

Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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June School Newsletter



Welcome to June – this school year has just flown by! This is the 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 some staff members.. *and wish you all a wonderful summer break on our last full school day on June 27th!* Here at Frank Hobbs, June looks like this...

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.

September Planning

School planning for September is well underway. If you know your children will NOT be returning to Frank Hobbs in September please email the school ASAP at frankhobbs@sd61.bc.ca to let us know as we are in the process of planning our classes for the Fall. Thank you.

Go By Bike Week

June 3rd - 7th is Spring Go By Bike Week <https://gobybikebc.ca/>

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.

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. It is to take place on Tuesday, June 25th. Please click the link for more information on the year end celebration: [Grade 5 Celebration Information For parents](#)

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

Phone: 250-592-6871

Email: homestay@sd61.bc.ca

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 Thursday, June 20th 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 directive. 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

Student items that have been found around the school have been put onto racks and carts in our school entryway – and it is growing daily! Please come and look through the clothes and other items; anything remaining is to be donated after the last day of school on Thursday June 27th, so 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 Tuesday June 4th and Wednesday June 5th after school at 2:50, at the front of our school.

Child's Last Name A – J Tuesday, June 4 2:50 – 3:50pm

Child's Last Name K – Z Wednesday, June 5 2:50 – 3:50pm

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 were thrilled to host a local Indigenous author Monique Gray Smith in the library on our May 17th Pro-d day. Ms. Ruck would like to say a special thank you to her Design Thinking students this term for all their hard work and creativity. As the end of the school year approaches, we wanted to let everyone know that all library books will be due back to the library on Monday, June 10.

Receipts and reminders will be sent out after that. Your support in finding or paying for lost books is much appreciated.

Health and Safety:

We are seeing a surge in illnesses, so please continue to do 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 the cold and flu, as well as other viruses.

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!

2024-2025 School Schedule

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

School Calendar for 2024-2025

The Board approved the District calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. This calendar highlights non-instructional days, vacation breaks, school openings and last day of classes

[2024/2025 District School 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.

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 children home early, you must also sign them out at the office window. Thank-you!

School Cash Payments Online

If you need to make a field trip or other school related payment, please go to our [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) under Quick Links! Thank you so much.

1000X5 = 1000 Books by Age Five

330,000 books in 12 years donated to new homes where they are needed. THANK YOU!!! At this time of the year we prepare a extra supply for the many agencies that send books home all summer. Please do a summer clean of your bookshelves and help another child succeed by having a home library. Take your gently used books **for babies to five year olds** to the ottoman bench outside the office.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Whole School Beach Day is Thursday, June 20th
- National Indigenous Peoples Day is Friday, June 21st
- Grade 5 Celebration is Tuesday, June 25th
- PAC Barbecue is Wednesday, June 26th
- Last Day of Classes and our Year End Assembly is Thursday, June 27th
- Please go to our school website in August for more information on start up for September!
<https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/>
(First day back for grades 1-5 is Tuesday, September 3rd)

Weather and Outside Time

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

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

Ramy Gerber, Vice Principal

Kealy Hansen, Administrative Assistant

...and a fond farewell from Ingrid Fawcett, outgoing Principal and friend.



**HAPPY
SUMMER
VACATION!**



And now....

Frank Hobbs PAC News!



7 pm June 6, 2024

Where: Frank Hobbs library, in-person

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



HOT LUNCH INFO

Last day to place orders for June hot lunches was May 21 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.

June 7 Popcorn day

June 19 Pizza day

Review your order: <https://frankhobbs.hotlunches.net/admin/>

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

Year-End School BBQ: June 26th!

The PAC is excited to host our annual year-end BBQ on **Wednesday, June 26th from 2:30-6 pm**. We will have burger, hotdog and vegetarian options available to purchase with gluten and gluten-free buns.

The Candy Time truck will be there and freezies for sale. The field will have games and an obstacle course bouncy castle! We look forward to celebrating with all Frank Hobbs families.

A few volunteers are needed to help grill our food, manage lines and staff food stations. Thanks for nourishing our community! Please contact Jenny at jennynanninga@gmail.com

2024-2025 School Supplies: Important Information for Families

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



For students entering Kindergarten in September 2024:

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- **DO NOT buy school supplies for your child entering Kindergarten.**
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- All Kindergarten supplies will be bulk ordered by the Frank Hobbs Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and delivered directly to Kindergarten teachers. This saves parents time and money!
- Parents will pay \$35.00/child for supplies in September through our online 'hot lunch' website. You will receive instructions for accessing this website in September. All funds will be used to pay for students' school supplies.

For students entering Grades 1-5 in September 2024:

- See the
- [school supply list](#)
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- The PAC has worked with Teacher's File to create 'supply kits' for each grade to pre-order.
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- Order online through the Teacher's File website at <https://packs.teachersfile.ca/schools/241>.
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- Each order is in two sections: (1)
- **Suggested** items
- are those that children will require for the school year, and (2) **Optional** items
- are those that will be needed during the year, but you may already have at home.
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- Please review the [school supply list](#) to determine quantities needed.

- Watch
- <https://youtu.be/YjlpQulhnnk>
- about how to order
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- Teacher's File kits are optional. Parents can also choose to purchase their own supplies.
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- Kits will be delivered directly to the school.
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- Orders placed after July 31st may be subject to a \$5.00 late processing fee, and only
- available while supplies last.

Questions about Teacher's File kits (for Grades 1-5) or Kindergarten Bulk Supply Ordering?

Email: frankhobbselempac@gmail.com

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