



Frank Hobbs Elementary School

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January School Newsletter



Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Winter Break with your friends and family, and are ready for all the exciting things the new year is sure to bring.

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, and teacher name.

Reminders:

Professional Development Day is Friday, January 24th, there is no school for students.

Our staff will be continuing our work on creating a welcoming environment where all students can succeed, and are collaborating on a common evaluation tool for careers, and Applied Design Skills and Technology.

Report Cards:

If you are having difficulties accessing your child's report card online through Parent Connect, please let your teacher know when we return to school on January 6th.

Grade 5 Transition Letters:

Transition letters will be sent out to all grade 5 student families on January 8th. These letters will provide information on your child's Middle School, for grade 6. If you have moved recently and have not yet provided the office with an update (and supporting documents) of your new home address, please do so as it may impact your catchment Middle School. Thank you.

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:

[Welcome to Kindergarten Registration Information for Parents](#)

and

<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.

You can click on the link below for more information on dates for District transfer requests, as well as timelines connected to other programs for middle and high school.

[Important Registration Dates](#)

School Club Update:

- Floor Hockey: Grade 2 students play at lunch recess with Mr. Walasek
- Leadership Group: Meets every Thursday to come up with ideas to help the school and to plan events
- Art Club: Intermediate students meet Monday at lunch recess and grade 1 students meet on Wednesdays

Library News:

A friendly reminder that 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! We've seen some really wonderful additions to the library be donated, thank-you! (Suggestions: graphic novels, novels your child has enjoyed reading, non-fiction or school age picture books...)

Health and Safety:

During the month of December, we observed many students coming into the school during morning recess because they were cold. The wet, sometimes windy, west coast winter weather is still upon us. It is therefore important that students are dressed appropriately for these conditions.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on rainy days with warm, water resistant/waterproof clothing: a jacket/poncho (preferably with a hood) and closed shoes (rain boots, if possible).

Our students do go out for recess, exercise activities, and neighbourhood walks. Some field trips also involve students being outdoors for extended periods of time, even when the weather is wet and windy.

School Field Closure for Winter

The District has requested that schools close the outdoor fields for recesses, from December through January. This policy is in place help keep all school fields in good condition, as the more extreme winter weather can make them more easily prone to damage.

Additionally, the field closure will help to limit tracking in mud and dirt on shoes and boots, to our classrooms and hallways. The District will reevaluate the closures near the end of January. Thank you for your understanding as we endeavour to keep our outdoor play spaces safe and viable for school use, and the inside of our school clean.

Fleece Pants Provided to Students

We have a limited number of black fleece sweatpants we've made available for children who require an emergency change of pants due to an accident – be it a mud puddle or a bathroom accident.

If you have borrowed a pair of these for your child, please remember to launder and return them to the office, so that they can be reused as needed. Thank-you!

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.

1000X5 = 1000 Books by Age Five:

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

The 2025 year has begun and 1000X5 volunteers are into Year 12 of sorting and delivering the 250,000 books for babies and preschoolers which have been so kindly donated by you. Every month we send 2500-3000 books into homes with few resources.

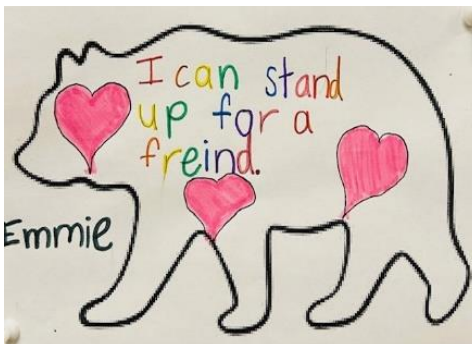
Thanks for your donations of books to this wonderful program. We have a collection bench for your book donations in our front entryway.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- January 6th: First Day Back from Winter Break
- January 10th: Pac Romeo Pasta Day
- January 14th: PAC Meeting
- January 23rd: PAC Popcorn Day
- January 24th: Professional Development Day – no school for students
- January 29 – Feb 2nd: Late Immersion French Registration Week
- January 27th – January 31st : Kindergarten Registration Week and Late French Immersion Registration Week
- February 7th: PAC Calzone Day
- February 10-13th: K to Gr 12 Student Transfer Process Week and All New Grade 1–12 registrations for the September 2024/2025 school year
- February 14th: Professional Development Day – no school for students
- February 17th: Family Day Stat holiday
- February 26th: PAC Meeting with a focus on inclusion and kindness
- February 26th : Pink Shirt Day and assembly
- February 28th: PAC Subway Day

Welcome to 2025 – we hope it's a happy and healthy year ahead for you all!

Thomas Thompson, Principal ~ Ramy Gerber, Vice Principal
Kealy Hansen, Administrative Assistant
Kelsey Shaver, Secretarial Clerk



Frank Hobbs PAC News

Hot lunch deadline:

Friendly reminder that the cut off date for February lunches is Wednesday January 8 by 3 pm. Orders must be placed and paid for by this date and time. Late orders will not be except, and unpaid orders will be removed from your account.

Dates are as follow: (order deadline was December 20 for January orders)

January 10 noodle box

January 23 popcorn

ORDER DEADLINE IS JANUARY 8 by 3pm:

February 7 calzone

February 28 Subway

Please follow the link below to place orders

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

Thanks

Frank Hobbs PAC