

Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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October School Newsletter



Hello and welcome to Autumn! We're enjoying wonderful Fall weather and the changing colours in the trees are so pretty. 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:

Michiko Davis, our new Educational Assistant! Michiko will be with us until the Spring.

Rebecca Wild, our new Grade 5 Strings Teacher!

2022-2023 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
- Attendance is 250-477-1804 (press 1) or FHAttendance@sd61.bc.ca

Please remember to use your child's first and last name.

Student Information and Emergency Forms:

Please remember to return these forms to your child's teacher, if you have not already done so.

Terry Fox School Fundraiser:

We would like to say an enormous 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 for your generous support of this important cause!*

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 which ran from September 26th to 30th.

Thanks to Ms Gerber and our student emcees Jayda and Charlie, along with students from Divisions 2, 7 and 8 for contributing to a thoughtful Orange Shirt Day assembly.

Professional Development Day is October 21st, *there is no school for students.*

Parent Teacher Meetings

This week on Tuesday the 4th and Wednesday the 5th, we are having parent teacher meetings - information has gone out to parents from your child's teacher. Early dismissal is only on Tuesday Oct 4th at 1:37pm.

Bike To School Week

This week the weather has cooperated for everyone to ride their bike or scooter to school, in celebration of Go By Bike Week! Students who ride to school are eligible for prizes! See your teacher for details.

Picture Day is October 7th:

After Picture Day, you can order your child's photos at <https://online2.edgeimaging.ca> using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your child's Picture Day Order Form.

If you have more than two children, there is a family plan - at the bottom of the ordering page, parents can click the family plan link which will allow you to fill out a form indicating your children's names - you will then get a code for packages for any more than two children, and those will be complimentary!

Scholastic Book Fair:

The Frank Hobbs LLC will be holding a *Scholastic Book Fair* from Oct. 3-7. 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. Fynn at LFynn@sd61.bc.ca

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 4:15.** 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!

Grade 5 Strings:

We are pleased to announce that there will be a Strings Program for grade 5 students! Our new teacher, Rebecca Wild, will be sending out more information in early October, providing grade 5 parents with much more information on the strings program. Those grade 5 students interested in Strings are invited to a demonstration of the instruments on Wednesday, October 5th from 8:00am-8:45am in the gym!

[Strings Enrollment Letter for Gr 5 Parents](#)

Chess Lessons:

We are looking forward to starting Chess Lessons in October 7th, for our grade 4 and 5 kids. Please remember to pay for your child's lesson fee online at [School Cash Online](#). Grade 2 and 3 start their Chess on January 6th!

[Chess Information Letter for Parents](#)

[Chess Schedule 2022-2023](#)

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 Monday, Oct 31st. 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.

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 2022-2023 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:

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

Scholastic Book Fair: Oct 3-7

Picture Day: October 7th

Thanksgiving: October 10th -school not in session

PAC Popcorn Day: Oct 14 (Oct 3rd is the last day to order)

PAC Booster Juice Day: Oct 20th (last day to order is Oct 10th)

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

PAC Popcorn Day: Nov 4th (last day to order is Oct 24th)

PAC Pizza Day: Nov 10th (last day to order is Nov 1st)

Remembrance Day School Assembly: November 10th

Remembrance Day: November 11th – school not in session

Pro-D Day: November 14th – no school for students

Weather and Outside Time

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



And now some news from our Frank Hobbs PAC!

HOT LUNCHES NEWS

Friendly reminder that last day to place your child's popcorn order is TODAY October 3 by 4pm.

Please follow the link below to place your child's order:

<https://frankhobbs.hotlunches.net/admin/>

Even if you are not ordering lunches please still sign your child up on hotlunch website as this will be how the class rep accesses the class email account and how we will keep you up to date with PAC information.

Families who would like their children to receive the special lunch/snack but who need assistance paying for it, please contact lunches@frankhobbspac.ca

All inquiries will be kept strictly confidential. If more donations are received than are needed, remaining funds will go to PAC general funds which cover many initiatives at school and assist teachers paying for classroom supplies.

Important HOT LUNCH DATES:

Popcorn Day- October 14 (last day to order Oct 3)
Booster Jucie- October 20 (last day to order Oct 10)
Popcorn Day- November 4(last day to order Oct 24)
Pizza Day- November 10 (last day to order Nov 1)
Popcorn Day- December 16 (last day to order Dec5)
Popcorn Day- January 13 (last day to order Jan2)
Romeos Pasta Day- January 20 (last day to order Jan 9)
Popcorn Day- February 10 (last day to order Jan 30)
Calzone Day- February 23 (last day to order Feb 13)
Popcorn Day- March 10 (last day to order Feb 27)
Sushi- April 6 (last day to order March 27)
Booster Jucie- April 21 (last day to order April 10)
Popcorn Day- May 5 (last day to order April 24)
Romeos Pasta Day- May 26 (last day to order May 15)
Popcorn Day -June 9 (last day to order May 29)
Pizza Day- June 23 (last day to order June 14)
(dates are also on our school calendar on our school website)

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

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