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October School Newsletter



The Whole School Terry Fox Run

Hello and welcome to Autumn! We're enjoying wonderful Fall weather and the changing colours in the trees are so pretty. As we're getting settled into our new school year routines, here is a look at what October looks like here at Frank Hobbs ...

Staff Updates:

We would like to welcome:

Neda Shirali, Nelia Dzheripa and Sara Rahbani, our new Educational Assistants.

2025-2026 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.

Terry Fox School Fundraiser:

We would like to say an enormous **THANK-YOU** to our amazing Frank Hobbs Family Community for donating to this year's Terry Fox Fundraiser. ***We exceeded our goal of \$1,500 this year!!*** (final total will be shared at the end of October) Thank-you all so much, for your ongoing generous support of this important cause!

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation:

Students and staff across the District recognized the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation Week which ran from September

Our Orange Shirt Day assembly was on Friday, September 26th, before Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th.

Professional Development Day

Our next Pro-D Day is Friday, October 24th, *there is no school for students.*

October Parent Teacher Meetings

The week of Wednesday the 22nd and Thursday the 23rd, we are having parent teacher meetings - information has gone out to you (the parents) from your child's teacher.

Interviews will take place on Wednesday, from 3:00-4:30pm and on Thursday, from 1:00pm-5:30pm

Early dismissal is only on Thursday Oct 23rd at 11:50am.
Wednesday Oct.22nd are regular school day hours.

Grade 5 Strings Program

Mr. Sorensen, our strings teacher, has connected with grade 5 students and their families. If you are still interested in this program, please email him directly at TSorensen@sd61.bc.ca

Cross Country

A big **thank you** to Mrs. Johns and Mrs. King who are co-coaching the Cross Country team this year! Please contact them if you have any question tjohns@sd61.bc.ca meking@sd61.bc.ca

- Monday Sept 29th, GROUP **B** at Beckwith
 - Monday, Oct 6th, GROUP **B** at Lansdowne
 - Tuesday, Oct 14th, GROUP **B** at Lambrick
 - Monday, Oct 20th, GROUP **B** at Lambrick
 - Tuesday Oct 28th, GROUP **B** City Finals at @UVic Cross Track on Cedar Hill Rd.
- ** All races start at 3:30pm**

Picture Day is October 7th:

After Picture Day, you can order your child's photos at <https://online2.edgeimaging.ca> using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your child's Picture Day Order Form.

If you have more than two children, there is a family plan - at the bottom of the ordering page, parents can click the family plan link which will allow you to fill out a form indicating your children's names - you will then get a code for packages for any more than two children, and those will be complimentary!

Bike To School Week

Bike to work/school week will run from September 29th to October 3rd. As a school, we will record and post all the active transportation students take to get to and from school.

This includes walking, scootering and biking.

There will be a large poster in the front hallway. Students can earn a ticket for each day they participate. The PAC is providing some prizes and there will be a random draw from all the entries at the end of the event.

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. *There are important online consent forms for which parents/guardians must read and provide consent.*

The link: [Parent Connect Sign In](#)

Kindergarten Immunizations:

In B.C., routine immunizations are recommended for children at kindergarten entry (4-6 years of age).

If your child has not received their kindergarten immunizations, please contact your local Public Health unit at to book an appointment.

For more information about immunization, visit <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-library/immunizations/children> or contact your local Public Health unit if you have any questions.

Library News:

Thank you to all students who have already done a wonderful job with returning their library books on time. This year students in kindergarten - grade 2 are able to borrow two books at a time, and students in grade 3 - 5 are able to borrow three books at a time. If students need or want more books in a week, or if they miss their usual book exchange day, they are welcome to come down to the library (with permission from their teacher) on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 8:45 - 9:00 to do an additional book exchange. Thank you for taking good care of your books and returning them on time. Happy reading!

Hallowe'en:

Students in all grades are invited to either wear orange and black, or dress in costumes on Friday, Oct. 31st. We are leaving this decision up to the parents. *We ask that all accessories including swords, fake weapons, and props be left at home.* If there is make-up to be applied, this will need to be done at home, not in the classrooms or in the washrooms.

Please be aware that your child will be in a costume all day - if this is a very special or elaborate costume, you may wish to consider something more "outside friendly" as students will still be outside for play, and may get dirty, or your child can wear orange and black!

And don't forget the PAC Fall Festival Dance on October 23rd from 6pm-8pm in the gym!



Health and Safety:

We are resuming our monthly fire drills and we're also having the Great BC Shakeout Drill on October 17th.

1000X5 = 1000 Books by Age Five:

Click on the link: [1000x5 October Update](#)

Important Upcoming Dates:

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**)

PAC Fall Festival Dance: Oct 23rd 6pm-8pm in the gym

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

Daylight Savings Ends: November 3rd

Picture Retakes: November 3rd

Remembrance Day School Assembly: November 10th

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

Pro-D Day: November 21nd – **no school for students**

Weather and Outside Time

Please remember to dress your kids for the weather ~ at Frank Hobbs we go outside at recess rain or shine!

We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving ~ and a safe and Happy Hallowe'en at the end of the month!

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



And now, and update from our amazing PAC:

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

REMINDER TO ORDER

The Frank Hobbs Hot Lunch Program is back! All families need to create a new account this year, even if you ordered and had an account last year.

Order Deadline for November lunches is Wednesday October 15 at 3:00 PM

Please follow the links below to place your orders

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

Up coming lunch dates are:

October: deadline to order was September 19

1 pizza
8 popcorn
15 Red Robins burgers
22 Sushi
31 booster juice

November: deadline to order is October 15 by 3pm

7 pizza
12 popcorn
19 Subway
26 Romeo's pastas

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed from 11:40 AM – 12:30 PM. Indicate your availability when placing your child's order—volunteering is a fun way to meet other parents!

If you need financial assistance for the hot lunch program, please contact lunches@frankhobbspac.ca after setting up your child's account. All inquiries are confidential.

Winter Flowers by Hilltop Greenhouses:

Our PAC is hosting a winter flower fundraiser, offering varying sizes and colours of poinsettias, seasonal baskets and planters, along with wreaths and indoor plants from Hilltop Greenhouses. Please see choices and view photo examples on our hot lunch platform.

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

Orders will be accented up until Thursday, November 6th. Flower pick up will be available at school on Thursday December 11th and Friday the 12th or alternate pick up or drop arrangements can be made. Thank you for supporting our school community!

PAC Brewing Connections:

You are invited to join us for coffee and tea on **Friday, October 17th from 8:45–9:15am** after school drop-off. Bring your favorite mug and connect with fellow parents, caregivers, and our amazing admin team — a welcoming space to meet, connect, and build community.

PAC Halloween Dance:

The PAC is excited to host a **Halloween Dance** on **Thursday, October 23rd from 6:30–8:00pm** in the school gym. Costumes are encouraged and siblings are welcome! We'll have music, dancing, free popcorn, a treat concession, and our popular "Pumpkin Patch Walk" game — every child will receive one free ticket to play. We need your help to make the night a success! Volunteer roles and baking spots for the Pumpkin Patch Walk are available here: [Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet](#).

Become a PAC Room Parent Rep:

Help bridge the connection between your child's class, their teacher, and the PAC. **Room Parent Reps** help strengthen class community by sharing updates, encouraging parent involvement, and supporting classroom connections in a fun, approachable way. It's a great choice if you enjoy building connections! Sign up here: [Room Parent Sign-Up Form](#)
