

Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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June School Newsletter



Welcome to June – this school year has just flown by! This month we celebrate our Fathers, ring in the official start of Summer, celebrate National Indigenous Day, bid a fond farewell to our grade 5 students.. *and we wish you all a wonderful summer break on the 29th!* Here at Frank Hobbs, June looks like this...

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 - thank-you.

September Planning

School planning for September is well underway. If you know your child will NOT be returning to Frank Hobbs in September please email the school ASAP at frankhobbs@sd61.bc.ca to let us know. Thank you.

Go By Bike Week

May 29th – June 4th is Go By Bike Week

Frank Hobbs Elementary is once again proud to be participating in the Greater Victoria 'Go By Bike Week'. For each student who rides a bike, skateboard or scooter to school, Mr. Walasek will post stickers on the whole school participation poster.

Each day, every student who participates will also get a ticket into a raffle. Through a generous donation from our PAC, our school will draw for bicycle related prizes.

The weather for the week looks very promising to encourage student participation!!!

Grade 5 Celebration:

Our grade 5 Teachers and support staff are planning our celebratory farewell to those students who are moving on to Middle School. Please click the link for more information on the year end celebration: [Grade 5 Celebration](#)

Frank Hobbs Dance:

Some important upcoming dates for upcoming dance performances:

- Thursday June 15th - Div 13 performance, parents invited - 2:20 pm in the gym
- Friday June 16th - Final dance club bake sale. Room 1 - 2:45-3:45
- Wednesday June 21st - Div 1,2,3 performance, parents invited - 2:15 pm in the gym

Mt. Doug Evening of Dance

[Information on Mt Doug's Evening of Dance](#)

Growing Kids!

As the school year is nearing completion, we're seeing many children coming to the office asking for snacks to supplement their lunch. Please check in with your child(ren) and if they're needing a little more to eat in their lunches, *and if you are able* to add another healthy snack to their lunch box, it will help them to power through the day! Otherwise the office will continue to provide a healthy snack to those kids who might otherwise go without.

Whole School Beach Day

On Tuesday, June 22nd our classes will be walking to Gyro Park Beach. We plan to leave the school around 11:30, returning to the school around 2:30 p.m.

Here is a quick checklist of things to remember to bring (all with child's name on please):

- A bottle of water (no glass)
- Lunch
- A hat
- Sunscreen (please put sunscreen on your child before they leave home)
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Towel
- Small beach toys may be brought to Gyro (shovels, buckets, etc.) Remember that your child will be carrying whatever he/she brings and everything should have his/her name on it.
- A good backpack to carry all of the above would be great.

Please note: there will be **NO swimming or playing in the water** – this is a School District expectation. Students with parents attending will also need to remain out of the water as this is a school sanctioned field trip.

Parents and other family members are more than welcome to join us. We will need parent helpers to walk to the beach and help supervise.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in making this a safe and fun year-end celebration for all our students.

LOST AND FOUND

Clothing that has been lost will be put on the rolling cart, outside, starting Monday June 19th and will be up until Thursday June 29th, after which time items will be donated. Please come and collect your child's lost items prior to summer break.

Welcome to Kindergarten

The event for our new Kindergarten parents/guardians will take place on Monday June 6th and Tuesday June 7th after school at 2:50, at the front of our school.

Child's Last Name A – J Monday, June 6 2:50 – 3:50pm

Child's Last Name K – Z Tuesday, June 7 2:50 – 3:50pm

Homestay Information for Parents

The Greater Victoria School District's International Student Program provides homestay accommodation for international students studying in the district's middle and secondary schools. They are currently looking for new host families. Hosting a student is a great opportunity for cultural exchange and the program offers orientation and on-going support. \$1100 per month is provided for student support (after July 1st.)

For more information, please reach out:

Website: www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay Email: homestay@sd61.bc.ca Phone: 250-592-6871

<https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2022/05/VIE-Homestay-Information-PDF-May-2022.pdf>

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:

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be held on June 6-9th!

Book Fair Hours:

Tuesday, June 6- Friday, June 9: 2:45 pm- 3:45 pm in Room 1 beside the office.

Thursday and Friday only 8:20am - 8:40 am

The Library will be closed for book signout in June - **Please return ALL library books back to the school ASAP. Thank you!!**

Health and Safety:

Daily Health Checklist:

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 not only of Covid 19, but also the cold and the flu. Click on the pdf below for more information on how to perform this important health check with your family:



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And remember, our [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) has links to all updated District Health and Safety Information, Parent Connect, School Cash Online, and much more!

2023-2024 School Schedule

- Start time will be 8:45am start and a 2:37pm finish.
 - Lunch Recess 11:50 – 12:15pm
 - Eating Period 12:15 – 12:35 pm

School Calendar for 2023-2024

The Board approved the District calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. This calendar highlights non-instructional days, vacation breaks, school openings and last day of classes

[2023-2024 District Calendar](#)

Parking

Friendly reminder that all onsite school parking 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.

Outdoor Plants Around Playground Areas

Please speak with your children about the importance of *not picking or eating* any flowers, berries, leaves, mushrooms, or any other natural things found in our outdoor play spaces. Thank-you!

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. Thank-you!

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 -

Summer is coming and the 1000X5 Program needs your used books for our children to read over the summer! Thanks for your donations, we have a collection bench for your book donations in our front entryway.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Go By Bike Week: May 29th – June 4th
- Welcome To Kindergarten Event - June 6th & 7th at 2:50 pm
- Scholastic Book Fair - June 6th-9th
- PAC Popcorn Day - June 9th (May 29th : was the last day to order)
- National Indigenous Day -June 21st
- Gyro Park Whole School Field Trip - June 22nd
- Grade 5 Celebration - June 28th, 1:30pm in the Gym
- Last day of school for students and whole school assembly - June 29th

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!

June PAC News

PAC Vacancies for Next Year

We are still looking for a PAC Chair, Class Rep Coordinator, a Social Media Monitor or two and a Newsletter Coordinator for next school year. Do you have some time or skills you can lend? We would love to hear from you - please email current Chair, Jenny, at frankhobbselempac@gmail.com or come to the first meeting in the school year - details will be sent out in September.

Hot Lunch



Popcorn Day is coming up on Friday, June 9th and ordering is now closed. Please place pizza orders by June 12th for Friday, June 23rd's Pizza day. Proceeds from all our hot lunch programs go back into every classroom. We are able to supplement classroom supplies, fund field trips and educational programs throughout the year.

This year, our hot lunch program has made over \$6500 that goes right back into our school - ***Thank you for all your support!***

A very special thank you to Elaine Flores, who has coordinated our entire hot lunch program this year. Without her, we would not have these extra treats or the extra income to support our school. Thank you, Elaine!

End Of Year BBQ - Wednesday, June 28th



Our PAC Executive is excited to be providing an End-Of-Year BBQ on Wednesday, June 28th from 3-6pm. There will be a BBQ to purchase a burger or hot dog (and veggie and gluten-free options) with chips and a drink for \$5. We will also be selling freezies for \$1, and have booked the Candy-Time truck for other snack options. Bring cash for purchases. ***New this year***, the PAC has also booked 2 large bouncy castles and are looking for some other low-cost entertainment/activities. **We are in need of volunteers to help run this event.** Please email frankhobbselempac@gmail.com if you can help, or have any suggestions, leads or questions.

2023/2024 School Supplies – Important information and ordering deadlines for families



Our PAC has been working hard to look at some changes to school supplies. For Kindergarten students, this process will be different from previous years.

For students entering grades 1-5 in September, we will be using Monk Office to supply kits. Parents can order supplies through Monk's as in previous years. Please see the attachment below for the Monk's order.

What Grade 1 to 5 parents need to know:

- Visit bts.monk.ca and enter your **PAC Code: 278564** on the SHOP page
- All items are optional so you can order what you need. Please review the [school supply list](#) to determine quantities needed.
- If you place your order by the **DEADLINE of July 19th**, Monk's will contribute a portion of the proceeds to the PAC to support school programs, and they will deliver directly to the school.

For students entering Kindergarten in September:

We will be running a trial of a new whole-class school supply ordering system. Supplies will be ordered in bulk and delivered directly to Kindergarten teachers.

By purchasing supplies in bulk, the PAC will help parents save money and time, as they will not need to buy supplies individually and we pass the bulk savings to families.

What Kindergarten parents need to know:

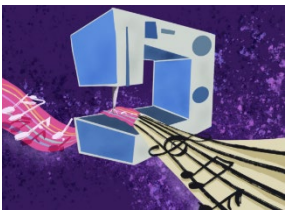
- **Please do not buy school supplies**
- All required supplies for Kindergarten students will be ordered and delivered to classroom teachers by the PAC directly
- Kindergarten parents will be asked to make a donation to the PAC in September through the hot lunch platform to cover the cost of their child's supplies – Kindergarten parents will receive more information about this directly.

Summer Watering



The Grade 4/5 class has planted new seedlings at the school and we need to keep them alive. We are looking for families who live in the area to sign up for weekly waterings 2 or 3 times during their week. This is a great activity to do while visiting our school grounds for a playground play, and take care of our grounds at the same time. If you can help, please sign up [here](#).

Can you sew, or know someone who does?



Our music department has some fabric straps with bells that need mending. Do you know anyone who can help repair - maybe a parent, grandparent, neighbour or friend? Please email frankhobbselempac@gmail.com. Thank you for lending your skills!

On behalf of the PAC Executive, we are very thankful for the wonderful community of families at Frank Hobbs and their ongoing support. Thank you for such a great year. We hope you have a fun, safe and enjoyable summer break!



Your Frank Hobbs PAC Executive

We hope you have a safe and happy summer vacation - we'll see you in September!

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**HAPPY
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