

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:

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| - Ashley Clackson, VP and grades 3/4 | - Shelby Boothillier – Inclusive Learning |
| - Mitchel du Plessis – Counselling | - Allison Chan - ELL |
| - Thomas Sorensen – Music | |

Open House!

You and you child(ren) are invited to our Frank Hobbs Open House on Wednesday, September 17th from 4:30pm – 5:30pm. Come tour the school, see your child's classroom and meet their teacher, and our wonderful Parent Advisory Council – who will be serving treats!

Professional Development Day is Monday, September 22nd, *there is no school for students.*

PAC Welcome Back Picnic:

Our Parent Advisory Committee (the PAC) is hosting a Family Welcome Back to School picnic on Thursday, September 25th from 5:00- 7:00pm

Picture Day:

Tuesday October 7th 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 <https://schools.terryfox.ca/100461> 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 19th!

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 10th**. 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.

2025-2026 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. Robinson	4/5
Div 4/RM 1	Ms. Clackson	3/4
Div 5/RM 12	Ms. Johnston	3
Div 6/RM 18	Mr. Walasek	3
Div 7/RM 13	Ms. Tevaarwerk	2
Div 8/RM 9	Ms. Thorburn	1/2
Div 9/RM 10	Ms. Pullan	1
Div 10/RM 11	Ms. Wood	K/1
Div 11/RM 07	Ms. Emes	K

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 autmatically)

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.

Bike Bus Invitation

On Friday, September 19th, this year's Bike Bus will roll into the Frank Hobbs Schoolyard and you're invited to participate! More like a parade or a rolling party than a bus, kids and parents ride their bikes to school together along a pre-planned route, picking up families along the way. With a little music and a lot of smiles, kids relish the freedom and fun of a weekly ride together. We have a 'Drive to 5' collection point at Gyro Park. More details with route and departure times can be found at www.bikebus.ca/frankhobbs and more details will be shared with the school community closer to the event. We are very grateful to Best Buy Uptown for sponsoring this year's Bike Bus! Their support has helped us to enhance our music experience for our Friday morning celebration.

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 17th 4:30-5:30pm

Terry Fox School Fundraiser Run: September 19th

Pro-D Day: September 22nd – no school for students.

Rosh Hashanah begins: September 22nd

Orange Shirt Day and School Assembly: September 26th

Go By Bike Week: September 29 – October 3rd

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

Yom Kippur Begins: October 1st

Picture Day: October 7th (individual student photos)

Thanksgiving: October 13th - school not in session

Diwali: October 18 – 22nd

Parent Teacher Meetings: Oct 22nd (regular dismissal) and Oct 23rd (**early dismissal at 11:50am**)

Pro-D Day: October 24th – no school for students

You can also check our school calendar for important dates throughout the school year:

[Frank Hobbs School Calendar](#)

We wish everyone a great start to the school year!

~Thomas Thompson, Principal ~Ashley Clackson, Vice Principal
~Kealy Hansen, Administrative Assistant and Kelsey Shaver, Secretary Clerk

