



Frank Hobbs Elementary School

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DECEMBER NEWS

2024-2025 Frank Hobbs School 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

Winter Break:

Our last full day of classes is Friday December 20th. School re-opens on Monday January 6th.

Report Cards:

Report cards will be made available to parents online, on December 20th after school. More information on this will be sent home shortly. Access to your child's report card will be through the Parent Connect link. Please ensure you are signed up to have access prior to December 20th. If you are unable to create an account, please contact the school. [Parent Connect Link](#)

Absences and Late Arrivals:

When your child is absent, sick or will be late, please remember to email or call the attendance line no later than 8:30am and please provide the **FIRST and LAST** name of your child, and your child's teacher.

Also, please remind your child to **sign in or out at the office** when they arrive late or are leaving early to avoid the automated call-out. We try very hard to not disrupt classes with calls to confirm attendance, so please ensure your student (or you) sign them in. You can bookmark the link below for added convenience, thanks.

FHAttendance@sd61.bc.ca

Contacting Staff

Our classroom phones do not take voice messages, but you are free to email teachers at any time. All staff emails are on our school website under Staff Info, however staff do not normally check their emails while teaching so emailing prior to the day is preferable.

Thank-you for your understanding; we place great importance on maintaining a focused and supportive learning environment during the school day.

Library News:

This year, we are doing a book collection. If anyone has any high interest/current, gently used books they would like to share with our school library, please bring them to the office!

Suggestions: graphic novels, novels your child has enjoyed reading, non-fiction or school age picture books... Thank you!

As we near winter break, Mrs. King would like to remind everyone to please search for any lost library books. If you are needing a receipt to pay for a lost book, please email

Mrs. King (MeKing@sd61.bc.ca) and she will send one home with your child. Library books should be stored in a safe, clean area at home so they are returned to school in good condition.

And just a friendly reminder to please return your books on time. Mrs. King says thanks!

Kindergarten Registration Week:

A reminder that Kindergarten Registration Week is January 27-31, 2025.

All registration is online. Kindergarten registration will open at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 27th.

To register a student in Kindergarten, a parent or legal guardian must provide school-age eligibility (*children must reach five years of age by December 31st, 2025* to be eligible for enrolment), proof of Canadian citizenship (or Canadian immigration document), and proof of residential address. This information must be provided during online registration.

Additional information on Kindergarten Registration can be found at:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/>

Late French Immersion Registration Week:

Any student entering Grade 6 can enroll in Late French Immersion in the Greater Victoria School District. Late French Immersion is offered at four dual-track middle schools. No prior knowledge of French is expected or required. Transportation is the responsibility of parents. Our [Late French Immersion page](#) provides more information about the program.

Registration for Late French Immersion occurs [online](#) from January 27th-31st 2025. Families who register during registration week will have priority for placement.

Winter Art or Student Displays

We try to display samples of our student's amazing art work on our school website throughout the year, please remember to check it out at <https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/>

Playground and Parking Safety - Important Information Items

- Please talk with your children about playground safety. Keep sticks, pinecones and acorns on the ground, and do not pick any mushrooms or approach any birds or animals.
- Our parking lot is reserved for staff; we encourage you to park at Maynard Park and enjoy the short, scenic walk up the path to our school. It's a great way to start the day, connect to the land, and helps to set a positive, active tone for our students.
- Our pull through cannot accommodate all families who drive their children to school, please consider parking and walking up.

Dogs on School Property:

We kindly request your cooperation in ensuring our school remains a safe and welcoming environment for all students. As you may know, several of our students are sensorily sensitive and may find the presence of dogs on school grounds during drop-off, pick-up, and throughout the day challenging.

While we understand the important role pets play in our families' lives, we ask that all community pets remain off school property during school hours. This helps us prioritize all students' comfort, safety, and well-being.

Thank you for your understanding and support in fostering an inclusive and supportive environment at Frank Hobbs.

Health and Safety:

Schools being allergy-aware is crucial in creating a safe and inclusive environment for all students. As more children are diagnosed with severe allergies to foods, insects, and environmental factors, schools are implementing safety steps that address these needs. Allergy awareness involves educating staff, students, and parents about the risks and preventive measures associated with allergens and training staff in emergency response procedures, such as administering epinephrine. Schools are allergy-friendly, meaning avoiding specific food items in particular classrooms to minimize the chances of accidental exposure, but also being mindful when we are in school with what scents we are wearing, not bringing pets to school, and what is packed in our lunches. Allergens such as peanuts are not banned in schools, but we want all community members to know that our school has nut sensitivities and allergies. Schools help protect students' health by promoting allergy awareness and ensuring they feel comfortable and supported throughout their learning experience.

Common allergens: nuts, pollen, insects, latex, milk, soy, perfume/scents, eggs, fish/shellfish

Lost and Found:

The Lost and Found is once again, **full!** Jackets, pants, sweaters, shirts, water bottles, thermoses, masks, hats ... you name it, we've got it! *The Lost and Found will be displayed in the school entryway during the first two weeks of December. Please come take a look.*

Any items remaining in the Lost and Found on Friday December 20th will be donated to charity.

Weather and Outside Time:

With the stormy, cold and wet weather moving in, our school playgrounds are getting muddier - please send your child(ren) to school with INDOOR SHOES so we can keep our classes and hallways clean.

You may even want to send a change of clothes if your child is younger. Our students play outside regardless of the weather, please make sure they are dressed appropriately. Play in the forest area is limited on wind warning days, as indicated by Environment Canada.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

- December 2nd: Grinch or Green Day
- December 6th: PAC Subway, Pajama Day and PAC Movie night
- December 13th: PAC Popcorn Day
- December 18th: PAC Pizza Day
- December 20th: Festive Sweater Day and Winter Assembly
- December 20th: The last day of classes before the Winter Break, report cards available
- January 6th: First Day Back from Winter Break
- January 10th: PAC Romeo Pasta Day
- January 23rd: PAC Popcorn Day
- January 24th: Professional Development Day– no school for students
- January 27- 31st: Late Immersion French Registration Week
- January 29th – February 2nd: Kindergarten Registration Week
- February 7th: PAC Calzone Day
- February 14th: Professional Development Day – no school for students
- February 17th: Family Day Stat holiday
- February 28th: PAC Subway Day

1000x5

Every week 1000X5 Children's Book Recycling Project donates 600 of your books.

The 3 Books = 1 Gift Challenge Continued:

Join the hundreds of families who have taken the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers?

Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags. In the last three weeks, hundreds of books have arrived for the weekly Wednesday sorting by 10 dedicated volunteers.

Drop off your books for babies and preschoolers in the entryway bench seat by the front door to the school.

From all of us here at Frank Hobbs, we wish you all a winter break that is merry and bright!

Note: Mr. Thompson will be away from our school from December 9th to January 6th for medical reasons. During that time our wonderful Vice Principal, Ms. Ramy Gerber, will be acting Principal.

Thomas Thompson, Principal ~ Ramy Gerber, Vice Principal
Kealy Hansen, Administrative Assistant



And now....

Frank Hobbs PAC News...



FRANK HOBBS ELEMENTARY

December PAC Newsletter

New Scooter and bike racks

PAC funds purchased new scooter racks to keep them out of the classrooms. Please check the rack for lock-size compatibility and send your child with their scooter and lock.

New bike racks were moved under cover to promote more biking during the rainy season and to minimize tree sap on bike seats. Enjoy!

Dec. 6: Movie Night 5:30-7:30 pm with FREE popcorn

Showtime is 6 pm for Abominable in the gym! We still need parent volunteers to help with hot pizza sales and more. [Sign up for a short shift here.](#) Bring water bottles and cash for entry, pizza by the slice and bake sale goodies. (Square available for entry fee and pizza.) Bring something to sit on and parent supervision is required.

Dec. 16: Winter Solstice event

Join your Frank Hobbs community to call back the light, **Monday Dec. 16th at 6 pm to 7:30 pm.** Bring your mugs for hot apple cider. Then gather round the fire pit to sing or take a walk through our labyrinth and set an intention for the year ahead. We'll also offer a make and take craft station. Please dress for the weather and wear a headlamp or bring a flashlight in case the full moon is under cloud cover.

Volunteers are needed to pull this off! [Please sign up for a short shift.](#)

Dec. 20: Hot Lunches

[Place orders here](#) and pay by 3 pm Dec. 20. Late orders are not accepted and unpaid orders will be removed from your account.

January 10 Noodle Box January 23 popcorn

Volunteer to deliver lunches 11:40 am until 12:30 pm a day or two this year to meet other parents and help nourish our kids. Please indicate your availability when you place your child's order.

Need financial assistance for our hot lunch program? Contact lunches@frankhobbspac.ca AFTER you have set up your child's account. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Jan. 14 : PAC Meeting on Zoom 6:30-8 pm



Where: Zoom, online

The agenda will be circulated 7 days prior. Want to suggest an agenda theme or topic?

Email the PAC Executive: frankhobbselempac@gmail.com

Ongoing: Fruit and Veggie Program

All Frank Hobbs students benefit from the [BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program | BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation \(bcaitc.ca\)](#)! By now your child has received opportunities to try cherry tomatoes and strawberry yogurt. The program aims to increase students' acceptance of, exposure to and willingness to try new fruits and vegetables. (They are offered during class time and not meant to replace foods students would normally eat at school.)

Can you help wash, sort and deliver food to classrooms? Sign up through the [hot lunch platform](#), go to the green "Orders" tab and you will find the fruit and veggie volunteers sign up with all dates. Volunteers help from 8:45 am until 9:45 a.m.

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Lindsay Coulter

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

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