

# Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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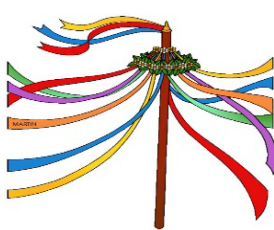
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## May School Newsletter



Welcome to May! This month we dance around the May pole, we honour Mothers, we celebrate our own capital city on Victoria Day and we celebrate diversity over Rainbow Week! This is what May brings to us here at Frank Hobbs....

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

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

### Signing In/Out

Please remember to sign your child(ren) in/out at the office. 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!

### Pro-D Day and the May Long Weekend:

Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be no school for students on those days.

### **Administrative Change – A Message From Ingrid**

I am writing to inform you of some changes in our school leadership. After several fulfilling years serving as principal here at Frank Hobbs, I will be transitioning to a new role at Doncaster Elementary. I have greatly enjoyed serving as your principal and am grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of this wonderful community. I will truly miss the students, parents, and staff at Frank Hobbs.

I am pleased to let you know that Thomas Thompson, currently the principal at Quadra Elementary, will be stepping into my role. To ensure a smooth transition, Thomas and I will be meeting to discuss the specifics of our school and how to best continue the work we've been doing. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to hearing about the continued success of Frank Hobbs.

With Gratitude  
Ingrid

### **Leaving Us?**

If your family is planning to move at the end of the year to another school, *please let the office know as soon as possible*. If you know the name of the new school where your child(ren) will be attending, please provide that information so we can forward your student's records along.

### **District Transition Day is Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 5 students will visit their new middle school on this day in the afternoon. If your child will be moving to a middle school *outside of our catchment school of Aubutus Global Middle School*, parents will be responsible for transporting them to their new middle school for this important event. More information will be coming out to grade 5 parents closer to the event.

### **Class Photos**

Bring your best smile on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for class photo day, and the grade 5 photo day!

### **Lost and Found**

After donating all the clothing items that were not claimed before we let out for the Winter Break, our lost and found is again busting at the seams! Please come and look through our racks to see if we have your child's lost items.

### **Welcome to Kindergarten**

Coming up in early June, we'll be inviting our new Kindergarten parents/guardians to come by the school to meet our Kindergarten teachers and pick up a bag of learning resources for their new Kindy student to enjoy over the summer.

The event will take place on Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> after school at 2:45, at the front of our school. Information on scheduling will be sent out to our new families closer to the event.

### **Dance Club News**

First off, a huge congratulations to everyone who participated in the Festival! This is the first year Ms. Thorburn has taken classes as well as Dance Club. We received many compliments about both our dancing *and* our behaviour while backstage, and we are *so proud* of the effort that everyone put in towards making our performances so wonderful.

Unfortunately, our school was not chosen to participate in the Highlights performance and so Dance Club is over until next year. This does not mean we didn't do an exceptional job! It is simply because there are so few spaces available for the Highlights. We can always hope to get in next year! Ms. Thorburn hopes to see many familiar and new faces in October when we begin our preparations all over again.

Thank you for a wonderful year of dance!  
And thank-you to Mrs. T and the staff for their dedication to dance!

### **Library News:**

Ms. Ruck would like to send a huge thank you to all those who supported the Scholastic Book Fair in April. This fundraiser would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers. As always, please ensure that your child returns their library books on time. Happy reading!

### **Invitation To Our Metis Families**

Metis students and families, you are invited to join the Metis Nation of Greater Victoria at the May 15 community potluck in the gym at the **Native Friendship Center**. We begin at 5:45. We are lucky to have two-spirit Metis artist Lynette Lafontaine joining us to share their journey to becoming a Metis artist. There will be a draw for one of their wonderful creations as well! Kids in particular may be inspired by Lynette and their art world. Bring a food item to share, and bring your own plate and cutlery if you remember to cut down on waste. Hope to see you there!

### **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>

### **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 viruses, but also the cold and the flu.

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!

### **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.*

## Homestay Opportunities

It's that time of year! The Greater Victoria School District's International Student Program is looking for new families interested in joining the vibrant hosting community. With students arriving to attend short term programs in the summer (2-6 week stays) and longer-term programs in the Fall, there are many opportunities to begin hosting.

Host Families provide 3 meals a day along with healthy snacks and a welcoming environment. \$1260 per month is provided as reimbursement for student support (pro-rated for shorter stays.) Orientation and 24/7 support is available from the homestay office.

*For more information:*

*Website:* [www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay](http://www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay)

*Phone:* 250-592-6871

*Email:* [homestay@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:homestay@sd61.bc.ca)

## Science Rendezvous - Free STEM Festival

On Saturday, May 11, [Science Rendezvous](#), one of Canada's largest, free, one-day STEM festivals, will be returning to Victoria. This event is a great opportunity for students and families of all ages to engage in science in a fun and interactive way, and we would appreciate it if you could let your students and families know about the event! We've attached a poster, and a social media graphic for your convenience, and included more details below.

Science Rendezvous is hosted by the University of Victoria, Camosun College, and Ocean Networks Canada, and offers students K-12, educators, and science enthusiasts of all ages the opportunity to engage in hands-on STEM learning by participating in 35+ activities side-by-side with real, world-renowned scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer and software experts who live right here in Victoria.

At the heart of this immersive experience lies the dedication and expertise of our volunteers, with **Science Venture** leading the charge as one of the event's main providers of enthusiastic guides. With their deep-rooted passion for STEM education, Science Venture volunteers bring science to life, igniting curiosity and inspiring future innovators. Walk through a state-of-the-art greenhouse, peer at the stars using the largest telescope on any Canadian university campus, demo the latest tech for renewable energy, investigate a human skeleton to uncover who they once were, experiment with lasers, explore the ocean...there's science galore at Science Rendezvous!

**Date:** Saturday, May 11th, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Note that doors will be opening at 9:30 a.m. at both locations for families who would benefit from a distraction-reduced environment.*

### Locations:

- Bob Wright Centre, University of Victoria ([map](#))
- Alex & Jo Campbell Centre for Health and Wellness, Camosun College Interurban Campus ([map](#))

**Cost:** Free!

[Visit the event website for more details](#)

## **Understanding Mental Health and Substance Abuse:**

[An introductory Guide to Understanding Mental health and Substance Use](#)

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

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria -

As we head into the last couple months of school, we prepare extra books for the agencies that work with families throughout the summer months.

Thanks for continuing to promote 1000X5 with your families, we have a collection bench for your book donations inside by the office.

### **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

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- Class Photos will be taken on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Guess My Job presentation for Gr 4/5's is Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Rainbow Assembly for whole school is Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 5 Transition Day is the afternoon of Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Professional Development Day is Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – there is no school for students
- Victoria Day is Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – there is no school
- Zone A Track Meet is Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Track Finals is Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
- Whole School Beach Day is Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>
- National Indigenous Peoples Day is Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>
- Grade 5 Celebration is Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>
- Last Day of Classes is Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Weather and Outside Time**

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

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

Ingrid Fawcett, Principal ~ Ramy Gerber, Vice Principal

Kealy Hansen, Administrative Assistant



And now PAC News...



# FRANK HOBBS

## ELEMENTARY

May PAC Newsletter



**7 pm to 8:30 pm May 8, 2024**

Where: Frank Hobbs library, in-person

We'll review next year's school budget and vote on Executive roles.

Need childcare to attend? We can 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](mailto: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](mailto:frankhobbselempac@gmail.com)

### **We love field trips!**

As we come to the home stretch of this school year, don't forget to clear any money owing for field trips and other enrichment activities. Teachers work hard to keep costs down (e.g., taking public transit) and our PAC volunteers many hours to raise money for field trip funds, too. We know how much these hands-on, experiential and curriculum relevant experiences mean to kids. These memories stay with them forever.

If cost is a barrier, do reach out to the school administration. We have the means to support families in need so everyone can participate. Thank you! Check your account today:

<https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com>

## HOT LUNCH INFO

**Last day** to place orders for May hot lunches was April 25 by 3pm. Sorry late orders can not be accepted as deadlines are placed by vendors. Unpaid orders will be removed from your account.



**June's deadline is May 21 by 3pm**

**May 10 Romeo's pasta**  
**May 16 Subway**  
**May 24 Popcorn**  
**May 31 Booster Juice**

**June 7 Popcorn Day**  
**June 19 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 11:30 am-12:15 pm in order for this program to run. Fruit and Veggies times are from 8 am-10 am. Please sign up for one or more throughout the year!

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

### **Spring Flowers**

Thank you for supporting our spring flower fundraiser! Orders are available for pick up in time for Mother's Day, Thursday May 9th 8:45-9am and Friday May 10th 2:40-2:50pm. Please contact Jenny at [jennynanninga@gmail.com](mailto:jennynanninga@gmail.com) for alternate pick up or drop off arrangements.

Our PAC received \$230 from this initiative, which we put to good use to support our school community!

### **Thank you Hilltop Greenhouses**

They sponsored our school planters! We will fill our 4 planters over this spring with their lovely bulbs, perennials and annuals. Please take in the sights and smells of our school garden. There are a lot of native plants in bloom like Oregon Grape and Red Flowering Currant. Hilltop Greenhouses is a local, wholesale nursery which provides us with our seasonal flower fundraisers every year. Hilltop is a family farm that has been in operation for over 50 years, with products grown right here on Vancouver Island. Visit them at 1840 Burnside Road W or [www.hilltopgreenhouses.com](http://www.hilltopgreenhouses.com).