



Frank Hobbs Elementary School

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October School Newsletter



The Whole School Terry Fox Run

Staff Updates:

We would like to welcome Crystal Lavis, our new Educational Assistant, and Kristen Schindel, our temporary Teacher Librarian for the year.

2026-2027 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.

Terry Fox School Fundraiser:

We would like to say an *enormous* **THANK-YOU** to our amazing Frank Hobbs Family Community for donating to this year's Terry Fox Fundraiser.

We raised over \$2,300 this year!! Thank-you all so much, for your ongoing generous support of this important cause!

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation:

Our Orange Shirt Day outdoor assembly was held on Tuesday, September 29th, before The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th. We began by honouring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by having Mr. Thompson do a special land acknowledgment, honouring the importance of the day. Ms. Mitchel did a fantastic job with our drumming group as they lead a school wide drumming circle. It was fantastic to see our students, staff and parents participate in this moving, acknowledgement activity.



Culture Week:

We are celebrating Culture Week from Oct 13-16th.

At Frank Hobbs Elementary, we are fortunate to welcome students with family heritage connections firmly rooted in our local community to those whose connections extend worldwide. Some of our ancestors have always been on this land, while others immigrated here long ago.

We have students and families who are recent immigrants. We wish to celebrate everyone's journey that has brought us together at Frank Hobbs Elementary. In the week of October 12th – 16th, we will be engaging in various curricular activities. The week prior, we will be sending you homework for each of our students that will be used to celebrate their family and culture with their classmates.

Professional Development Day

Our next Pro-D Day is Friday, October 23rd, there is no school for students.

October Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday the 21st and Thursday the 22nd we are having parent teacher meetings – more information will be sent out to you (the parents) from your child's teacher.

Early dismissal is Wednesday Oct 22nd at 11:50am.

Grade 5 Strings Program

Drew Howard, our strings teacher, has connected with grade 5 students and their families. If you are still interested in this program, please email dhoward@sd61.bc.ca

Cross Country

A big **thank you** to Ms. Clackson and Mr. Robinson who are co-coaching the Cross Country team this year! Please contact them if you have any questions. aclackson@sd61.bc.ca and ARobinson@sd61.bc.ca We'd also like to say a big thank-you to Ms. Nanninga for her help with our morning practices, and helping our runners get fit!

-Monday Oct 5th, Lambrick Park (forward route)

-Tuesday, Oct13th, Beckwith Park

-Monday, Oct 19th, Lambrick Park (forward route)

-Monday, Oct 26th, UVic Cedar Hill Corner (across from Henderson Rec Ctr.)

** Races begin at 3:45pm starting with gr 3, gr 4 and gr 5 (girls then boys for each grade)

[Cross Country Parent Information Letter](#)

Picture Day is October 7th:

After Picture Day, you can order your child's photos at <https://online2.edgeimaging.ca> using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your child's Picture Day Order Form.

If you have more than two children, there is a family plan - at the bottom of the ordering page, parents can click the family plan link which will allow you to fill out a form indicating your children's names - you will then get a code for packages for any more than two children, and those will be complimentary!

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.

There are important online consent forms for which parents/guardians must read and provide consent.

The link: [Parent Connect Sign In](#)

Kindergarten Immunizations:

In British Columbia, routine immunizations are recommended for children at kindergarten entry (4-6 years of age). If your child has not received their kindergarten immunizations, please contact your local Public Health unit to book an appointment.

For more information about immunization, please visit:

Immunizations for School Aged Children and Youth:

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/health-topics/immunizations/immunizations-school-aged-children-and-youth>

HealthLink BC:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-library/immunizations/children>.

Contact Your Local Public Health Unit:

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/our-locations/health-unit-locations>

[School Immunization Parent Welcome Letter](#)



Library News:

Thank you to all students who have already done a wonderful job both with returning their library books on time and for taking good care of your books while you borrow them. Happy reading!

Hallowe'en:

Students in all grades are invited to either wear orange and black, or dress in costumes on Friday, Oct. 30th. We are leaving this decision up to the parents. *We ask that all accessories including swords, fake weapons, and props be left at home.* If there is make-up to be applied, this will need to be done at home, not in the classrooms or in the washrooms.

Please be aware that your child will be in a costume all day - if this is a very special or elaborate costume, you may wish to consider something more "outside friendly" as students will still be outside for play, and may get dirty, or your child can wear orange and black!



Health and Safety:

We are resuming our monthly fire drills and we're also having the Great BC Shakeout Drill on October 15th.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Picture Day: October 7th (individual student photos)

Thanksgiving: October 12th - school not in session

Parent Teacher Meetings: Oct 21 and 22 (*early dismissal at 11:50am on Thursday the 22nd*)

Pro-D Day: October 23rd – no school for students

Picture Retakes: November 2nd

Remembrance Day School Assembly: November 10th

Remembrance Day: November 11th – **school not in session**

Pro-D Day: November 27th – **no school for students**

Weather and Outside Time

Please remember to dress your kids for the weather ~ at Frank Hobbs we go outside at recess rain or shine!

We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving ~ and a safe and Happy Hallowe'en at the end of the month!

Thomas Thompson, Principal ~ Ashley Clackson, Vice Principal

Kealy Hansen, Administrative Assistant and Kelsey Shaver, School Assistant



PAC UPDATE

HOT LUNCH NEWS

Order Deadline for October hot lunches was Friday September 25 3pm. Sorry late orders cannot be accepted.

Deadline to order lunches for November is October 21 by 3 pm. Please follow the links below to place your orders

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

Dates are as followed:

October: DEADLINE to order was Friday September 25 3 pm

7 pizza

14 popcorn

21 Red Robins burgers or pasta

28 booster Juice

November: DEADLINE cut off date is **October 21 by 3 pm.**

4 Pizza day

10 popcorn

18 Romeo's pasta

25 Sushi

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

This year is our Hot lunch coordinator last year as she will be moving to Arbutus next year. If you are interested in taking on this fun and rewarding role, please reach out through .

Thanks Frank Hobbs PAC