

# Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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## November School Newsletter



November is the month when we recognize Remembrance Day,  
and we turn our clocks back to Standard Time.

This is what November looks like here at Frank Hobbs ...

### A Reminder of the 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

Attendance: [FHAttendance@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:FHAttendance@sd61.bc.ca) Please remember to use your **child's first and LAST name**.

**Remembrance Day is Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup>, and Professional Development Day is Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be no school for students on those days.**

### Remembrance Day Poppy Drive

Every year, from the last Friday of October to November 11, tens of millions of Canadians [wear a Poppy](#) as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.

While the Poppy is distributed freely to all who wish to wear one, the Legion gratefully accepts donations to the Poppy Fund. At Frank Hobbs, we also recognize the sacrifices made by our past and present member of our Armed Forces – Click [here](#) to donate to the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Drive. The monies collected provide financial assistance and support to Veterans, including Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, and their families who are in need. Thank you for your support, the poppy you wear shows that you care.



**Picture Retake Day is Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

After Retake Day, you can order your child's photos on [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your child's Picture Day Order Form.

**Parent Teacher Zoom Meetings:**

These will take place Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup>. Early dismissal is at 1:35pm. Below is link that was sent out to book your meeting time:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/FrankHobbesElementary@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/s/Mks0QMTn9km5ne62qgFosg2>

Your teacher will be sending out a Zoom link for your meeting.

**Scholastic Book Fair:**

Thank you so much for supporting the annual Frank Hobbs book fair! With your support, the library raised over \$3000 for resources for our school!

**Chess Lessons:**

Lessons for those in Divisions 1-4 have commenced and students are now actively learning how to play this wonderful game. If you have not already done so, please pay for your child's lesson fee online at [School Cash Online](#).

**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.

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

**Library Books:**

Ms. Mac has kindly asked that you please return your library books on time. Thanks!

**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.* The school is responsible for purchasing masks out of our annual budget, for students who forget theirs or for masks that break, so please remember to send your child with more than one every day. Thank-you.

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!

**Lost and Found:**

Our lost and found is bursting at the seams! There are many sweatshirts, sweaters, and jackets, especially in smaller sizes. If your student is missing clothing, please remind them to look in the lost and found closet to claim any missing or lost items.

**School Cash Payments Online:**

If you have not yet done so, please remember to pay for your Agenda Planners or Spirit Wear, on the [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) Thank you so much.



## Homestay parents required for our Greater Victoria International Education Program

Student stays can range from short term (a couple of weeks to 4 months) to a half term (5 months) to a full term (1 year or longer). Students are enrolled in a middle or secondary program throughout the district.

It is a great opportunity for your family to share in an intercultural exchange of ideas, food and life.

Our host families are offered an orientation, on-going support (24/7 emergency line), a homestay manual, and a \$975 monthly student support fee.

To find out more about homestay program or to apply please visit our website: [www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay](http://www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay) or contact Gary Garraway at the Homestay Office.

Email: [ggarraway@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:ggarraway@sd61.bc.ca) Telephone: 250-592-6871

**Thank you for checking us out!**



**Greater VICTORIA School District**

**Connect your family to the world!**

# BECOME A HOST FAMILY

**Why host?**

- Have an intercultural learning experience for your family and the community
- Build lasting friendships
- Help a student between 12 to 18 years be successful studying and living in Victoria
- A \$975 monthly fee will be provided to support a student in your home
- 24/7 assistance provided by the Homestay Department of Victoria International Education

**Families of all Greater Victoria communities are welcome to apply to our Homestay Program.**

*Thank you for your interest.*

**Questions?**  
Speak with one of our Homestay Program Staff at 250-592-6871 or email [homestay@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:homestay@sd61.bc.ca)  
Visit our website for more information on hosting [www.studyinvictoria.com](http://www.studyinvictoria.com)

*"It was wonderful to introduce our students to Canadian culture and also learn about their home country and culture. It's so warming how quickly you become a 'family' supporting one another."  
- Renee R.*

### **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 collection bin/bench for your book donations in our front entryway.

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

Picture Retake Day is November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Parent Teacher ZOOM Meetings are Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - **Early dismissal at 1:35pm each day**

Daylight Savings Ends on November 7<sup>th</sup> – clocks go back one hour

Kindergarten/Grade 1 Hearing Screenings are on November 10<sup>th</sup>

Remembrance Day is November 11<sup>th</sup> (no school)

Pro-D Day: November 12<sup>th</sup> (no school)

December 17<sup>th</sup> is the Last day of classes before the Winter Break

January 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Day Back from Winter Break

**Weather and Outside Time:**

**With the stormy, wet weather moving in, our school playgrounds are getting muddier - please send your child(ren) to school with INDOOR SHOES so we can keep our classes and hallways clean.**

And remember to dress your kids for the changing weather - at Frank Hobbs we go outside rain or shine!



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And now....

**Frank Hobbs PAC News!**

The PAC is an essential part of Frank Hobbs life, acting as the communication channel between school administration and parents; and a way to fundraise for school improvements and programmes which make your child’s school experience better.

There are six PAC meetings a year (currently over Zoom), and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. You will get an insight into what is going on behind the scenes in the school from the Principal and Administration staff, and get to vote on how the PAC spends its budget to support our teachers and students.

In addition to annual fundraisers and events, we are asking for a suggested donation of \$20 per family. For parents unable to volunteer their time, contributions are another way of supporting your child's education through the PAC. Please give what you are comfortable with. Less is fine and more will be put to great use!

To make your donation: Please visit the school cash online site:  
<https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/2967/140/false/true>

\* Fund destination is Frank Hobbs Elementary - **PAC**

A donation receipt will be emailed to you upon completion of your cart checkout.

Give To Greater Victoria School District 61

The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) is a registered charitable organization. All proceeds benefit students of the Greater Victoria School District in numerous programs and activities in the schools. Donations can be designated for a specific school or to the school PAC. Funds donated to the PAC are spent at the discretion of the PAC. If you are donating to a specific school program or activity, please indicate program/activity information in the "MESSAGE TO SCHOOL BOARD" box. Please retain your receipt for income tax purposes.

Gift Information

I would like to make a donation of:  \$20  \$50  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$1000      Other Amount:

Fund Destination: **Frank Hobbs Elementary-PAC**

Tribute Information

This gift is:        Name of honoree:

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 9th, from 4-5:30. Email any agenda items to Jenny at [jennynanninga@gmail.com](mailto:jennynanninga@gmail.com) by November 7th.

To attend, please open the zoom link:  
Topic: Frank Hobbs PAC Meeting  
Time: Nov 9, 2021 04:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/92953925372?pwd=WjI4WUZnRFQ0eUZvcVJtZ0JmTTZxdz09>

Meeting ID: 929 5392 5372  
Passcode: 889799  
One tap mobile  
+16699006833,,92953925372#,,,,\*889799# US (San Jose)  
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Meeting ID: 929 5392 5372  
Passcode: 889799  
Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/adIGciVAGv>



The PAC is run by parents who volunteer their time on the 'PAC Executive' to manage what the PAC supports and how we raise funds.

We are still looking to fill the role of:

- VCPAC Rep
- Fundraising Coordinator
- **School lunch Coordinator** \* This is important if we are to run hot lunches for the last half of this year
- Newsletter Creator
- Mailbox monitor
- As we are able, we look forward to the return of our school events like popcorn days, movie nights, dance night, winterfest, and will look for volunteers to take those on or create their own events!

Some more FAQ's will be sent directly to parents from our newsletter

Please **sign up for the PAC newsletter** [here](#) to find out more ways to be involved, and to keep up to date on meetings, events, and volunteer opportunities! We aren't able to provide any of the student extra's without your help!

In the meantime, **check out the PAC website** [here](#) for ways you can raise money just by buying things you would normally buy, at no extra cost, like groceries from Peppers, baked goods at Cobbs, Labels from Mabel's Labels or Shoes at Finn + Izzy!

Thank-you!

The Frank Hobbs PAC Executive

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***Thank you for your support of the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Drive - we here at Frank Hobbs hope you all have a wonderful month,***

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