



Frank Hobbs Elementary School

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January School Newsletter



Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Winter Break with your friends and family, and are ready for all the exciting things that 2026 is sure to bring!

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.

Reminders:

Professional Development Day is Monday, January 26th, there is no school for students.

Report Cards:

If you are having difficulties accessing your child's report card online through Parent Connect, please let your teacher know when we return to school on January 5th. [Parent Connect Link](#)
[Parent Connect Sign In](#)

Grade 5 Middle School Transition Letters:

Transition letters will be sent out to all grade 5 student families on January 8th. These letters will provide information on your child's Middle School, for grade 6. *If you have moved recently and have not yet provided the office with an update (and supporting documents) of your new home address, please do so as it may impact your catchment Middle School. Thank you.*

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:

[Kindergarten Registration Information 2026](#)

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. As well as the District's information link: [Parent Information on Late French Immersion](#)

Registration for Late French Immersion occurs [online](#) from January 26th-30th 2026. Families who register during registration week will have priority for placement.

You can click on the link below for more information on dates for District transfer requests, as well as timelines connected to other programs for middle and high school.

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/>

School Club Update:

- Floor Hockey in January: Grade 3 with Mr. Walasek
- Basketball Club in January: Grade 4/5 with Mr. Robinson
- Dance Club continues in January: Grade 4/5 with Ms. Thorburn
- Leadership Group: Meets every week with Ms. Clackson, to come up with ideas to help the school and to plan events

Library News:

A friendly reminder that the library is 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!

We've seen some really wonderful additions to the library be donated, thank-you!

(Suggestions: graphic novels, novels your child has enjoyed reading, non-fiction or school age picture books...)

Culture Week:

We had a very successful and educational Culture Week in December. Many students shared their family culture and language on the morning announcements, we learned about what other cultures around the world like to eat, how they celebrate and what languages they speak. Thank you to all for sharing your family culture with us!

**Health and Safety:**

During the month of December, we observed many students coming into the school during morning recess because they were cold. The wet, sometimes windy, west coast winter weather is still upon us. It is therefore important that students are dressed appropriately for these conditions.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on rainy days with warm, water resistant/waterproof clothing: a jacket/poncho (preferably with a hood) and closed shoes (rain boots, if possible).

Our students do go outside for recess, do exercise activities, and participate in neighbourhood walks. Some field trips also involve students being outdoors for extended periods of time, even when the weather is wet and windy.

School Field Closure for Winter

The District has requested that schools close the outdoor fields for recesses, from December through January. This policy is in place help keep all school fields in good condition, as the more extreme winter weather can make them more easily prone to damage.

Additionally, the field closure will help to limit tracking in mud and dirt on shoes and boots, to our classrooms and hallways.

The District will reevaluate the closures near the end of January. Thank you for your understanding as we endeavour to keep our outdoor play spaces safe and viable for school use, and the inside of our school clean.

School Cash Payments Online:

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

1000X5 = 1000 Books by Age Five:

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria - **Bring on the Books!**

The 2026 year has begun and 1000X5 volunteers are into Year 13 of sorting and delivering the 250,000 books for babies and preschoolers which have been so kindly donated by you. Every month we send 2500-3000 books into homes with few resources.

Thanks for your donations of books to this wonderful program. We have a collection bin for your book donations across of the office.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 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

Welcome to 2026 – we hope it's a happy and healthy year ahead for you all!

Thomas Thompson, Principal ~ Ashley Clackson, Vice Principal

Kealy Hansen, Administrative Assistant

Kelsey Shaver, Secretarial Clerk



PAC December Newsletter

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.

January 16 hot dog day

The grade 4 and 5 parents are also doing a hot dog day on January the 16th. 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 January 9 by 3pm.

Please follow the link to place your orders: <https://frankhobbs.hotlunches.net/admin/>

Dates are as followed

January:

9 pizza

16 hot dog day

21 popcorn

February :

4 calzone

9 hot dog day

27 Subway

March: DEAD LINE TO ORDER IS February 11th 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.

Thanks,

Frank Hobbs PAC