

Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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September School Newsletter



We would like to welcome all of our staff, students and families to a new school year, with a special welcome to those of you who are new to our Frank Hobbs family. You are joining a wonderful school community and we're confident that we will provide a positive and successful experience for each of you! Please read on for some important, preliminary information about the upcoming school year.

Welcome to our news staff:

- Shawna Wood, grade 2
- Meghan Andersen – Inclusive learning (temp)
- Axel Robinson, grades 4/5
- Carly Heemskerk – Inclusive Learning (temp)
- Rachel Stubel – Fine Arts
- Marnie Sanky – Counselling (temp)
- Jennifer Riddel Matte – Fine Arts (temp)

Open House!

You and you child(ren) are invited to our Frank Hobbs Open House on Wednesday, September 18th from 4:30pm – 5:30pm. Come tour the school, see your child's classroom and meet their teacher, and our wonderful Parent Advisory Council!

Professional Development Day is Monday, September 23rd, *there is no school for students.*

Picture Day:

Tuesday October 8th is picture day! After Picture Day, you can order your child's photos on edgeimaging.ca using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your child's Picture Day Order Form.

Terry Fox School Fundraising

Thank-you so much for your continued support of the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope, we appreciate any donation you are able to make to this very worthy cause! You can easily make an online donation simply by clicking on the link <http://www.terryfox.ca/FrankHobbsElementary> - or you can bring your donations directly to your classroom teacher.

More information will be coming home with your child in the coming days, on our school based fundraising activity on September 20th!

Student Verification and Reunification Forms:

Your child(ren) will bring home some important forms for you to complete and sign. Please have these returned to their teacher(s) at your earliest convenience, and no later than **October 11th**. Thank-you!

Parent Connect:

There are important online consent forms that parents/guardians must read. Consent rolls over each year. This means that parents/caregivers of students in grades K-8 do not have to actively consent to each digital tool or form each year. *Parents/caregivers are encouraged to review consent items on an annual basis by logging into Parent Connect.*

Any new digital tool or form that has been added by teachers or administrators will appear in Parent Connect with a notification asking parents to provide or deny consent ("Action Required").

**** Please ensure you have signed up and have reviewed these documents ****

The link: [Parent Connect Sign In](#) or you can find it on our school website under Quick Links.

2024-2025 Frank Hobbs School Bell Schedule:

We do not have before or after school supervision so please adhere to this bell schedule.

- Start time 8:45 am
- Recess: 10:15-10:30
- Lunch: 11:50-12:10 (eating) 12:10-12:35 (recess time)
- Dismissal: 2:37 pm

School Divisions and Teachers:

Division	Teacher	Grade
Div 1/RM 17	Ms. Johns	4/5
Div 2/RM 15	Ms. Timmermans	4/5
Div 3/RM 2	Mr. Axel Robinson	4/5
Div 4/RM 1	Ms. Sirdinski	3/4
Div 5/RM 12	Ms. Johnston	3
Div 6/RM 18	Mr. Walasek	3
Div 7/RM 02	Ms. Wood	2
Div 8/RM 13	Ms. Tevaarwerk Ms. Gamble (temp)	2
Div 9/RM 8	Ms. Gerber	1/2
Div 10/RM 10	Ms. Pullan	1
Div 11/RM 07	Ms. Grew	K
Div 12/RM 09	Ms. Emes	K

Health and Safety:

Thank you for continuing the routine of performing a daily health check with your child. The process is very important as it keeps us all healthy, and helps to stop the spread of Covid 19, colds and the flu.

And remember, our [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) has links to our Daily Health Checks for Parents, and updated District Health and Safety Information!

Reminder that we are an allergy aware school. This includes allergens such as nuts, pets, perfume, etc. We cannot ensure that our school is free of all allergens, but we do our best as a community to be mindful of the food and scented items that we bring into the school.

As we are entering a new school year, the Ministry is renewing its commitment to healthy schools, and there is a renewed focus on healthy foods. We kindly request that you do not send treats like cupcakes and candy to share with classmates. If you would like to help celebrate an event, like your child's birthday, please connect with your classroom teacher.

School Cash Payments Online:

We have a convenient link for families to pay online for their student Agenda Planners (\$7.00 per Agenda). You will find the link on our [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) under Quick Links!

(NEW: The District has implemented a new small fee to the cash online system with each transaction, which will be added on to your transaction automatically)

Volunteering at Frank Hobbs:

We're looking forward to fieldtrips this school year and Teachers will be looking for help with volunteers! If you plan to be involved as a volunteer for field trips or in the school, click on the links below and please fill out the following forms as the criminal record check can take a few weeks to receive.

[Volunteer Driver Form](#)

[Volunteer Driver Information with Links](#)

Paper Volunteer Forms are also available outside the office.

Filling out these important forms early in the year supports staff in the ability to plan and take trips.

And it is important to note that the Criminal Record Check can take several weeks to process.

1000X5 = 1000 Books by Age Five

This program encourages you to bring in your gently used books for toddlers and preschool aged children - simply drop them in the benchseat storage near our Global Highlights calendar in the main hall. Your donations help with vital early childhood literacy!

Important Upcoming Dates:

Frank Hobbs School Open House: September 18th 4:30-5:30pm

Terry Fox School Fundraiser Run: September 20th

Pro-D Day: September 23rd – **no school for students**. Also International Sign Language Day

Orange Shirt Day and School Assembly: September 27th

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Sept 30th – **no school for students**

Rosh Hashanah begins: October 2nd

Picture Day: October 8th (individual student photos)

October 11th: Yom Kippur

Thanksgiving: October 14th - **school not in session**

Parent Teacher Meetings: Oct 16th (11:50am **early dismissal**) and Oct 17th (no early dismissal)

PAC Meeting: October 16th, 6:30pm

Pro-D Day: October 25th – no school for students

Diwali: October 29th

We wish everyone a great start to the school year!

~Thomas Thompson, Principal ~Ramy Gerber, Vice Principal

~ Kealy Hansen, Administrative Assistant

