



Frank Hobbs Elementary School

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DECEMBER NEWS



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.

Winter Break:

Our last full day of classes is Friday *December 19th*. School re-opens on Monday *January 5th*, 2026.

Report Cards:

Report cards will be made available to parents online, on December 19th after school. More information on this will be sent home shortly. Access to your child's report card will be through the Parent Connect link. Please ensure you are signed up to have access prior to December 19th. If you are unable to create an account, please contact the school. [Parent Connect Link](#)

Painting Update

Thanks to those parents who have reached out and helped teachers with classroom packing. So far we have had three classrooms painted and two floors replaced – we're looking great!

Absences and Late Arrivals:

When your child is absent, sick or will be late, please remember to email or call the attendance line and provide the **FIRST and LAST** name of your child, and your child's teacher.

On days a teacher is absent, any emails sent to them regarding attendance, will not reach the office. Also, please remind your child to **sign in or out at the office** when they arrive late or are leaving early to avoid the automated call-out. We try very hard to not disrupt classes with calls to confirm attendance, so please ensure your student (or you) sign them in.

You can bookmark the link below for added convenience, thanks.

FHAttendance@sd61.bc.ca

Culture Week is coming to Frank Hobbs Elementary starting December 8th!

Throughout the week, our students and staff will take extra time to celebrate the diverse family histories, traditions, and cultural backgrounds that make our school community so special. Together, we'll explore and learn from one another through a variety of engaging activities, both in classrooms and around the school.

More details will be shared with families on **December 5th** as we officially kick off Culture Week at Frank Hobbs. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

A Message From Our School Counsellor

Counsellor Corner

Autumn is here and we are nearing cozy Winter! I wanted to introduce myself – Mitchel du Plessis, she/her. I am thrilled to be supporting you and your children as the school counsellor here at Frank Hobbs!

We are starting up our Ally Crew, a student leadership club open to intermediate (grades 3, 4 and 5) students at this time. We will be meeting on Fridays at lunch recess to explore allyship by creating space for connections and belonging for all students and their families. Looking forward to sharing our cool actions with you!

I will also be sharing some great resources with you~

Here is a resource that has been sent out from our school district Language Matters - An introductory Guide for Understanding Mental Health and Substance Use: A Resource for Families

This resource is designed to help parents, guardians and caregivers of school age children (ages 5-11) and youth (ages 12-18) learn more about common language and concepts on mental health and substance use.

For more information, please contact school counsellor, Mitchel du Plessis at mduplessis@sd61.bc.ca

Contacting Staff

Our classroom phones don't take messages, but you are free to email teachers at any time. All staff emails are on our school website under Staff Info, however staff do not normally check their emails while teaching so they may not be able to respond until after or before school.

If there is a family emergency, please call the office. Thank-you for your understanding; we place great importance on maintaining a focused and supportive learning environment during the school day, and appreciate that your afterschool activities are planned in advance.

Library News:

Due to the success of this program last year, we are once again 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!

Suggestions: graphic novels, novels your child has enjoyed reading, non-fiction or school age picture books... Thank you!

As we near winter break, Mrs. King would like to remind everyone to please search for any lost library books. If you are needing a receipt to pay for a lost book, please email Mrs. King (MeKing@sd61.bc.ca) and she will send one home with your child.

Library books should be stored in a safe, clean area at home so they are returned to school in good condition.

And just a friendly reminder to please return your books on time. Mrs. King says thanks!

Salmon Run Program

Ms. Teveaarwerk has been taking her class to Goldstream Park to see the incredible salmon run for several years. We invite you see why: ["Everything I learn feels alive"](#)

VIE Homestay Program

Please click on the link below for details on how to get involved in the Homestay program:

[Student Homestay Program Information](#)

Kindergarten Registration Week:

A reminder that Kindergarten Registration Week is January 26-30, 2026. All registration is online. Kindergarten registration will open at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 26th. 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, 2026* 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:

<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 26th-30th 2026. Families who register during registration week will have priority for placement.

Health and Safety:

Schools being allergy-aware is crucial in creating a safe and inclusive environment for all students. As more children are diagnosed with severe allergies to foods, insects, and environmental factors, schools are implementing safety steps that address these needs.

Allergy awareness involves educating staff, students, and parents about the risks and preventive measures associated with allergens and training staff in emergency response procedures, such as administering epinephrine. Schools are allergy-friendly, meaning avoiding specific food items in particular classrooms to minimize the chances of accidental exposure, but also being mindful when we are in school with what scents we are wearing, not bringing pets to school, and what is packed in our lunches.

Allergens such as peanuts are not banned in schools, but we want all community members to know that our school has nut sensitivities and allergies – we are an allergy aware school. Schools help protect students' health by promoting allergy awareness and ensuring they feel comfortable and supported throughout their learning experience.

Common allergens: nuts, pollen, insects, latex, milk, soy, perfume/scents, eggs, fish/shellfish

Lost and Found:

The Lost and Found is once again, filling up! Jackets, pants, sweaters, shirts, water bottles, thermoses, masks, hats ... you name it, we've got it! *The Lost and Found will be displayed in the school entryway during the first two weeks of December. Please come take a look.*

Any items remaining in the Lost and Found on Friday December 19th will be donated to charity.

Weather and Outside Time:

With the stormy, cold and wet weather moving in, our school playgrounds are getting muddier - if possible, please send your child(ren) to school with INDOOR SHOES so we can keep our classes and hallways clean.

You may even want to send a change of clothes if your child is younger. Our students play outside regardless of the weather, please make sure they are dressed appropriately. Play in the forest area is limited on wind warning days, as indicated by Environment Canada.

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[December Update from 1000X5](#)

Important Upcoming Dates

- December 5th: Brewing Connections
- December 8th: Culture Week
- December 16th: PAC Winter Solstice Celebration
- December 19th: Festive Sweater Day and Winter Assembly
- December 19th: The last day of classes before the Winter Break, report cards available
- January 5th: First Day Back from Winter Break
- January 16th: Brewing Connections
- January 26th: Professional Development Day– no school for students
- January 26- 30th: Late Immersion French Registration Week
- January 26th – 30th: Kindergarten Registration Week
- February 9th -12th: K-Gr 12 Transfer Week
- February 13th: Professional Development Day – no school for students
- February 16th: Family Day Stat holiday

From all of us here at Frank Hobbs, we wish you all a winter break that is merry and bright!

***Thomas Thompson, Principal ~ Ashley Clackson, Vice Principal
Kealy Hansen, Admin Assistant ~ Kelsey Shaver, School Assistant***



Snowflakes from Ms. Johns' Div 1 Students, adorning the school office



PAC HOT LUNCH UPDATE:

Hot Lunch News

Deadline for January and February hot lunches is this **FRIDAY DECEMBER 5 by 3pm.**

December: deadline was November 19

5 calzone

10 popcorn

17 pizza

January:

9 pizza

21 popcorn

February

4 calzone

27 Subway

Deadline is December 5 by 3pm for both months

Please follow the link below to log into your account and place your orders. <https://frankhobbs.hotlunches.net/admin/>

If you need financial assistance, please reach out to lunches@frankhobbspac.ca all inquiries will be kept confidential.

Thanks

Frank Hobbs PAC