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November School Newsletter



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

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.

Remembrance Day is honoured on Tuesday November 11th.

Professional Development Day is Friday, November 21st

There will be no school for students on those days.

Welcome to our new Staff:

Marjorie Wall our new, temporary ELL teacher (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), along with Lori Docherty, our new Educational Assistant.

If you or someone you know is looking for a meaningful opportunity to contribute to children's learning and well-being, we invite you to consider joining our team.

Position: Educational Assistant (Continuing)

Location: Frank Hobbs Elementary

Learn more or apply here: [Educational Assistant – Frank Hobbs Elementary](#)

Remembrance Day Assembly and Poppy Drive

Every year, from the last Friday of October to November 11, tens of millions of Canadians [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](#) 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.

As a school, we will have our Remembrance Day school assembly on November 10th, where we'll honour veterans abroad and a few in our own community. Also, each class will present wreaths for display, that each class has designed and created.



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

We remember them, and thank them for their service.



School Upgrades: Painting and Floors:

We're thrilled to share that our school has been selected for interior painting this year! This project includes painting all classrooms and installing new flooring where needed. While this is a wonderful long-term improvement, it does come with the short-term challenge of classroom displacement and packing. Our PAC is currently working to identify a classroom parent who will be reaching out in the coming weeks to help coordinate parent volunteers for packing support. I know our staff will be very grateful for the extra hands, especially our librarian, Mrs. King in the learning commons! The district has standardized the colour palette to off-white walls with navy trim as an accent. Work is scheduled to begin this coming week in classrooms that are not in use, with Ms. Timmermans' and Ms. Johns' rooms tentatively planned for the end of the month or early November. Thank you in advance for your support and flexibility as we make our learning spaces brighter and more welcoming for everyone!

Student Opportunities:

We are pleased to be offering the following extra-curricular opportunities for our students:

- Lunch Monitors – grades 4/5 run by Ms. Clackson
- Cross Country – thanks to Ms. Johns and Mrs. King - *and congratulations to all of our runners, it was a great season!*
- Floor Hockey – grade 2 (December) and grade 3 (January) - run by Mr. Walasek
- Volleyball Club – grades 4/5 in November, run by Mr. Robinson
- Indoor Soccer – grades 4/5 in December, run by Mr. Robinson
- Basketball Club – grades 4/5 in January, run by Mr. Robinson
- Dance Club – grades 4/5, run by Ms. Thorburn
- Leadership Club – grade 5, run by Ms. Clackson



...to all our fabulous staff, for volunteering their time and energy to run our clubs & athletics!
We appreciate all you do for our kids!



Thank You for a Spooktacular Halloween Dance!



A huge thank-you to our incredible parent organizers for all the time, energy, and creativity that went into planning this year's Halloween Dance! Your hard work transformed our gym into such a fun and exciting space for our students and families. I was amazed!

I'd also like to extend our appreciation to all the families who came out to join the fun, volunteer, and support our school community. Events like this truly bring Frank Hobbs together and remind us how lucky we are to be part of such a caring and connected community.

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](#) – 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 is: [Parent Connect Sign In](#)

Library News:

A friendly reminder that Mrs. King offers an open library exchange every Tuesday and Friday morning from 8:45-9:00. This is a time for any students to quickly stop by the library to swap out their books. This is intended for both students who missed their library block (or forget their books on the day of), or who are eager readers and wanting access to more books per week. This is in addition to their regularly scheduled weekly library book exchange. Mrs. King has been having many students stop by daily for this, and wanted to remind kids and families that it is **only on Tuesdays and Fridays**. Thank you for your understanding!

Health and Safety:

The whole school practiced both a fire drill and an earthquake drill recently, with great success. The students are taking the drills seriously, and are learning about what we as a school would do, in the event of a true emergency.

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 WEDDING RING - A parent has recently lost their wedding ring somewhere inside the school. The exact location or activity where it was lost is unknown. If you happen to find a ring or hear of one being found, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for keeping an eye out and helping us reunite this very special item with its owner.



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](#) 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!

From a parent: I have a 5-month-old son and would love to have access to more books for him as I don’t have a lot of money to buy them... I really appreciate what you’re doing. I love reading to my son... and am so glad to know I can read him a variety of books instead of the same two over and over!

Important Upcoming Dates:

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**
PAC Movie Night: November 28th
Winter Break: December 22nd -January 2nd
January 5th: First Day Back from Winter Break

Thanks for supporting the Royal Canadian Legion’s Poppy Drive – we hope you all have a wonderful month,

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



Cross Country 2025

And now an update on our PAC Fundraisers:

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

REMINDER TO ORDER:

Order Deadline for December lunches is Wednesday November 15 at 3:00 PM. Please have orders placed and paid for by this date.

Please follow the links below to place your orders

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

Up coming lunch dates are:

November deadline to order was October 18 by 3pm

7 pizza

12 popcorn

19 Subway

26 Romeo's pastas

December lunches deadline is November 15 by 3pm

5 Calzone

10 Popcorn

17 Pizza

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.

Hilltop Winter Flowers

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. Orders will be accepted 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!

Purdy’s Chocolate Fundraiser:

Buy holiday treats this winter season for friends and family and use our link!

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/957487-131052>

Our school gets 25 per cent back and all you need to do is give or eat chocolate. Win win! Supporter deadline is November 22nd with pick up Dec 4th (or sooner).