



Frank Hobbs Elementary School

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~February School Newsletter~



Hello and Happy February! This month we celebrate inclusion and kindness with Pink Shirt Day, love and friendship with Valentines's Day, and togetherness with Family Day... *what a wonderful month!* Here at Frank Hobbs, this is what we have to look forward to

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.

Reminder:

Professional Development Day is Friday, February 13th and Family Day is Monday, February 16th, there will be no school for students on those days.

Pink Shirt Day:

Pink Shirt Day is the day we bring more awareness to the issue of bullying in our schools and workplaces. We do this to discuss ways to be kind to one another, and to actively create a more inclusive environment for everyone. *We encourage everyone to wear pink on Wednesday February 25th.* We strive to create a welcoming and inclusive school where everyone feels valued. Everyday of the year, we embrace opportunities to teach and model these values, helping our community to grow stronger together.

Parking Safety at Frank Hobbs:

As the colder and wetter days continue, we typically see an increase in vehicle traffic around the school. We appreciate your efforts to help keep our children safe by reducing the number of vehicles whenever possible.

Frank Hobbs Elementary was designed with the vision of children walking or biking to their neighborhood school. Instead of driving up Haro Road to drop your child off directly in front of the school, please consider using one of the designated walk-to-school drop-off locations.

Each of these alternate drop-off points is less than a five-minute walk to the school. Not only does this encourage a bit of physical activity, but research also shows that even a short walk supports better learning and mental health. An easy drop-off option is along Hobbs Street, where you can use the pathway, or further down Haro Road.

STUDENT SAFETY is our top priority. It is crucial to obey the **NO PARKING** signs, this includes Staff Parking Spots, as parking space is extremely limited and in high demand during peak times. Many of our students walk, bike, or scooter to school, and some are small and unpredictable in their movements. We've had a few close calls between vehicles and students, and your cooperation in using designated drop-off zones and walking to school can help prevent accidents.

At Frank Hobbs Elementary, we are committed to being a good community member and appreciate the efforts each family makes to ensure safe and effective travel to and from school. Thank you for helping us create a safe, positive environment for everyone.

School Bus/Field Trip Reminder:

With many students taking busses for class field trips, we would like to remind everyone of the expected behaviour, so ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Bus Etiquette

Library News:

Mrs. King is happy to share that she is expecting her first baby at the end of March. Her plan is to work up until Spring Break (March 13th) before taking her maternity leave. She has appreciated all the excitement and support from students, staff, and families, and will deeply miss the school community while she is away.

Counsellor Corner:

Happy Winter * The days are getting longer! We continue to highlight inclusion at our school. Our intermediate student Ally club started meeting and we are exploring ways to increase belonging and connection through acts of allyship and social justice. We will be unpacking discrimination, increasing awareness and creating ways to include everyone. Please feel free to explore ideas at home of how we can all be upstanders and allies.

I am thrilled to share that we have been granted a British Columbia Teacher's Federation Social Justice Initiatives Grant!!! Together, several teachers collaborated around whole school inclusion that involves a multifaceted approach to meet the needs of all learners.

Stay tuned for more details 😊

Here is a great link for regulation activities.

Winter Self-Regulation: 10 Engaging Activities for Kids - The Pathway 2 Success

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

Mitchel du Plessis, (she/her)
Frank Hobbs School Counsellor

City of Victoria – Recreation Programs for Kids:

Click on the link below for information on camp and program opportunities now through March.

Child and Youth Camps and Programs through the City of Victoria

1000x5:

1000x5 February Update for Parents

School Cash Payments Online:

If you need to make a student payment for a class activity, please go to our [Frank Hobbs School Website](#) under Quick Links! Thank you so much.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- February 10th-13th: K-12 Transfer Week
- February 12th: Pink or Red Day
- February 13th: Professional Development Day – no school for students
- February 16th: Family Day Stat Holiday
- February 25th: Pink Shirt Day and Assembly
- March 13th: Last day of classes before Spring Break
- March 16th: March 27th : Spring Break
- March 30th : School Reopens
- April 3rd and April 6th : Good Friday and Easter Monday Stat Holidays

We hope you all enjoy some special time with your families, and have a love'ly month -

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



Frank Hobbs PAC Update:

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

REMINDER TO ORDER:

Order Deadline for January and February was Friday December 5. Deadline for placing orders for March is **February 11 by 3pm**.

February 9th is hot dog day

The grade 4 and 5 parents are also doing a hot dog day on February 9th. All proceeds from this hot lunch day will go to the grade four and five end of year field trips.

Please make sure that your hot dog orders placed by **February 2 by 3pm**.Please follow the links below to place your orders

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

Dates are as follows:

February :

4 calzone
9 hot dog day
27 Subway

March: DEAD LINE TO ORDER IS February 11 by 3pm

6 pizza
9 hot dog day
11 popcorn
13 booster juice

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

PAC Community Update

Please join us for our next PAC Meeting on Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30pm, held in the school library and online. Our school counsellor will share updates on recently received social justice and mental health grants, including how student voices and inclusion will guide this work. All caregivers are welcome.

Save the dates!

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- **Thursday, March 5 – Parents' Night Out: Music Bingo at the Fernwood Inn** 

Both events are being organized by our Grade 4/5 community in support of year-end field trips. Come connect, have fun, and support our students at the same time — we hope to see you there!

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