

# *Frank Hobbs Elementary School*



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## *April School Newsletter*



We've reached the month of April and that's no joke! April showers bring May flowers, as well as the Easter Holiday! Here at Frank Hobbs, things are hopping right along...

### **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](mailto:FHAttendance@sd61.bc.ca) (late or absent)

*Please remember to use your child's first and last name - thank-you.*

### **Easter Long Weekend:**

The holiday runs from April 7<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Student Pictures and Artwork**

Please continue to visit our school website to see current school photos of all the fun and interesting activities going on here at Frank Hobbs!

Class Photos will be taking place on Friday, May 5th. More information will be going home closer to the date.

## School Clubs

Thanks to the staff sponsor volunteers and student organizers for the following club opportunities, that we have enjoyed *or will be* enjoying in the coming weeks and months:

Drama Club	Baseball Club	Soccer Club
Dance Club	Running/Track	Spirit Club
Origami Club	Basketball Club	Cross Country

...& thanks also to our Library and Lunch Monitors!

## CHEK News Visit

Thank you so much to the School District, the Chamber of Commerce and Chek News for arranging the Guess My Job event for the Grade 4/5 students at Frank Hobbs. It was an amazing opportunity for students to learn about potential jobs. In preparation for this event, grade 4/5 students practiced asking yes and no questions, brainstormed parent/guardian jobs, and explored details of interesting jobs. Through an engaging assembly organized and presented by Bonnie Alexander, students were introduced to four panelists with varying jobs. Once their jobs were revealed, students learned more about each job. Following this event, students participated in a contest to win a field trip to a unique job site. Ms Sirdinski and Mr Ellison's classes won the trip to Chek News by designing potential new jobs of the future. A big thank you to the School District and the Chamber of Commerce for this event. The students were thrilled to visit Chek News to learn about how the news is prepared for presentation. They especially enjoyed the opportunities to be on camera.

## Arbutus Grove Out of School Care

For information on the program, and space availability for the coming year, please go to their website:

<http://www.arbutusgrove.ca/out-of-school-care>

## Library News:



We've had the Greater Victoria Public Library advise us that some of our library books are being accidentally dropped off at their branches. Please check to make sure that the library books that belong to Frank Hobbs get returned to *our* library - and please return them on time. Thanks so much! And mark your calendars, the Springtime Scholastic Book Fair is set for June 6-9<sup>th</sup> – more details to come as we near the date.

## Health and Safety:

Here is a link to our March Mental Health Snapshot:

[March Snapshot](#)

Alternatively, you can click on the Snapshot link on our school website under Quick Links

### **Daily Health Checklist:**

We thank you for continuing to perform 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. *Please keep your child(ren) home to recover fully from these terrible flu bugs, so they don't spread to others!* Our [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) has links to all updated District Health and Safety Information, Parent Connect, School Cash Online, and much more!

### **Student Learning Survey For Parents of Grade 4 Students**

Thank-you, this has been completed by all of our grade 4 students!

### **Parking**

Friendly reminder that the onsite school parking lot is for staff only. Parents, please do not occupy these parking spots *even for a short period of time*. We welcome you to park on the street and walk into the school grounds to collect your children.

### **Signing In/Out**

Please remember to sign your child(ren) in/out at the office. Please remember that when your child arrives late to school, you must sign them in at the office window...AND if you take your child home early, you must also sign them out at the office window. This is not only for attendance accuracy, it is also for safety reasons should we have an emergency and need to evacuate the building. Thank-you!

### **School Cash Payments Online**

If you need to make a payment for a field trip or other school activities, please go to our [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) under the Quick Links to School Cash Online Payments - Thank you so much.

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

Every month this program sends 2500-3000 books into homes with few resources. Thanks for your donations, we have a collection bench for any younger children aged book donations, in our front entryway.

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- First day back from Spring Break is April 3rd
- PAC Sushi Day is April 6th
- Easter Weekend is Friday April 7 – Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>
- PAC Booster Juice Day is April 20 (April 10<sup>th</sup> : last day to order)
- Student Led Conferences are on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
**(EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS ON APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:00PM, NOT 11:50AM)**
- Class Photo Day and PAC Popcorn Day is May 5<sup>th</sup> (April 24 : last day to order)
- Professional Development Day is May 19<sup>th</sup> – no school for students
- Victoria Day is May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- PAC Romeo's Pasta Day is May 26<sup>th</sup> (May 15<sup>th</sup> : last day to order)
- PAC Popcorn Day is June 9<sup>th</sup> (May 29<sup>th</sup> : last day to order)

## Weather and Outside Time

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



And now....

## Frank Hobbs PAC News!

PAC News for April

April PAC Meeting



Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, April 19th @ 8pm Zoom

link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87231667425?pwd=QnhyMFBCNjloZlVESE1VTDJVRUJzZz09>

## Hot Lunch



The cut off for April's Booster Juice is April 10th at 3pm. Please have orders placed and paid for by this date. Another important deadline is April 24th at 3pm for May's Popcorn Day.

Please consider ordering both at the same time if you are able. Thank you to the volunteers who help deliver our hot lunch items to classes, and Elaine, who coordinates all our hot lunch items through the year!

Please email [lunches@frankhobbspac.ca](mailto:lunches@frankhobbspac.ca) for any questions.

## Bottle Drive



Sunday, April 16th from 10 - 4 we will be holding a bottle drive in the village parking lot. We are also looking for more volunteers to help - shifts are only 2 hours and you can sign up on our [Volunteer sign up](#). Please save your bottles and cans and bring them to our donation site outside of Caddy Bay Liquor!

Additionally, Caddy Bay Liquor has donated returnables to our PAC, and we have a charity account "Frank Hobbs PAC" at all Return-It depots. We are always looking for more volunteers to pick up and return store bottles. Time commitment is 1-1.5 hours per month. Thank you!

## Spring Flower Fundraiser



Don't forget - Order Deadline is **Wednesday, April 5th**. 10", 12" and 14" hanging baskets and flower pots are available for purchase. The flower baskets and plants are grown locally and will be available in time for Mother's Day, with pick up on Thursday, May 11th and Friday May 12th. Full selection with photos are posted to the PAC website and can be found here: <https://fhspac.files.wordpress.com/2023/03/2023-spring-fundraiser.pdf>

You can place your order on your child's hot lunch account: <https://frankhobbs.hotlunches.net>

## Frank Hobbs Garden ... Initial Planning Phase



We are looking to put together a **Garden Committee** for a new and exciting project - a vegetable garden at Frank Hobbs School! We are hoping to create a garden where staff and students can learn and have fun as part of their year-round education. We are looking for volunteers who are interested and excited to be a part of this project. No skills or talent necessary, just a love for outdoor education. Please email [frankhobbselempac@gmail.com](mailto:frankhobbselempac@gmail.com) for more info.

## Seed exchange and Plant Sale



Our PAC is working to create a seed exchange in conjunction with Earth Day. Please save your extra seeds and seedlings - more information will be coming after March Break!

## Purdy's Fundraiser



Thank you to those who supported our West Coast Seed fundraiser and Easter chocolate fundraiser. All seed orders have been delivered and chocolate orders will be available to pick up by April 3rd. We will contact you to make arrangements.



**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](mailto:frankhobbsclassreps@gmail.com) with any questions or to volunteer. Thank you to the class reps who are supporting their child's classroom and teacher in this capacity!

On behalf of your PAC executive, thank you for your ongoing support.

### **New to us and want more information on the PAC and what they do?**

[Click here for PAC FAQ's](#)

Additionally, parent volunteer Courtney Hutchings has offered to be a PAC Representative for new families that join our school community. Her role is to welcome our new families to the PAC, and help bridge communications with PAC related happenings at the school!

You can reach out to Courtney at her email address: [cocohutchings@gmail.com](mailto:cocohutchings@gmail.com)

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***We hope you have a wonderful month -***

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