

# Frank Hobbs Elementary School



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## March School Newsletter

### \*\*\* Spotlight \*\*\*

#### **Moving or Not Returning in September?**

As we move into Spring, work begins planning for the Fall at Frank Hobbs. If you know your family will be moving, or you plan for your child(ren) to attend a different school, please let the office know. *This greatly assists us in planning our classes for the Fall.*

#### **Learning Updates:**

Just a reminder that term one Learning Updates went home electronically before Winter Break. If you have not yet had the time to view your child's Learning Update, please go to [Parent Connect](#) Once you are in your child's account, click the 'Assessment History' tab on the side, then click on the grey paper for this past term. We are excited to report that 80% of reports have been read at this point!

#### **2025-2026 Frank Hobbs School Bell Schedule:**

- **Start time: 8:45 am**
- **Morning Recess: 10:15-10:30**
- **Lunch: 11:50-12:15 (eating time) 12:15-12:35 (outside recess)**
- **Dismissal: 2:37 pm**
- **Attendance is 250-477-1804 (press 1) or [FHAttendance@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:FHAttendance@sd61.bc.ca) (late or absent)**

*Please remember to use your child's first and last name and classroom teacher*

#### **Daylight Savings Time:**

Please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, as we spring forward into Daylight Savings Time officially early on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Spring Break:**

Our District's Spring Break is from March 16<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>.

*All SD61 schools will be closed for these 2 weeks.*

#### **Arbutus Grove Children's Centre Update:**

The 2026/27 waitpool for Arbutus Grove Out of School Care is now open. Families who would like to join the waitpool are encouraged to fill out the form at the link below. We will be reaching out to families in March with further updates and next steps. At this time, we do not anticipate having any kindergarten spaces available for the upcoming school year.

Click here: [Wait Pool Link](#)

If you have any questions, please email the program manager at [oscmanger@arbutusgrove.ca](mailto:oscmanger@arbutusgrove.ca)

#### **Field Trip Volunteering:**

Just a reminder that if you plan to volunteer on one of the many year end class field trips and have not yet done so, please have your volunteering paperwork completed, including an up to date Criminal Record Check.

Our [School Volunteer Form](#) will assist you.

### **Girls and Boys Grade 4/5 Basketball:**

A big thank you to Mr. Robinson for supporting our Grade 4 and 5 basketball team this season. With such a large group of students participating, his help made a real difference. We had the opportunity to play both a home game and away games against Campus View and Oaklands Elementary. It was a fantastic experience for our students, and we were incredibly proud of their effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

As always, parents are kindly asked to wash their child's jersey and return it to the office as soon as possible.



Thank you as well to the parents who drove and stayed to cheer us on. *Your support means so much to our students and helps make these experiences memorable for everyone involved.*

### **Attendance:**

Regular attendance is very important. A student's over-all growth increases significantly over the time when they attend school regularly and have strong connections to all aspects of classroom and school learning. When your child misses 2 days of school a month, that equates to 20 days a year: 30 hours of math, and 60 hours of reading and writing. Research shows there is a powerful link between successful learning and regular school attendance.

While we recognize students may be periodically absent from school due to illness or important family plans and trips, ***please support your child by working hard to attend school regularly and to arrive on time.***

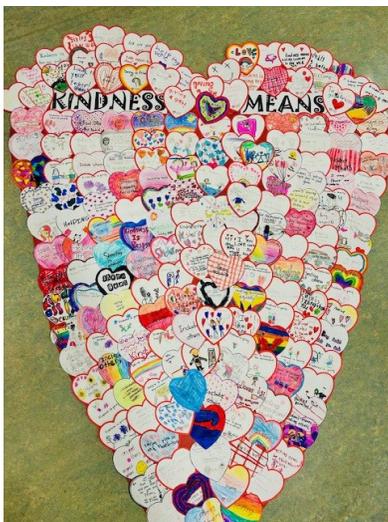
### **Inclusive Learning News:**

As our learning support teacher, Shelby Bouthillier, prepares to begin her maternity leave, she would like to share how incredibly lucky she feels to be part of the Frank Hobbs School community. It truly is such a happy and cheerful place, and she felt lucky to work alongside such caring staff and wonderful students this year. She is so grateful for the support, kindness, and positivity that makes the school so special. She is very excited to welcome her baby boy in the coming weeks and begin this new chapter with her family. Shelby looks forward to returning to work in September 2027 and reconnecting with everyone then. We will update families when Shelby's position has been filled with a new, temporary learning support teacher.

### **Library News:**

And a reminder...

Last month Mrs. King shared 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. We will update families when Mrs. King's position has been filled with a new, temporary librarian.



### **Pink Shirt Day:**

On February 25<sup>th</sup> we brought awareness to pink shirt day with a school wide assembly. Ms. Clackson, Mr. Thompson and three of our leadership students spoke about where and why Pink Shirt Day originated and the importance of kindness.

Mrs. King did a fantastic job interviewing our staff and parent community, asking them what kindness means to them. She presented a slideshow for our students.

Lastly, Alice from Division 6 and Amy from Division 1 performed the song Stand by Me on their violins. This was such a special treat and very fitting for Pink Shirt Day.

### **Island Hoppers Jump Rope:**

We have the amazing Island Hopper coming to do a school jump rope presentation, on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please see the attached for more information on how you can get involved in this fun activity!

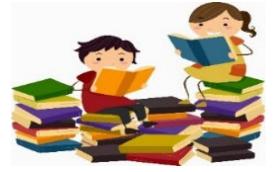
### School Cash Payments Online:

If you need to make a payment for your child's field trip, 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



**1000X5 would love books from your spring cleaning** 15 years: 380,000 books 1000 babies

and preschoolers/month receive a gift bag of 3 books. Currently we are running a bit short of the demand for books. Please check the corners of your house and continue to donate books into the pink bin in the front lobby of the school.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- March 13<sup>th</sup>: Last day of classes before Spring Break
- March 16<sup>th</sup>: March 27<sup>th</sup> : Spring Break
- March 30<sup>th</sup> : School Reopens
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> : Good Friday and Easter Monday Stat Holidays
- April 14<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten Immunizations
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Earth Day
- April 30<sup>th</sup>: Student Led Conferences – ***Early Dismissal at 11:50m***
- May 1<sup>st</sup>: Class Photo Day
- May 10<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day
- May 15<sup>th</sup>: Pro-D Day – No School for Students
- May 18<sup>th</sup>: Family Day Stat Holiday

***Wishing you a bright and cheerful month ahead!***

Thomas Thompson, Principal ~ Ashley Clackson, Vice Principal  
Kealy Hansen, Administrative Assistant ~ Kelsey Shaver, Sec. Clerk



## **PAC Hot Lunch Update**

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM REMINDER TO ORDER:

Order Deadline for March was Friday February 13. Deadline for placing orders for APRIL is March 13 by 3pm. Please follow the links below to place your orders

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

Dates are as followed

**March: DEADLINE was February 13**

6 pizza  
11 popcorn  
13 booster juice

**April: DEADLINE to order is March 13 by 3 pm**

10 pizza  
15 popcorn  
24 sushi  
29 Romeo's pasta

If you need financial assistance, please reach out to [lunches@frankhobbspac.ca](mailto:lunches@frankhobbspac.ca) all inquiries will be kept confidential.

Thanks from your Frank Hobbs PAC