

Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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February School Newsletter



Hello and Happy February! This month we celebrate inclusion and kindness with Pink Shirt Day, love and friendship with Valentine'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 (eating time) 12:15-12:35 (outside recess)**
- **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 16th and Family Day is Monday, February 19th, 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. 28th* when we will be having an assembly in the morning. Here at Frank Hobbs, we teach the importance of kindness and respect being practiced every day of the year.

Parking at Frank Hobbs:

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.

Social Media Awareness Family Sessions:

Saferschoolstogether in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, have opened up four dates for "Social Media Awareness" Family Sessions. These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers in navigating the digital world. Dates, times and information to register can be found in this link: [erase Family Sessions \(saferschoolstogether.com\)](https://www.saferschoolstogether.com)

School Clubs:

We're excited that our wonderful staff at Frank Hobbs offer many opportunities for extra-curricular activities, including Dance Club with Mrs. T for grades 2-5, Floor Hockey with Mr. Walasek for grades 2/3, & Mr. Ellison's Basketball Club for grades 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.

And speaking of clubs, here's a message from Mrs. T. for Dance Club:

The Dance Club members are continuing to meet every week and have begun to learn choreography for different group sections and patterns. We have received the date for the GVPAF. It will be held on **April 22nd, 23rd, or 24th** during the school day. If we are invited to Highlights it will occur on the evening of May 6th.

The Dance Club will be holding a bake sale on Friday, February 2nd, after school in room 1 from 2:45-3:30. The funds raised will go towards renting the UVic auditorium for our rehearsal and any costume pieces we may need to purchase. Thank you for your support!

Mrs. T 😊

Library News:

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 our executive, including President, Danielle McQueen, Vice President, Lindsay Coulter, and to Elaine Flores (and her parent volunteers) for organizing the hot lunch fundraisers. Also a big thank you to Teresa Pitt for her work in the ordering and distribution of our Grade 5 Hoodies, and to Michelle Horn for organizing the PAC Movie Night. We love our amazing Frank Hobbs PAC – thank-you!!

Lakehill Baseball:

[Information for Parents](#)

UVic Field Hockey

Try field hockey for free! Please click on the link for more information:

<http://vijfha.victoriajuniorfieldhockey.ca/clubs/393/announcements/2356065-Come-try-the-Game-Free-Feb-4-2024>

Dogs on School Property:

Please be aware that our District does not allow dogs at school during school hours. New District signage on our school grounds indicate that "No pets allowed on School District property during school hours". Thank you for keeping our school grounds clean and safe for our kids who use the outside space for play and learning.

Health and Safety:

Link to K-12 Daily Health Check App

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

<https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2022/11/Head-Lice-Management-Guidelines-WH-PDF.pdf> This link for Lice Treatment 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 student 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 2nd: Dance Club Bake Sale 2:45pm-3:30pm Room 1
- February 9th: PAC Calzone Day (Jan 19th - last day to order)
- February 16th: Professional Development Day – no school for students
- February 19th: Family Day Stat holiday
- February 23rd: PAC Subway Day (Jan 19th - last day to order)
- February 28th: Pink Shirt Day and Assembly
- March 1st: PAC Booster Juice Day (Feb 19th – last day to order)
- March 8th: PAC Popcorn Day (Feb 19th – last day to order)
- March 8th: PAC Games Night
- March 15th Pizza Day (Feb 19th - last day to order)
- March 18th - April 2nd: Spring Break
- April 5th: PAC Sushi Day (March 5th – last day to order)

Weather and Outside Time

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



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

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Happy Family Day!



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HOT LUNCH INFO

Last day to place orders for February hot lunches was January 18 by 3pm. Late orders can not be accepted as deadlines are placed by vendors. If you have not paid for your orders by this date your orders will be removed from your account.



March hot lunch deadline is February 19 by 3pm!

Upcoming dates:

February 9 Calzone

February 23 Subway

March 1 Boster Juice day

March 8 Popcorn day

March 15 Pizza day

Thank you to all the parents who are able to volunteer on delivery days!



Help organize and deliver food to our kids on hot lunch day, and or fruit and veggie day! How? Click the “volunteer” box under the order date when you place lunch orders. Volunteers are contacted a few days prior with more details. We need 10+ parents to help sort and deliver food items from 11:30 am-12:15 pm to run this successful program. Fruit and Veggies times are from 8 am-10 am. Please sign up for one or more throughout the year!

EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING TO PLACE LUNCH ORDER THIS YEAR PLEASE STILL CREATE AN ACCOUNT FOR YOUR CHILD. The PAC uses this platform for important dates and information such as fun activities we put on and fundraising activities. Please follow the link below to set your account.

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



WE NEED A TREASURER

Our PAC is looking for a treasurer. No accounting or bookkeeping knowledge is required but definitely an asset. Please reach out if you are interested in volunteering. Our PAC cannot run without a treasurer, so please ask your networks.

Our current treasurer will help ease you into this position before she leaves. **Please email frankhobbselempac@gmail.com with any enquiries or to volunteer!**



Family Games Night March 8

Play. Connect. Support our school programs.

Funds raised by the PAC go towards supporting teacher/classroom supplies, field trips, art supplies, tablets, gym equipment, chess club, etc.

Date: Friday, March 8, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm (doors open at 5 pm, pizza served from 5:30 pm-6 pm. Games will run from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm!

Location: Frank Hobbs Gym (we will be play games generously supplied by Interactivity Games)

Cost: Suggested donation of \$10/family for entry



Food:

Pizza for \$5/slice is first come, first served (we may run out). Pre-order a whole pizza for your family, on the hot lunch website. The cost is \$20/pizza, and we will reserve it for you!



Please bring water bottles! We are NOT selling beverages.

No RSVP is required, but letting us know by Feb 29th if you plan to attend is appreciated. All parents must accompany children during the event. Games will be child friendly for K-Grade 5.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! To make this event happen, [please sign up here \(Google doc\)](#). Thank you very much for helping to make this event a success!

Questions? Email frankhobbssclassreps@gmail.com



West Coast Seeds Fundraiser

February 4th - 25th

This program provides Canada No 1 seeds that are untreated and non-GMO, which means that it promotes sustainability, while also providing 40% of each packet sold back to our school community. West Coast Seeds have provided a wide range of their best selling vegetables, herbs and flowers to give a little something for everyone. Please visit fundraising.westcoastseeds.com, click "SHOP" at the top right bar, and select seed type (or 'all products'). Add items to cart, and once all desired items are added, find our organization 'Frank Hobbs Elementary PAC' from the drop down menu as you complete your purchase. Questions? Contact Jenny jennynanninga@gmail.com.



Seed Exchange

Our PAC is working to create a seed exchange in conjunction with Earth Day. As the start of gardening season approaches, please save your extra seeds and seedlings. More details to come.



WINTER Go By Bike Week: Feb 5th-11th.

Get ready to bundle up and enjoy the crisp cool air in this Winter Edition of Go By Bike Week. Our PAC, along with Capital Bike, donates prizes for student's to win by biking to school. If you're interested in helping to lead a bike bus, please email Jenny jennynanninga@gmail.com



7 pm February 28, 2024

Where: Frank Hobbs library, in-person

Need childcare in order to attend? We will host a few kids to facilitate parent attendance and meaningful engagement. Contact PAC Vice President, Lindsay Coulter, to reserve a kid spot frankhobbselempac@gmail.com

The agenda will be circulated 7 days prior. Want to suggest an agenda theme or topic? Email the PAC Executive

at frankhobbselempac@gmail.com

Thank-you.

Your Frank Hobbs PAC Executive
