



Frank Hobbs Elementary School
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Welcome back everyone!



We hope you all had a terrific summer and are looking forward to the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The teachers, educational assistants, office team, facilities crew, custodial team, parent advisory council and administrators have been eagerly preparing for the new year. Congratulations to Cathy Grew and Suzanne Sirdinski on their retirements! We wish them all the best.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff:

- Ashley Clackson, Vice Principal and grade
- Shelby Bouthillier, Learning Support
- Thomas Sorensen, Music
- Mitchel Harley, Counsellor

Presently, we are beginning the school year with 11 divisions from Kindergarten to Grade 5. Each year student placements require final touches after we welcome new students and identify students that are not returning to our school. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we make final adjustments to our class lists. Our goal is to have students placed in their permanent classrooms by Friday, September 6th, pending District approval.

Returning Students

When you arrive the first day of school at 9:00am, children will return to their classroom from the previous year. Please return to last year's door and line up there. At 9:00am a teacher will then take your child to their temporary classroom.

*****NEW STUDENTS*****

Please line up by the “New Student” sign outside the front entrance to the school. Pick up for new students will be at the same place at the front entrance at 11:30am *for the first day only.*

The first day back has early dismissal for all students at 11:30am.

First Week of School Schedule:

- Monday Sept 2nd : Labour Day Holiday
- Tuesday Sept 3rd : First half day back for grades 1-5, 9:00am – 11:30am
Returning students go to the same door as last year during the first week back.
Welcoming Conversations for new Kindergarten Families
- Wednesday Sept 4th : First regular full day for grade 1-5 students
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- Thursday Sept 5th and Friday September 6th : Scheduled Kindergarten Groups attend
- Friday Sept 6th : Kindergarten attends 9 – 2:30pm
- Monday Sept 8th : First full day for Kindergarten students

Reminder to Parents of New Kindergarten Students: Group A and Group B have staggered starts - schedules were emailed out to parents at the end of the school year in June.

General Information

Pick up and Drop off routines

- Arrival time is typically at 8:40am with school starting at 8:45. Children are to go directly to their designated door and wait in a line up for the start of the day.
- Parents/Caregivers of children in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are encouraged to walk the students to the entrance door and wait with them while they line up.
- Teachers will meet the children outside and then escort them into the building. Parents will be encouraged to say their “goodbyes” outside.
- Late students should be accompanied by Parents/Caregivers through the front door to visit the table in front of the office where there is a blue sign in sheet.
- At the end of the day the students will exit the school via the same door that they entered through in the morning.
- Children in Kindergarten and Grade 1 will not be released to go home until parents or caregivers arrive.

Materials at School: What to Bring and What Not to Bring

- School supplies will be needed when we move into our regular classes, (the optional PAC purchased school supplies will be delivered to the school for you). All supplies should be labelled.
- Students only need a snack on the first half day back.
- Please bring indoor shoes and a water bottle to leave in the classroom. Water bottles will be sent home on weekends for washing, please remember to bring them back.
- Please bring all supplies necessary for eating lunch, including forks and spoons. *Food will not be microwaved for students, and the office does not supply plastic utensils.*
- Please leave all personal items at home. Recess equipment will be available for student use.
- Dress for the weather. We go outside rain or shine.

Home/School Communication

- If your child(ren) will be absent for any reason, please be sure to notify us. The preferred method is email fattendance@sd61.bc.ca but you may call the school office at 250 477-1804 (before 8:30 am if possible), please use both the **first and last name** of your child(ren).
- Each month our Frank Hobbs Newsletter will be emailed to you. **(Please ensure your contact information is up to date so that we can stay connected, you can also add the school as a contact)**
- In addition, our school website is a great place to keep up to date on school activities and access the school calendar. www.frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca
Our website is updated throughout the year.
- We encourage communication between staff & parents. Please initiate contact with staff through email. The staff directory is available on our website <https://frankhobbs.sd61.bc.ca/staff-info/staff-directory/>

Bell Schedule 2025-2026



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

Important Online Forms to be Completed by Parents:

- Please visit the Parent Connect site at [Parent Connect](#) to complete the following important forms:
 - Permission for School Field Trips
 - Permission for Neighbourhood Walkabouts
 - Personal Information - Broadcast Media Consent
 - Personal Information - School/District Media Consent
 - Personal Information - School Yearbook and In-School Photo/Video Consent
 - Volunteer Driver Information and Authorization (Adult)
 - Student Acceptable Use of Technology
- When you visit <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect/> you will find more information and video support to help guide you through the process of creating your Parent Connect Account. We ask that you do this **as soon as possible**.
- Later in the year, individual classroom teachers may ask you to revisit this site and approve student use of some online/digital tools that are frequently used in the classroom. (Google Classroom and RazKids are some examples.)
- This is an important access point for families to view the digital portfolio of their child(ren).

Volunteering at Frank Hobbs:

There are many opportunities to volunteer in your child's class throughout the year. We strongly encourage parents to complete the volunteer forms, and complete a Criminal Record Check early, as the response from the Saanich Police Department does take time. Please visit the links below to review and complete our volunteer forms:

[Parent Volunteer Information](#) [Volunteer Driver Form](#)

A Few Important Dates for Early Term 1

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| ➤ Tuesday Sept 17 | Open House/Meet the Teacher 4:30-5:30 pm followed by PAC event |
| ➤ Monday Sept. 22 | Professional Development Day (no school for students) |
| ➤ Tuesday Sept. 30 | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school in session) |
| ➤ Friday Oct. 3 | Deadline for returning Student Verification Forms and completing forms on Parent Connect |
| ➤ Tuesday Oct. 7 | Individual Picture Day |
| ➤ Monday Oct 13 | Thanksgiving Day |
| ➤ Wednesday Oct. 22 | Parent Teacher Conferences – Regular Dismissal time |
| ➤ Wednesday Oct. 23 | Parent Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal (11:50am) |
| ➤ Friday Oct. 24 | Professional Development Day (no school for students) |

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

As your child is registered at Frank Hobbs, you are automatically a member of our Parent Advisory Council **(PAC)**. We look forward to your involvement on our PAC and encourage you to bring ideas and interests you have to those meetings. PAC is a great way get connected. The first PAC meeting will be held towards the end of September. Stay tuned for that announcement from the PAC.

On behalf of all the staff at Frank Hobbs, thank you for your continued support!

We look forward to working with you.

Thomas Thompson, Principal and

Ashley Clackson, Vice Principal