

# Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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## March School Newsletter



Hello! It is March, the month we turn our clocks forward, witness the days getting longer and welcome the season of Spring! Here at Frank Hobbs, this is what we're warming up 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) 12:15-12:35 (outside recess 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.*

### **Daylight Savings Time:**

Please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>, as we spring forward into Daylight Savings Time officially early on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Spring Break:**

Our District's Spring Break is from March 18<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Classes resume Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.** All SD61 schools will be closed over the Spring Break.

### **Attendance:**

Regular attendance is very important. A student's over-all growth increases significantly over the time when they attend school regularly and have strong connections to all aspects of classroom and school learning.

When your child misses 2 days of school a month, that equates to 20 days a year: 30 hours of math, and 60 hours of reading and writing. Research shows there is a powerful link between successful learning and regular school attendance.

While we recognize students may be periodically absent from school due to illness or important family plans and trips, ***please support your child by working hard to attend school regularly and arrive on time.***

### **Library News:**

Just a friendly reminder that the Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> – and please return your borrowed library books on time. Thanks!

### Dance Club

Dance club students are continuing to work hard on learning choreography and will have finished the basic steps of their dance by Spring Break! Mrs. Thorburn will send home an email with links to practice the dances at home over Spring Break. She asks that you please try and practice the dance at least 2 times a week if possible.

### Festival Updates

The Dance Club and Classes that are participating in Festival will have a Rehearsal at UVic on Monday, April 8th. Mrs. Thorburn will likely not receive the date and time of our Festival performance until after Spring Break. It will be on either April 22nd, 23rd, or 24th.

### Daily Health Checklist:

As the weather continues to get colder, 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 of colds, the flu, and Covid 19. **If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home until they have fully recovered.**

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!

### 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](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

[Parent Information Letter](#)

### Pink Shirt Day

We celebrated Pink Shirt Day in February with an assembly led by Ms. Timmerman's Division 2 class. We will talk about kindness 365 days a year. Ms. Cain's Division 7 class will do a performance, and we will have a drumming circle.

***At Frank Hobbs, we work every day to show kindness to ourselves and to others.***

### Parking and School Parking Lot

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

***And please, slow down when driving on school property.***

### 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 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!**

Every month we send 2500-3000 books into homes with few resources.

[Click here for our March Update](#)



### Important Upcoming Dates:

- PAC Booster Juice Day is Friday March 1st
- PAC Popcorn Day & PAC Games Night is Friday, March 8th
- Daylight Savings begins on March 12<sup>th</sup>
- PAC Pizza Day is Friday March 15th
- Spring Break is March 18<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup> there is no school on these days
- PAC Sushi Day is April 5<sup>th</sup>
- PAC Popcorn Day is Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Earth Day Assembly is Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- String Music Festival at UVic is Monday (morning, exact time to come) April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Ballet Performance(Flight of the Hummingbird) for the whole school on April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Student Led Conferences are **Wednesday April 24 with early dismissal at 11:50am**  
and on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> (no early dismissal)
- PAC Pizza Day is Friday April 26th
- Class Photos will be taken on Friday May 3rd
- Professional Development Day is Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – there is no school for students
- Victoria Day is Monday, May 20<sup>nd</sup> – there is no school

### Weather and Outside Time

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

***Wishing you a bright and cheerful month ahead ~***

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## Frank Hobbs PAC Newsletter

PAC March News

# March 2024 PAC Newsletter

### HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

**Last day** to place orders for February hot lunches was February 19 by 3pm. Sorry late orders can not be accepted as deadlines are placed by vendors. If you have not paid for your orders by this date, unfortunately they'll be removed from your account.



### March hot lunch deadline is March 15 by 3pm

**March 1 Booster Juice**

**March 8 Popcorn day**

**March 15 Pizza day**

**April 5 Sushi day**

**April 12 Popcorn day**

**April 26 Pizza day**



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 1130am-12:15pm in order for this program to run. Fruit and Veggies times are from 8am-10am. 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/>

## Frank Hobbs PAC Fundraisers



## Purdy's Chocolates

### Deadline Sunday, March 3rd

Our Purdy's Easter chocolate order is underway. Get your Easter chocolates through the school and our PAC gets 25% back. Orders will be delivered before March Break and pick up is expected March 11-13th. Please include a phone number and we'll call to arrange pick up or drop off. <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1371934-116992> to join our campaign (#42603)



Spring Flower



### Order deadline Friday April 5th

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](mailto:jennynanninga@gmail.com) for any questions. All orders will be available in time for Mother's Day with pick up on Thursday, May 9th and Friday, May 10th.



## West Coast Seeds

Thank you for supporting our seed fundraiser with West Coast Seeds! All orders will be contacted when seeds arrive next week to arrange for pick up or delivery before March Break.



## Seed Exchange

Our PAC is working to create a seed/plant exchange in conjunction with Earth Day. As the start of gardening season approaches, please save your extra seeds, seedlings and splittable plants - more information will come next month.



No PAC meeting in March

Save the date for April 11th!

Want to suggest a theme or have questions? Send them to the PAC Executive at: [frankhobbselempac@gmail.com](mailto:frankhobbselempac@gmail.com)