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Ingrid Fawcett, Principal Ramy Gerber, Vice Principal

## Welcome back everyone!

We hope you all had a terrific summer and are looking forward to the start of the 2022-2023 school year. The teachers, educational assistants, office team, facilities crew, custodial team, parent advisory council and administrators have been eagerly preparing for the new year.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff:

- Ramy Gerber as our Vice Principal
- Gary Forgie as our new custodian
- Rick Sprigg as a member of our Inclusive Learning Team
- Tanya Timmermans, classroom teacher
- Tracy Johns, classroom teacher

Presently, we are beginning the school year with 13 divisions from Kindergarten to Grade 5. Each year student placements require final touches after we welcome new students and identify students that are not returning to our school. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we make final adjustments to our class lists. Our goal is to have students placed in their permanent classrooms by Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, pending District approval.

***When you arrive the first day of school at 9:00 am the children will return to their classroom from the previous year. Please return to that door and line up there. You will find the teacher names and door numbers posted on the walls outside of the school as a reminder. At 9:00 a teacher will then take your child to their temporary classroom. The first day back has early dismissal at 11:30.***

### **\*\*NEW STUDENTS\*\***

Please line up at under the “New Student” sign outside the front entrance to the school.

September First Week Start Up				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 No School Labour Day	6 School Starts 9-11:30 for Grade 1-5 students only	7 Regular School Hours 8:45 - 2:37 <i>Scheduled Kindergarten Welcome Conversations (As per student letter)</i>	8 Regular School Hours 8:45 - 2:37 <i>Scheduled Kindergarten Welcome Conversations (As per student letter)</i>	9 Regular School Hours 8:45 - 2:37 <i>Scheduled Kindergarten Group Sessions (As per student letter)</i>

**Reminder to Parents of Kindergarten Students:** Group A and Group B staggered start schedules.

### **Covid Related Information**

- Please remember to do your daily health checks - these are required of all staff and students at Frank Hobbs. In order to protect our community, staff and students must stay home when they are sick or have symptoms.

- Hand hygiene will remain a priority, and masks will be a staff and family preference.
- We will continue to update our parent community whenever new information is shared by our Provincial Health Officer.

## General Information

### Parking

- Parking in the Frank Hobbs parking lot is **reserved for staff only**. Drop off in the morning can be very busy. Please consider parking at Maynard Park and walking along the school trail.

### Pick up and Drop off routines

- Please arrive no earlier than 8:40 am. There is no supervision before this time. Children are to go directly to their designated door and wait in a line up for the start of the day.
- Parents/Caregivers of children in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are encouraged to walk the students to the entrance door and wait with them while they line up.
- Teachers will meet the children outside and then escort them into the building. Parents will be encouraged to say their “goodbyes” outside.
- Late students should be accompanied by Parents/Caregivers through the front door to visit the office where the staff will sign the student in.
- At the end of the day the students will exit the school via the same door that they entered through in the morning.
- Children in Kindergarten and Grade 1 will not be released to go home until parents or caregivers arrive.
- We do not have playground supervision at day’s end. Thank you for heading home promptly.

### Materials at School: What to Bring and What Not to Bring

- Please bring schools supplies on the first day. All supplies should be labeled.
- Please bring indoor shoes and even a water bottle to leave in the classroom. Water bottles may be sent home on weekends for washing, please remember to bring them back.
- Please bring all supplies necessary for eating lunch, including forks and spoons. Food will not be microwaved for students.
- No toys from home should be brought to school.
- Dress for the weather. We go outside rain or shine.

### Home/School Communication

- If your child(ren) will be absent for any reason, please be sure to notify us. The preferred method is email [fattendance@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:fattendance@sd61.bc.ca) but you may call the school office at 250 477-1804 (before 8:30 am if possible)
- Each month our Frank Hobbs Newsletter will be emailed to you. Please ensure your contact information is up to date so that we can stay connected.
- In addition, our school website is a great place to keep up to date on school activities. [www.frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca)  
Our website is updated throughout the year.
- We encourage communication between staff & parents. Please initiate contact with staff through email. The staff directory is available on our website <https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/staff-info/staff-directory/>

## Bell Schedule

### Frank Hobbs Elementary Updated Bell Schedule 2022-2023



Start time:	8:45 am
Recess:	10:15-10:30 am
Lunch Time/recess	11:50-12:15pm
Lunch Time/eating:	12:15 -12:35 pm
Dismissal:	2:37 pm

## New Online Forms

- In past years, in the second week of school, students have brought home information packages for you to read that included several forms for you to sign and return. This year the district has moved many of these forms to an digital online format. This year parents and guardians will visit the Parent Connect site to complete the following important forms:
  - Permission for School Field Trips
  - Permission for Neighbourhood Walkabouts
  - Personal Information - Broadcast Media Consent
  - Personal Information - School/District Media Consent
  - Personal Information - School Yearbook and In-School Photo/Video Consent
  - Volunteer Driver Information and Authorization (Adult)
  - Student Acceptable Use of Technology
- When you visit <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect/> you will find more information and video support to help guide you through the process of creating your Parent Connect Account. We ask that you do this **as soon as possible**.
- Later in the year, individual classroom teachers may ask you to revisit this site and approve student use of some online/digital tools that are frequently used in the classroom. (Google Classroom and RazKids are some examples.)

## A Few Important Dates for Early Term 1

- Friday Sept. 23 Professional Development Day (no school for students)
- Friday Sept. 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school in session)
- Tuesday Oct. 4 Early Dismissal (1:47pm): Parent Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday Oct. 5 Parent Teacher Conferences – no early dismissal
- Friday Oct. 7 Deadline for returning Student Verification Forms and completing forms on Parent Connect **and** Individual Picture Day
- Friday Oct. 21 Professional Development Day (no school for students)

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

As your child is registered at Frank Hobbs, you are automatically a member of our Parent Advisory Council (**PAC**). We look forward to your involvement on our PAC and encourage you to bring ideas and interests you have to those meetings. PAC is a great way get connected. The first PAC meeting will be held towards the end of September. Stay tuned for that announcement from the PAC. Please email Jenny at [jennynanninga@gmail.com](mailto:jennynanninga@gmail.com) if you have any topics to suggest for the agenda.

*On behalf of all the staff at Frank Hobbs, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you.*