources. Thanks for your donations of books to this wonderful program. We have a pink collection bin for your book donations in our front entryway.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Picture Day October 5th

Thanksgiving October 11th

Pro-D Day October 22nd (no school)

Picture Retake Day November 2nd

Kindergarten/Grade 1 Hearing Screenings November 10th

Remembrance Day November 11th (no school)

Pro-D Day: November 12th (no school)

December 17th Last day of classes before the Winter Break

January 4th First Day Back from Winter Break

Weather and Outside Time

Please remember to dress your kids for the weather ~ at Frank Hobbs we go outside rain or shine!



And now....

Frank Hobbs PAC News!

Calling all swimmers in Grades 2 – 5: School Swim Team FAST program is back for 2021/2022!

Students must be able to swim 25 metres (1 length of the pool) independently. Frank Hobbs practices are held at UVic McKinnon Pool on Thursdays 3:15-4 pm, October 14 through March 3.

Register now at: <https://pcs.poolq.net/program-info/f-a-s-t-school-league>

Registration fees (\$90) will be collected by the Frank Hobbs PAC after you register online. Please pay by check made out to Frank Hobbs PAC and drop in the PAC mailbox in the school or bring it with you on the first day of practice to be collected.

Currently seeking volunteers to walk the kids up to the pool after school. Ideally this is shared by 2 individuals. Please contact Kristin at kd_harden@yahoo.ca if you are able to help or with any questions. **This is a PAC sponsored and supervised event.**



Register for the 2021/2022

SCHOOL F.A.S.T SWIM PROGRAM

Experienced coaches, structured practices, swim meets, team t-shirts, prizes, and fun swimming!

Swim Meets:
Sunday, November 21 9:30am-1pm
Sunday, January 16th 9:30 - 1pm
Sunday, March 6th 9:30-1pm

REGISTER ONLINE:
[HTTPS://PCS.POOLQ.NET/PROGRAM-INFO](https://PCS.POOLQ.NET/PROGRAM-INFO)

COST: \$90 1/WEEK \$130 2/WEEK

From your PAC sponsor,
Kristin Harden Bowles

Thank-you,

Your Frank Hobbs PAC Executive

We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and a safe and Happy Hallowe'en!

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