

Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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February School Newsletter



Hello and Happy February! This month we celebrate inclusion with Pink Shirt Day, love and friendship with Valentines's Day, and togetherness with Family Day... *what a wonderful month!* Here at Frank Hobbs, this is what we have to look forward to

2022-2023 Frank Hobbs School Bell Schedule:

- Start time 8:45 am
- Morning 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 (late or absent)

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

Reminder: Professional Development Day is Friday, February 17th and Family Day is Monday, February 20th, there will be no school for students on those days.

Pink Shirt Day:

Pink Shirt Day is the day we bring more awareness to the issue of bullying in our schools and workplaces. We do this to discuss ways to be kind to one another, and to actively create a more inclusive environment for everyone.

We encourage everyone to wear pink on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd - we will be having an assembly in the morning.

Here at Frank Hobbs, we know the importance of kindness and respect being practiced every day of the year.

Parking at Frank Hobbs:

Unfortunately we are seeing non-staff vehicles parking in our staff parking areas in the front of the school. We have *very* limited staff parking, and our staff vehicle spaces are full on a regular basis. Frank Hobbs staff, School District visitors and temporary replacement staff all use our staff parking; **there are no non-District visitor parking spaces available.** Please, if you are needing to park your vehicle for school purposes (student pick up, drop off, volunteering, etc) you will need to park on Haro Road, or down by Maynard Park and use the short pathway to the school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Tree Maintenance Work:

Recent maintenance work has been done to the area surrounding some of our school trees; a small fence has been erected in an attempt to protect the tree roots. Natural erosion and use of the area by students has displaced valuable protective soil around their bases, making the trees more vulnerable. We hope this fence project will better protect our school trees, keeping them healthy and strong for years to come.

In addition Bartlett Tree Services will be doing some work on our heritage maple tree, at which time they'll be speaking with some classes about the tree trimming project on the morning of Feb 7th. Parents are welcome to stop by and listen in. Please connect with your child's teacher to see if their class is involved.

School Clubs:

We're excited that our wonderful staff at Frank Hobbs offer many opportunities for extra-curricular activities, including Dance Club for grades 2-5, Basketball for grades 4/5, Book Club for grades 4/5, and Drama Club for 4/5. Our goal at Frank Hobbs is to have our students in the K/1 grades actively participate outside and build relationships on the playground during our recess breaks. Physical activity and learning to play well with others is paramount for our younger grades.

Library News:

The grade 4/5 Book Club has started and it's off to a great start - thanks Ms. Fynn!

We've recently had several books borrowed from the Frank Hobbs library returned to local Public Libraries by mistake. Please, make sure that library books borrowed *from* our school are returned *to* our school – on time, and in good condition for the next student to enjoy. Thanks!

We Appreciate our PAC:

Thank you to our PAC for all the support this year. A special thank you to President, Jenny Nanninga, and to Elaine Flores (and her parent volunteers) for organizing the hot lunch fundraisers. Also a big thank you to Megan Hofmeyer for her work in the ordering and distribution of our Grad Hoodies and School Spirit Wear, and to Michelle Horn for organizing the PAC Movie Night. We love our amazing Frank Hobbs PAC!

Dogs At the School:

Please be aware that we do not allow dogs inside of the school at *any* time, and any dogs outside on our school grounds ***must be leashed*** at all times. If you do bring your dog to the school, please pick up after them and deposit their bag in the nearest garbage receptacle. Thank you for keeping our school grounds clean and safe for our kids.

Baseball Opportunity:

Please go to the link below or visit Carnarvon.ca for registration information.

<https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2023/01/Carnarvon-Registration.pdf>

Health and Safety:

Link to K-12 Daily Health Check App

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

[Head Lice - Updated Information for Families](#)

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, the School Calendar, student artwork, staff contact information, and much more!

School Cash Payments Online: If you need to make a payment, please go to our [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) under Quick Links! Thank you so much.

1000X5 = 1000 Books by Age Five

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

Thanks for your donations of books to this wonderful program. We have a collection bench for your book donations in our front entryway.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- February 3rd: PAC Popcorn Day (Jan 23rd last day to order)
- February 17th: Professional Development Day – no school for students
- February 20th: Family Day Stat holiday
- February 23rd: PAC Calzone Day (Feb 12 last day to order)
- March 10th PAC Popcorn Day (Feb 27 last day to order)
- March 20-31st: Spring Break
- April 7-10th: Easter Holiday – no school for students

Weather and Outside Time

Please remember to dress your kids for the winter weather ~ we go outside rain or shine... *or snow!!*



And now....

Frank Hobbs PAC News!

February PAC Meeting



Next PAC meeting is Wednesday, February 15th @ 8pm.

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87231667425?pwd=QnhyMFBCNjIjOZlVESE1VTDJVRUJzZz09>

PAC Information For New Frank Hobbs Families

For those new to our school and to what the PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) is, we've created a link for you to access some answers to who we are and what we do...and how you can get involved!

<https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2023/01/PACFAQ-22-231.pdf>

Hot Lunch



This Friday, February 3rd is the deadline for Calzone day on February 23rd. Deadlines are set by the food providers, so unfortunately cannot accommodate any changes after those dates. Please follow the hot lunch website: <http://frankhobbs.hotlunches.net> to place your order. We look forward to Popcorn Day this Friday! A Big thank you to Elaine, who coordinates all our PAC supported food.

Did you know that this runs as a fundraiser and provides our PAC funds that go right back to funding field trips, extra programs, and activities at our school?! Thank you for your support!

Bottle Drive



Caddy Bay Liquor has graciously donated all their returnables to our PAC. We have a charity account at all ReturnIt depots and are always looking for more volunteers to pick up and return store bottles. Our PAC is also hosting a bottle drive in the spring and looking for volunteers to help. Please get in touch if you are able to help in any way!

West Coast Seeds



West Coast Seed Fundraiser is back for another year! Join our group order until **February 27th** with free shipping and our PAC gets 40% back from all seed orders. West Coast seeds believe in the principles of organic growing and sustainable agriculture. Food and all plants should be grown without the use of synthetic chemicals and that the seeds they supply are an important component within the broader conceptual approach to organic gardening. West Coast seeds is committed to supplying us with non-GMO, high-quality, untreated seeds and provide varieties that are proven to grow well in our West Coast climate.

Visit: <https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com>

Shop by adding items to your cart, Adding our organization Frank Hobbs Elementary PAC as you check out. Any questions, please email Jenny: jennynanninga@gmail.com

Parent Education Opportunity



Our PAC is joining other school PAC's to provide an online education session for our families. The White Hatter's Digital Literacy and Internet Safety For Parents and Caregivers **Wednesday March 1st from 7pm - 9pm**. Our PAC pays the fee so that our school community can attend free of charge. The presentation is virtual and the link will be available during our mid-month newsletter.

Looking for a parent volunteer to run a February or March Event!



We currently have an empty calendar for Term 2. If you can help coordinate with other volunteers, it's not as hard as it seems!

Still looking for Garden Bed Help and Fruit + Vegetable Coordinator! Please come to our February meeting or send us an email if you can help!

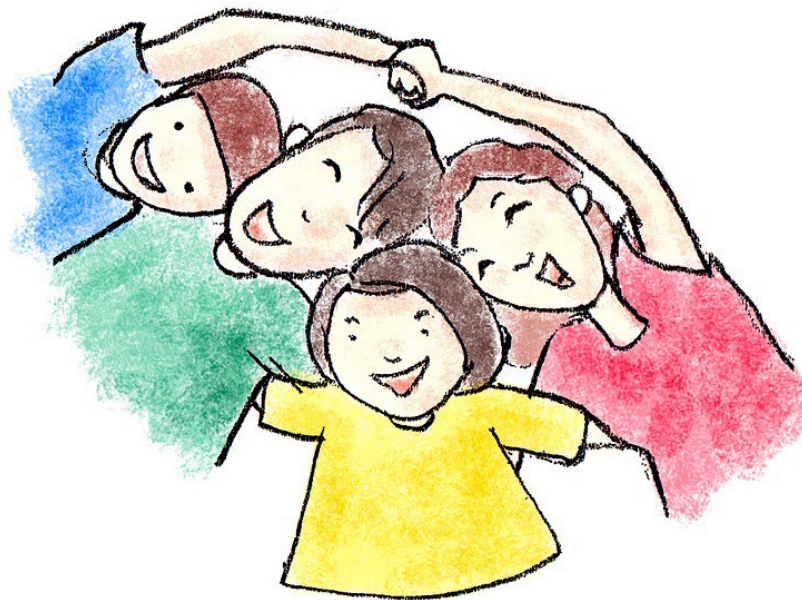
In Mr. Walasek's or Mrs. Johnston's Class? We're still looking for a parent rep and it's not too late to sign up! Please email frankhobbsclassreps@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our PAC Executive.

Your Frank Hobbs PAC Executive

We hope you all enjoy some special time with your families, and have a love'ly month -

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Happy Family Day!