

# *Frank Hobbs Elementary School*



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## September School Newsletter



We would like to welcome all of our staff, students and families to a new school year, with a special welcome to those of you who are new to our Frank Hobbs family. You are joining a wonderful school community and we're confident that we will provide a positive and successful experience for each of you! Please read on for some important, preliminary information about the upcoming school year.

### Welcome to our news staff:

- Tanya Timmermans, Division 1
- Tracy Johns, Division 2
- Rick Sprigg, Inclusive Learning
- Gary Forgie, daytime custodian
- Ramy Gerber, Vice Principal and Division 10
- Ella Massyn, Claudio Costi and Mylene Laferriere – our new Educational Assistants

**Professional Development Day** is September 23, *there is no school for students.*

### Picture Day:

Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> is picture day! After Picture 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.

### Scholastic Book Fair:

The Frank Hobbs LLC will be holding a **Scholastic Book Fair from Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

The book fair will be taking place in Room 1 of the school, **the times to access the Book Fair in Room 1 will be 8:15-8:40 in the mornings and then after school from 2:45-3:30 Mon/Thurs/Fri, 1:45-2:35 on Tues., and Wed. from 2:45 to the end of parent teacher interviews.** There will be a limited number of individuals allowed in at one time, so patience is always appreciated! Masks are optional.

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

Here is a Virtual Book Fair Link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5171596>

**If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school - Thank-you!**

### Terry Fox School Fundraising

Thank-you so much for your continued support of the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope, we appreciate any donation you are able to make to this very worthy cause! You can make an online donation by clicking on the link <http://www.terryfox.ca/FrankHobbsElementary> or you can bring your donations to your classroom teacher. More information will be coming home with your child in the coming days, on our school based fundraising activity on September 22<sup>nd</sup>!

**Student information Forms:**

Your child(ren) will bring home some important forms for you to complete and sign. Please have these returned to their teacher(s) at your earliest convenience, and no later than **October 7th**. Thank-you!

**Parent Connect:**

There are important online consent forms that parents/guardians must read. Consent rolls over each year. This means that parents/caregivers of students in grades K-8 do not have to actively consent to each digital tool or form each year. *Parents/caregivers are encouraged to review consent items on an annual basis by logging into Parent Connect. Any new digital tool or form that has been added by teachers or administrators will appear in Parent Connect with a notification asking parents to provide or deny consent ("Action Required").*

Please ensure you have signed up and have reviewed these documents.

The link: [Parent Connect Sign In](#) or you can find it on our school website under Quick Links.

**2021-2022 Frank Hobbs School Bell Schedule:**

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

**School Divisions and Teachers:**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
Div 1/RM 17	Ms. Johns
Div 2/RM 15	Ms. Timmermans
Div 3/RM 16	Mr. Ellison
Div 4/RM 14	Ms. Sirdinski (formerly Macdonald)
Div 5/RM 13	Ms. Tevaarwerk
Div 6/RM 12	Ms. Johnston
Div 7/RM 18	Mr. Walasek
Div 8/RM 2	Ms. Chant
Div 9/RM 10	Ms. Pullan
Div 10/RM 8	Ms. Gerber
Div 11/RM 9	Ms. Emes
Div 12/RM 7	Ms. Grew
Div 13/RM 11	Ms. Ewart

**Health and Safety:**

Thank you for continuing the routine of performing a daily health check with your child. The process is very important as it keeps us all healthy, and helps to stop the spread of Covid 19, colds and the flu.

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>

Please note that ...

- Daily health checks are required of all staff and students at Frank Hobbs. In order to protect our communities, *staff and students must stay home when they are sick.*
- Hand hygiene will remain a priority. **Masks remain a personal choice by staff and student families.**
- We will continue to update our parent community whenever new information is shared by our Provincial Health Officer.

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

Reminder that we are an allergy aware school. This includes allergens such as nuts, pets, perfume, etc. We cannot ensure that our school is free of all allergens, but we do our best as a community to be mindful of the food and scented items that we bring into the school.

As we are entering a new school year, the Ministry is renewing its commitment to healthy schools, and there is a renewed focus on healthy foods. We kindly request that you do not send treats like cupcakes and candy to share with classmates. If you would like to help celebrate an event, like your child's birthday, please email your classroom teacher.

### **School Cash Payments Online:**

We have a convenient link for families to pay online for their student Agenda Planners (\$7.00 per Agenda). You will find the link on our [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) under Quick Links!

### **Volunteering at Frank Hobbs:**

We're looking forward to the return of fieldtrips this school year! Teachers will be looking for help with volunteers! As we have gone through 2 years of Covid, with no volunteers required at the school, many forms are now outdated.

If you plan to be involved as a volunteer, please fill out the following forms as the criminal record check can take a few weeks to receive.

[Volunteer Driver Form](#)

[Volunteer Driver Information with Links](#)

Paper Volunteer Forms are also available outside the office.

**1000X5** = 1000 Books by Age Five

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

[1000x5 Newsletter September 2022](#)

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

Pro-D Day: September 23rd

Terry Fox School Fundraiser Run: September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Orange Shirt Day and School Assembly: September 29th

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: September 30<sup>th</sup> – school not in session

Parent Teacher Meetings: Oct 4<sup>th</sup> (1:37 early dismissal) and Oct 5<sup>th</sup> (no early dismissal)

Picture Day: October 7th

Thanksgiving: October 10<sup>th</sup> -school not in session

Pro-D Day: October 21st – no school for students

Remembrance Day School Assembly: November 10<sup>th</sup>

Remembrance Day: November 11<sup>th</sup> – school not in session

Pro-D Day: November 14<sup>th</sup> – no school for students

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### **And now.... Frank Hobbs PAC News!**

Welcome to the Frank Hobbs Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Our 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 programs which make your child's school experience better. Parent volunteers make up our Executive Board and we're looking to fill many positions this year!

We do a direct-ask from families to donate \$20-\$30, which can be accessed here: <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/2967/140/false/true> and selecting Fund Destination: **Frank Hobbs Elementary-PAC**. All online donations automatically receive a tax receipt. Our PAC also hosts several fundraisers through the year, along with year-long rebates from purchases. More info can be found on our website, under the sponsor's page.

Our PAC funds many of the extra's that happen at Frank Hobbs, and without it, many would not be able to run. Science Ventures for K-5, Bike-to-School Weeks, Library Improvements, Outdoor Classroom, Garden Spaces, Playground Upgrades, Dance funding, Music funding, Grade 5 Grad Swag Bags, Tennis, School Counsellor Supplies, Teacher Classroom Funds, and more are provided by our PAC. Thank you for your support of our school, students and fellow parents/guardians!

Details of our PAC news, events and school-related happenings are posted to our website here: [www.fhspac.wordpress.com](http://www.fhspac.wordpress.com) and you can find our Facebook Page under Frank Hobbs Elementary PAC here: <https://www.facebook.com/FrankHobbsPAC>

The PAC holds 5-6 meetings through the school year that are approximately 70-75 minutes long. Meetings are still held over zoom, and agendas get posted the week prior.

We are currently looking for more parent involvement, and need to fill the role of **PAC treasurer**, class reps, and executive members at large. \*No experience needed for any role! Please reach out or come to our first meeting on September 27th for more info.

Our first meeting will be held on September 27th at 6-7pm. The zoom link will be posted to our website and emailed with our newsletters. Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Your Frank Hobbs PAC Executive

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***We wish everyone a great start to the school year!***

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