

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...

2023-2024 Frank Hobbs School Bell Schedule:

- Start time 8:45 am
- Morning Recess: 10:15-10:30
- Lunch: 11:50-12:15 (eating) 12:15-12:35 (recess 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.

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! <https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/>

Photo Day

Class Photos and Grade 5 Photos will be taking place on Friday, May 3rd. More information will be going home closer to the date.

Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences are going to be held on both Wednesday April 24 **with early dismissal at 11:50am** and on Thursday April 25th (no early dismissal). More information from teachers will be emailed to parents closer to the date.

Moving Away?

If your family is moving and your child(ren) will not be returning to Frank Hobbs for September, please email the office and let us know. Thank-you!!

Soccer Camp Opportunity

[Royal Soccer Club Summer Camp Information](#)

Girls Basketball Opportunity

[Carnarvon Girls Basketball Club](#)

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:
Soccer Club Dance Club Running/Track Basketball Club as well as Kindness Club
Eco Club and Spirit Club.....& thanks also to our Library and Lunch Monitors!

Student Learning Survey For Parents of Grade 4 Students

Parent Surveys:

- ♣ Parents may access the survey by Direct Access from the website listed below.
- ♣ The parent survey is available in English, French and 16 other languages.
- ♣ Parents can complete surveys on their own time.

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

[Parent Information Letter](#)

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 April 22nd – 26th
Ms. Ruck will be sending more details out to families as we near the date.

Dance Club:

This is the last month for Dance Club! The students have been working extremely hard to memorize the finished dances and they are beginning to look amazing! Mrs. Thorburn will be working on the costumes over Spring Break in order to have them ready for the big performance.

As of April 1st we are still waiting for confirmation of what day and time we will be dancing on. Mrs. Thorburn will email as soon as he has final confirmation.

We will have a rehearsal at Uvic on Monday, April 8th for each group performing at Festival. Mrs. Thorburn has the videos up on her Youtube Channel for students to practice at home. Her channel is called Dancing with Mrs. T! or you can type in the link below to practice at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/@dancingwithmrs.t7364>

Thank you for supporting your child's love of dance!

Mrs. T!

Health and Safety:

Here is a link to our latest Mental Health Snapshot: [March/April Mental health Snapshot for parents](#) 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. *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!

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, inside across from the school office.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Stages Dance performance is Friday April 5th
- Dance Club Bake Sale is Friday April 19th
- Earth Day Assembly is Monday April 22nd
- String Music Festival at UVic is Monday April 22nd
- Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be Monday April 22nd to Friday April 26th
- Ballet Performance(Flight of the Hummingbird) for the whole school on April 23rd
- Student Led Conferences are Wednesday April 24 **with early dismissal at 11:50am** and on Thursday April 25th (no early dismissal)
- Class Photos will be taken on Friday May 3rd
- Guess My Job presentation for Gr 4/5's is Friday May 10th
- Professional Development Day is Friday, May 17th – there is no school for students
- Victoria Day is Monday, May 20th – there is no school
- Zone A Track Meet is Wednesday May 22nd
- Track Finals is Thursday May 30th
- Whole School Beach Day is Thursday June 20th
- National Indigenous Peoples Day is Friday June 21st
- Grade 5 Celebration is Tuesday June 25th
- Last Day of Classes is Thursday June 27th

Weather and Outside Time

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

We hope you have a wonderful month -

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PAC NEWS:



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April PAC Newsletter

Take a few minutes to fill out our **PAC survey** by April 5th please. We want to hear from you! What events should we do? How can we distribute our fundraising money? Your input will help shape the next school year.

HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

Last day to place orders for April hot lunches *was* March 15 by 3pm. Sorry late orders can not be accepted. If you have not paid for your orders by this date your orders will be removed from your account.



May hot lunch deadline is April 25 by 3pm

Hot lunch dates

April 5 sushi day

April 12 popcorn day

April 26 pizza day

May 10 Romeo's pasta day

May 16 subway day

May 24 popcorn day

May 31 booster juice day

Frank Hobbs PAC Fundraiser: Spring Flowers



ORDER deadline is Friday April 5th by 3pm!

We are pleased to offer a Spring Flower Fundraiser in partnership with local growers, Hilltop Greenhouses. The island owned and operated business grows all their plants from seed or cuttings right here on Vancouver Island. Last year's flowers were remarkable! Hanging baskets and flower planters in 10", 12" and 14" sizes, along with Hydrangeas, Tomato and Pepper plants are available for purchase. Please place and pay for your orders on our hot lunch platform by Friday, April 5th.

Email Jenny at jennynanninga@gmail.com with questions. All orders will be available in time for Mother's Day with pick up on Thursday, May 9th and Friday, May 10th.



6:30 pm to 8 pm April 11, 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



We need volunteers!!!!

Can you help organize and deliver food to classes on hot lunch day, and or fruit and veggie day? Click the volunteer box under the order date when you place your lunch order. Volunteers are contacted a few days prior with details. We need 10+ parents to help sort and deliver food items from 1130 am-12:15 pm to run this program. Fruit and Veggies times are from 8 am-10 am. [Please sign up](#) for one or more throughout the year!

Thanks for filling out the **PAC survey** by April 5th please.

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Lindsay Coulter

Educator, writer, soul activist, mentor, culture mayor, facilitator, naturalist, equine facilitated wellness student, gardener

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