**November School Newsletter**



November is the month when we recognize Rememberance Day, and we turn our clocks back one hour to Standard Time. This is what November looks like here at Frank Hobbs …

**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
* Attendance is 250-477-1804 (press 1) or FHAttendance@sd61.bc.ca ***Please remember to use your child’s first and last name.***

Rememberance Day is honoured on Saturday November 11th, but the statutory holiday is on Monday, November 13th. Professional Development Day is Monday November 20th*, there will be no school for students on those days*.

**Welcome to our new Staff:**

Rajni Sihota – Educational Assistant

Madison North – Fine Arts Teacher (music and drama)

**Rememberance Day Poppy Drive**

Every year, from the last Friday of October to November 11, tens of millions of Canadians [wear a Poppy](https://www.legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy/how-to-wear-a-poppy) as a visual pledge to honour Canada’s Veterans and remember those who sacrificed so much for the freedoms we enjoy today in our country.

While the Poppy is distributed freely to all who wish to wear one, the Legion gratefully accepts donations to the Poppy Fund. At Frank Hobbs, we also recognize the incredible sacrifices made by our past and present member of our Armed Forces – We welcome you to click [here](https://legion.ca/donations) to donate to the Royal Canadian Legion’s Poppy Drive. The monies collected provide financial assistance and support to Veterans, including the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, and for their families who are in need.

***Thank you for your support - the poppy you wear, shows them you care.***

***We thank them for their service.***



**Student Opportunities:**

We are pleased to be able to offer the following opportunities for our students:

* Dance Club – grades 2/3 and 4/5 – run by Elyse Thorburn
* Soccer – grades 4/5 – run by
* Library Mentors – grades 4/5 run by Megan King
* Lunch Monitors – grades 4/5 run by Ramy Gerber
* Cross Country – thanks to Ms. Johns, Ms. Johnston and *- and congratulations to all of our runners, it was a great season!*
* PAC Swim Club – run by our wonderful PAC volunteers
* Floor Hockey – grade 2 (November) and grade 3 (December) - run by Jason Walasek

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*…to our fabulous staff and PAC for volunteering their time and energy to run*

*our clubs & athletics! We appreciate all you do for our kids!*

**Chess Lessons:**

Lessons for those in Divisions 1-4 have commenced and students are now actively learning how to play this wonderful game. Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring these lessons. Round 2 lessons for our grades 2/3 students begins in January.

**PAC Swim Club**

Please click on the link below for more information:

[Swim Club Information for Parents](https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2023/10/23_24-School-Program-Parent-Letter.pdf)

**Dance Club Update**

Ms. Elyse Thorburn

Dance and ELL Teacher

**Our Frank Hobbs School Website**

We’re working hard to keep our website current, providing families with up-to-date information in all areas of school life. Please remember to please check out the [Frank Hobbs School Website](https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/) – for updated District Health and Safety Information, Attendance Logging, Classroom artwork, Parent Connect, School Cash Online, school reminders, the School Calendar, Staff contact information, and much, much more!

**Parent Connect:**

Just a reminder to those parents who have not yet logged in to Parent Connect to review and consent to any applicable class access forms, to please do so. Teachers rely on these consent forms so thank-you for taking the time to complete them!

The link: [Parent Connect Sign In](https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F)

**Library News:**

**Health and Safety:**

Information regarding the cold and flu season and school parking lot safety:

* Please do not park in the fire lane, it is a no parking zone.
* When you are walking in the front of the school, please use the sidewalk and refrain from running through the parking area or driveway for your safety.
* Click on these links for information regarding cold and flu season:
* [Daily Health Check for Parents and Staff](https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2023/10/daily-health-check-english.pdf)

 [Keeping our School Healthy](https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2023/10/Cold-and-Flu-Season-Reminders-SD61.pdf)

**Outdoor Plants Around Playground Areas**

Please speak with your children about the importance of *not picking or eating* any flowers, berries, leaves, mushrooms, or any other natural things found in our outdoor play spaces. It is our school goal this year to restore the plant life on our school property. Thank-you!

**Weather and Outside Time:**

With the stormy, wet weather moving in, our school playgrounds are only going to get muddier - please send your child(ren) to school with INDOOR SHOES so we can keep our classes and hallways clean**.** As the temperatures are definitely dropping outside, please dress your kids for the changing Fall weather - at Frank Hobbs we go outside rain or shine!

**Lost and Found:**

Our lost and found is bursting at the seams! There are many sweatshirts, sweaters, and jackets, especially in smaller sizes.  If your student is missing clothing, please remind them to look in the lost and found closet to claim any missing or lost items.

**School Cash Payments Online:**

If your student’s class uses an Agenda Planner and you have not yet made a payment, please remember to make your payment on the [Frank Hobbs School Website](https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/) You can also pay for field trips as well. Thank you so much.

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

Children’s Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria - **Bring on the Books!**

**This is the beginning month of the three book challenge.** As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bag: three books for each receiving child. Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the bench ottoman in our front entry – thank-you!

**Important Upcoming Dates**:

Daylight Savings Ends: November 3rd

Picture Retakes: November 4th

Rememberance Day School Assembly: November 8th

Rememberance Day: November 11th – **school not in session**

Pro-D Day: November 22nd – **no school for students**

January 8th: First Day Back from Winter Break

***Thank you for your support of the Royal Canadian Legion’s Poppy Drive –***

***we here at Frank Hobbs hope you all have a wonderful month,***

Thomas Thompson, Principal ~ Ramy Gerber, Vice Principal

Kealy Hansen, Administrative Assistant

