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November School Newsletter



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.

Remembrance Day is honoured on Wednesday November 11th.
Professional Development Day is Friday, November 27th
There will be no school for students on those days.

Welcome to our new Staff:
We are very pleased to welcome Kierstyn Butler into the grade 4/5 Div 2 class, and Emily Barchyn as our ELL support teacher.

Rememberance Day Assembly and Poppy Drive
Every year, from the last Friday of October to November 11th, tens of millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans, and to remember those who sacrificed so much for the freedoms we enjoy today in our country.
While the Poppy is distributed freely to all who wish to wear one, the Legion gratefully accepts donations to the Poppy Fund. At Frank Hobbs, we also recognize the incredible sacrifices made by our past and present member of our Canadian Armed Forces.

We welcome you to click here to donate online to the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Drive. The monies collected provide financial assistance and support to Veterans, including the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, and for their families who are in need.

As a school, we will have our Remembrance Day school assembly on November 10th, where we'll honour veterans abroad and a few in our own community. Also, each class will present wreaths for display, that each class has designed and created.

Thank you for your support - the poppy you wear, shows them you care.
We remember them, and thank them for their service.



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, to please do so. ***This year the all-important Student Verification Form is included in the online form list. This is a very important form for the school to have on file in case of an emergency.*** *Please ensure you have logged in and completed it*. As well, teachers rely on the various consent forms to ensure all student have access to classroom learning and other opportunities, so thank-you for taking the time to complete them. The link is: Parent Connect Sign In

Student Opportunities:
We are pleased to be offering the following extra-curricular opportunities for our students:

- Lunch Monitors – grades 4/5 run by Ms. Clackson
- Cross Country – thanks to Ms. Clackson, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thompson and parent volunteer Ms. Nanninga. *Congratulations to all of our runners, it was a great season!*
- Drama Club – grade 4/5 run by Ms. Grace (Hatherill)
- Leadership Club – grade 5 run by Ms. Schindel in the Library
- Pickleball Club – grade 4 run by Ms. Johnston and Ms. Clackson (Jan/Feb)
- Floor Hockey – grade 2 (December) and grade 3 (January) - run by Mr. Walasek
- Vollyball Club – grades 4/5 in November, run by Mr. Robinson
- Indoor Soccer – grades 4/5 in December, run by Mr. Robinson
- Basketball Club – grades 4/5 in January, run by Mr. Robinson
- Ally Club – grades 3-5 run by Ms. Mitchel



*…to **all** our fabulous staff and PAC members, for volunteering their time and energy to run our clubs, athletics, hot lunch, and more! We appreciate all you do for our kids!*

🎃 **Thank You PAC for a Spooktacular Halloween Dance!** 👻 A huge thank-you to our incredible parent organizers for all the time, energy, and creativity that went into planning this year's Halloween Dance! Your hard work transformed our gym into such a fun and exciting space for our students and families. I'd also like to extend our appreciation to all the families who came out to join the fun, volunteer, and support our school community. Events like this truly bring Frank Hobbs together and remind us how lucky we are to be part of such a caring and connected community.

UVic Special Olympics Program
Please click here for information on this exciting program.

Our Frank Hobbs School Website
We're working hard to keep our website current, providing families with up-to-date information in all areas of school life. Please remember to please check out the Frank Hobbs School Website – for updated District Health and Safety Information, Attendance Logging, Classroom artwork, Parent Connect, School Cash Online, school reminders, the School Calendar, Staff contact information, and much, much more!

Counsellor Corner by Mitchel du Plessis (she/her).
As we welcome the changes of the seasons, I will be sharing some resources with you. If you are interested in other topics, please let me know 😊

Family Smart- Connect and Learn through Family Smart. You can check them out at https://familysmart.ca/about/
Their vision is that "Families and other caring adults have greater knowledge and capacity to connect with and support the mental health of children, youth and young adults" And their mission is to "provide practical help, service navigation, and peer support to families and caring adults to build their connection, knowledge and capacity to support their children's, youths' or young adults' mental health. We help professionals and families better understand each other and work together to support the mental health of children, youth and young adults".
There are some learning events every month called *In the Know* that focus on various topics. The main topic in November is Emotion Regulation.
You can check it out here https://familysmart.ca/online-events/

Maybe I will see you there (virtually)!

Library News:
Just a reminder that we have open book exchange from 8:45am-9:00am on Tuesday and Friday's. Please come by if you missed your library day, have books to return, or are in need of new books before the weekend 😳.
In other news, I am now running a leadership opportunity club for grade 5 students to help choose some theme/spirit days for our school. The grade 5 students will be in charge of coming up with the ideas and making posters to help notify the school community.

Our first theme/spirit day will be on November 6th (Friday) - "Let's Get Visible Day" : During this dark time of the year, dress up in your lightest, brightest, most sparkly, reflective, or light up clothing - or all of the above! Let's Get Visible Day, celebrates and practices the importance of being safe on roads and trails during darker morning commutes.

Health and Safety:
The whole school practiced a no bell fire drill recently, with great success. The students took the drill seriously, and are learning about what we as a school would do, in the event of a true emergency. Throughout the school year we practice evacuations, drop and cover, hold and secure, and lock down drills.

Weather and Outside Time:
With the stormy, wet weather moving in, our school playgrounds are only going to get muddier - please send your child(ren) to school with INDOOR SHOES so we can keep our classes and hallways clean**.** As the temperatures are definitely dropping outside, please dress your kids for the changing Fall weather - *at Frank Hobbs we go outside rain or shine!*

School Cash Payments Online:
If your student's class uses an Agenda Planner and you have not yet made a payment, please remember to make your payment on the Frank Hobbs School Website You can also pay for field trips as well. Thank you so much.

1000X5 = 1000 Books by Age Five:
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria - **Bring on the Books!**
This is the beginning month of the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bag: three books for each receiving child. Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the bench ottoman in our front entry – thank-you!

Important Upcoming Dates:
Picture Retakes: November 2nd
Rememberance Day School Assembly: November 10th
Rememberance Day: November 11th – **school not in session**
Pro-D Day: November 27th – **no school for students**
PAC Movie Night: December 4th
Winter Break: December 19th -January 3rd
January 4th: First Day Back from Winter Break

Thanks for supporting the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Drive –
we hope you all have a wonderful month,
Thomas Thompson, Principal ~ Ashley Clackson, Vice Principal,
Kealy Hansen, Administrative Assistant and Kelsey Shaver, Secretarial Clerk

Cross Country 2026




PAC November Update

Hello Frank Hobbs families,
A quick note from your Frank Hobbs PAC!

We've recently started sending our PAC newsletters directly from our PAC email rather than asking our wonderful office team to send them on our behalf.
However, we've noticed that some families aren't receiving them.
Please check your junk or spam folder and add frankhobbselempac@gmail.com to your contacts or safe senders list so you don't miss upcoming PAC news.

Going forward, we'll aim to send our PAC newsletter around the 7th of each month, sharing information about upcoming events, fundraisers, PAC initiatives, and our monthly *Meet Our Staff* feature.
In case you missed our last newsletter, here's what's coming up!

🎶 **Parents Night Out: Music Bingo — November 14**
Join other Frank Hobbs parents and caregivers for a fun evening of music bingo, prizes, and community connection!

- **Where: Monkey Tree Pub, 4025 Borden St.**
- **When: Saturday, November 14, at 7 p.m. Come early for dinner & drinks!**
- **Tickets: $20 per person**

The evening will also feature a 50/50 draw and silent auction supporting our Grade 5 students' year-end celebrations.

Everyone is welcome, and tickets are limited!
Get Your Music Bingo Tickets - https://frankhobbs.hotlunches.net/

🎁 **Holiday Fundraisers — Order by November 23**
Get a head start on holiday shopping while supporting Frank Hobbs PAC! Proceeds from both fundraisers help fund classroom resources, field trips, and enrichment activities for our students.
🍫 **Purdy's Chocolates — 25% to Our School**
Shop holiday chocolates, gift boxes, and seasonal treats. 25% of sales support Frank Hobbs PAC.
Shop the Purdy's Fundraiser

🌿 **Hilltop Greenhouses — 30% to Our School**
Order poinsettias, wreaths, holiday planters, and seasonal greenery for your home or as gifts. 30% of sales support Frank Hobbs PAC.
Shop the Hilltop Greenhouses Fundraiser

Order deadline for both fundraisers: Monday, November 23.
🗓️ **Next PAC General Meeting — November 10**
All Frank Hobbs parents and caregivers are welcome to join us!

- **Tuesday, November 10**
- **6:00–7:30 p.m.**
- **Room 14, Frank Hobbs Elementary**
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PAC meetings are an opportunity to hear what's happening, share ideas, and participate in conversations about how we support our school community.

Thank you for being part of our Frank Hobbs community and for supporting the many ways we come together throughout the year.
Frank Hobbs PAC
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PAC HOT LUNCH UPDATE for NOVEMBER:

HOT LUNCH NEWS
Order Deadline for November hot lunches was Wednesday October 21 3pm. Sorry late orders cannot be accepted.

Deadline to order lunches for December is November 18 by 3 pm. Please follow the links below to place your orders

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

Dates are as followed:

November: DEADLINE was October 21 by 3 pm.
4 Pizza day
10 popcorn
18 Romeo's pasta
25 Sushi

December : DEADLINE IS November 18 by 3 pm
2 pizza
9 popcorn
16 Romeos

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 Arbutes next year. If you are interested in taking on the role please reach out.

Thank-you, from the PAC Hot Lunch Coordinator
