

Frank Hobbs Elementary Newsletter

- Mission Statement** - The Community of Frank Hobbs will provide a safe and supportive environment that enables students to be responsible and successful learners.
- School Goals** - Our school goals are:
- To improve communication skills (written and verbal)
 - To develop responsible, respectful and resourceful global citizens in our school community



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November 10, 2011

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Monday, Nov. 21st - Pro-D-Day (District) NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



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Mon. Nov 14	Concert Ticket Request forms go home
Mon. Nov. 14-18	Book Fair Week in the Library
Fri. Nov. 18	Hot dog day
Mon. Nov. 21	PRO-D Day (District) NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Thur. Nov. 24	PAC News
Fri. Nov. 25	Popcorn day; Assembly at 1:10pm
Thurs. Dec. 1	PAC Meeting 6:30-8:30pm
Fri. Dec. 2	Pizza day
Tues. Dec.6	Concert tickets go home
Fri. Dec. 9	Winterfest from 4-6pm in the gym
Tues. Dec. 13	Concert, dress rehearsal in afternoon
Wed. Dec. 14	Concert, performance at 1:15pm
Thurs. Dec. 15	Concert, performance at 1:15pm

Professional Development Days for the 2011/2012 school year (No School for Students)

1. Monday, November 21, 2011 (District)
2. Friday, February 17, 2012 (Tri-District)
3. Monday, February 20, 2012 (Frank Hobbs Only)
4. Friday, May 18, 2012 (District)

The Ode of Remembrance

*They went with songs to the battle, they
were young.
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and
aglow.
They were staunch to the end against
odds uncounted.
They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old, as we that are
left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years
condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the
morning,
We will remember them.
Lest we forget.*

Vice Principal's Message

Greetings from our office at Frank Hobbs. We are now well into our school year and learning is thriving in our classrooms. I am so pleased to continue learning about the students and families in our community and to be working with our dedicated staff.



Special Gatherings

Our Christmas Concert Ticket order form will be sent home on November 14th – please remember that since tickets are at a premium, a prompt response is required so that we can best meet your family needs. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's requests - tickets will be assigned on a first come first served basis. As well, we held our special Remembrance Day Assembly today - thank-you to our teachers who have readied students for this distinctive event at our school.

School Greening



This month, we have taken new steps with our 'greening' initiatives. We now have recycle towers in all classrooms and student service leaders are taking care of collection from all rooms. We recycle soft and hard plastics, metal, foil, and beverage containers. In addition, a different group of students collects compost from classrooms each day after lunch. You can help at home with the three R's, especially the reduce/re-use aspects – 'garbage free lunches' are a great goal!

Technology



This month, we had one special technology event at our school. We were pleased to welcome **Gregor Craigie**, host of CBC's 'On the Island,' who visited Frank Hobbs for some special interviews. He interviewed our Board Chair, **Tom Ferris**, Computers for Schools CEO **Mary Em Waddington**, and one of our grade four students, **Maya R.** This was a story about some of the positive impacts technology can have on learning. We will advise when the presentation is posted on the district or school website.

Dog Policy Reminder

Please remember that dogs **at all times are expected to be on leashes and well away from entrances to the school building.** With many children on the grounds, it is important we take special care to ensure everyone's safety - this helps us avoid unpredictable situations with dogs and students.



Grounds Improvements

You may have noticed grounds crews working in the area by our new Multi- Purpose Portable. We are thankful they are working hard to rectify any problems with standing water during heavy rainfalls and to make a safe, dry path to the portable.

We are looking forward to a busy November and December. As always, thank-you for your support both in our school and with your work at home. **Doug Smith, Vice Principal**

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR STARTING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14!

Our Scholastic Book Fair starts on Monday, November 14 in the library from 10 – 10:20; 12:10 – 12:50; 2:50 – 3:30 Monday to Friday. There will be lots of books to choose from! Come and find that special book for that special someone in your life. The books will make wonderful gifts. All proceeds from our book fair are used to buy new books for the library and classrooms.

If you are able to come and help out at the book fair, especially after school, please put your name on the list outside the office or email the school at frankhobbs@sd61.bc.ca. Thanks to all those who have already signed up to help. We couldn't do it without you!



ARBUTUS GROVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE HAS FULL DAY & HALF DAY PRESCHOOL OPENINGS for

3 & 4 year olds and a small after school program for K-Grade 1 students attending Frank Hobbs Elementary. Further information at www.arbutusgrove.ca or email arbutusgrove@telus.net or call 250-477-3731.



URGENT! FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED !



We have approximately 30 families who have not returned their child's "**Student Identification for Emergency Release form**" for our Emergency kiosk outside. New forms were sent home to these families last week and need to be returned as quickly as possible. If there was an emergency, we would **not have forms on file** to enable us to contact families or to release these children to anyone! Please take a few moments and get these forms returned **directly to the office**; it is for your child's safety.

We also have a few **Student Verification** forms that have not been returned as well. These forms are used by staff to contact families in case your child is ill or injured. New forms were sent out a couple of weeks ago....and need returning **directly to the office** as soon as possible.

During the year, if you have a change in your contact information, please call or email the school at either 250-477-1804 or frankhobbs@sd61.bc.ca, so we can ensure that we have up to date information. This enables us to contact you quickly. It is imperative that the **school office** has both of these forms on file to ensure the safety of your children. Thank you for your prompt attention to these important forms.

CONCERT TICKET REQUEST FORMS COME MONDAY! Please watch for the Concert Ticket



Request forms coming home on Monday, November 14th. Our afternoon concerts will be held on December 14th and 15th starting at 1:15 pm. Although request forms will be sent home with all children in the school, please submit **only one request for two tickets per family with the OLDEST or only child.** Thank you!



STUDENTS LATE FOR SCHOOL & PARENTS/CAREGIVERS LATE FOR PICK-UP: Recently,

many students have been arriving late for school in the morning. Our bell rings at **8:40 a.m.** Entering a classroom late can sometimes have negative effects on a child. They may feel unnecessarily hurried or embarrassed and may have missed important classroom or school information that could help them with their day. Please assist your child with **"arriving to work on time"** and developing an important life-long skill. It is also difficult for children who are left behind at the end of the school day. Please remember our dismissal time is **2:50 p.m.** **Monday – Friday.** If you know that your child will be late for school due to an appointment, please call our **callback line at 250-477-3392.** Thanks to all the parents and caregivers who ensure that their child(ren) arrive at school and are picked up on time each day.

MONITORING ALL STUDENT HEALTH



In order to help us monitor the health of our student population, your help is required. When you call our callback line (**250-477-3392**) to inform us that your child is ill, please advise us if your child is home with flu-like symptoms or respiratory problems.



Also, parents please review **hand washing** with your children. Hand washing is the most effective way to stop the spread of germs that cause colds, influenza, diarrhea and viruses. Remember to wash your hands before and after eating or handling food, after using the toilet, handling pets, coughing, sneezing or wiping noses. **Parents, please keep your children home when they are not feeling well.**

This will help to contain any viruses from spreading through the classroom and the rest of the school. We appreciated your help in this matter. Thank you!



Allergy Alert

A number of students and some staff at Frank Hobbs have severe allergies to peanuts, nuts, sesame, and peanut by-products that can be fatal. **Peanut butter is particularly problematic as it is so difficult to wipe clean.** For information on alternatives to peanut butter that you could consider, please see the BC Children's Hospital website at <http://www.bcchildrens.ca>. Please be aware that this is a **life-threatening allergy** when you are preparing lunches, snacks and treats for classes. Please check with your child's teacher for specific information. Staff have been trained to administer the epipen in an emergency but there is no guarantee that an epipen will save the life of a person experiencing anaphylaxis.



Your co-operation is critical as we work together to keep everyone safe!



Thank you to the following students who helped out on Photo Day, Friday, October 14th. Your help was greatly appreciated! Our Div 4 helpers were: **Julia, Sally, Maya, Remei, Hayley, Sabrina, Natalia and Jessie.**



DON'T FORGET to load up your Thrifty Foods Smile Card! If you need a card please either call the office @ 250-477-1804 or email janiceanderson@sd61.bc.ca to get one!

The cards can be given to your child to bring home!




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1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Reading to Wee Ones Makes all The Difference!

A preschool child with books in the home has a much stronger chance for success in school. Would you miss 2 or 3 books for babies and preschoolers from your house - likely not. But there are many other children who would find these 3 books one of the best gifts. Thanks are pouring in from the families at Strong Start Centres who appreciate your ongoing giving. We have stories of children who are proud to show how they can read their very own book. So far, volunteers have gift bagged 8500 books that Victoria families have donated. Thanks for cleaning out some of your bookshelves and for continuing to give the gift of literacy to babies and preschoolers. Our drop box is in the front entrance way of the school.

 **YOU ARE A STAR DRAW!!** - We had our draw from our **You are a Star** names that had been placed in the boxes in the office. **Mrs. Marshall** took this month's stars: **Jessie R.** and **Gabriella S.** to Boston Pizza yesterday. **Jessie** received her star for helping on photo day and **Gabriella** for cleaning up soap bubbles on the floor. **Mrs. Marshall** and **Ms. Ewart** received **Starbucks Coffee** for submitting the students' names. Thanks to our local **Cadboro Bay Starbucks Manager, Leanne Gallagher** for donating the coffee.

EXTRA LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

❖ **NOON HOUR SOCCER** - Our **Grade 4/5** noon hour soccer program was created to give girls and boys an opportunity to play organized soccer. This program began in September and was offered to all grade 4/5 students. Those students who wished to participate were encouraged to play three soccer games before they decided whether they wished to continue or not. Forty-two eager soccer enthusiasts made a commitment to the program and actively participated on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students were placed on one of four teams and they played 8 vs. 8 soccer. We thank our responsible team captains for gathering equipment and for their fine leadership.

Captains: Kyle R., Makena M., Ewan B., Danika L., Max O., Olivia W., Seth B., and Chantel S.

Our soccer players:

Team 1: Kyle R., Ahmed A., Zak K., Tom C., Callum H., Makena M., Kate S., Paris F., Chloe H., Sabrina S.

Team 2: Ewan B., Benaissa O., Kevin M., Sam Z., Jaden K., Salem A., Danika L., Danielle T., Amy Z., Zoe T.

Team 3: Max O., Salem A., Matt S., Anas E., Max A., Austin S., Olivia W., Cella A., Maya R., Robi E., Lottie L.

Team 4: Seth B., Tyler C., William L., Cristobal V., Alex L., Nattan T., Chantel S., Sabrina S., Hayley J., Zoe M., Abby M.

Sponsors: Diane Franceschini, Myles Wardell and Dave Shortt.

- ❖ **SWIM CLUB** - practices started on Wednesday, October 12th at UVIC's McKinnon Pool.
- ❖ **DANCE CLUB** - started up for Grades 3 to 5 on Tuesday and Thursday's at lunch hour. **Mrs. Martens**
- ❖ **CROSS COUNTRY** - training will continue every Monday and Tuesday through the winter months starting at 8:15am. **Mrs. Johnston** and **Ms. Schuring**.
- ❖ **STICKS ON TUESDAYS FOR CROSS COUNTRY STUDENTS** - **Catherine Johnston, Megan Schuring** and the student helpers set up the "sticks game" on the field or gym for Cross Country runners on Tuesdays at 8:20am.

CROSS COUNTRY: On Monday, October 24th, we had 24 students attend the finals at Beacon Hill Park.

Thank you to **Catherine Johnston** and **Megan Schuring** and all our parent drivers. We appreciate your help and support. Our students who attended the finals were:

Kevin	Kyle	Salem	Annika	Ian	Callum	Paris	Marcus	Noah	Azad	Connor	Zoe
William	Max	Abby	Dane	Tom	Sam	Chloe	Kai	Scott	Pavraj	Ahmed	Robbi



Grade 4 and 5 students - Get outside, get active and save this season!

Pick up a Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass and get hundreds of reasons to stay active this winter.

This year is the 15th anniversary of the Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass. Your child's SnowPass is valid from December 1st to the end of the ski season, if they apply in grade 5. If you apply in grade 4 you have two seasons to use your SnowPass. It includes three lift pass tickets for each and every participating ski/snowboard area and it is their ticket to a season's worth of fun and activity. SnowPass registration is completely digital. Just visit www.snowpass.ca, complete the registration form, upload a photo, proof of age/grade and payment. Learn more about the Grade 4 and 5 SnowPass online at www.snowpass.ca or www.passeportdesneiges.ca You can also pick up an application form at Sport Mart, Sport Chek, Sports Experts, and Intersport stores Canada-wide.



DID YOU KNOW THAT....

- ❖ Thank you for your donations of coats, sweatshirts and sweaters to the "Coats for Kids & Adults" campaign! Way to go!
- ❖ All school playing fields are closed to community use for the months of December and January. The District Facilities Department will assess the fields prior to February 1st to ensure that they are once again able to sustain sport activities. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.
- ❖ Thank you to **Constable Gray** for the Halloween Safety talk on October 28th.
- ❖ Our strings' students demonstrated excellent musicality & behaviour during our *Grade 5 Strings* mass evening performance concert at Mt. Doug on October 27th.

The writing below by our PAC President, **Jill Hirschbold**, is a wonderfully positive example of **written communication**, the first goal in our school.

The Not-So-Simple Egg

To see how complicated the world has become; you need look no further than the local grocery store. I don't remember when it happened, if it was a gradual or sudden change, but one day I found myself standing in the grocery store transfixed by the array of choices. More specifically, the array of choices of eggs. I've been shopping for myself for, let's say, at least 25 years, and choosing eggs used to be a relatively simple decision: big or small, white or brown, should I buy six or 12? Now we have white eggs, brown eggs, free run eggs, free range eggs, organic eggs, omega-3 enhanced eggs, vegetarian eggs, vitamin-enriched eggs, extra large, large, medium and small eggs, dried eggs, eggs in cardboard, eggs in plastic, eggs without shells, eggs without egg white, eggs without yolk, eggs without eggs. Standing at the grocery store transfixed by the choices, I try to figure out the difference between the different varieties of eggs, how to make the best choice for me, my children, my family, the chickens, the environment. Luckily I spot a handy legend posted close by aimed at helping consumers decipher each type of egg. Are you lacking in omega-3 fatty acids? How is your cholesterol and blood lipid? Do you need more protein in your diet? Do you want to improve overall brain function? Do you need vitamin supplements? Or are you trying to help your children build strong bodies? What about the welfare of the chickens? Are you more comfortable buying eggs knowing that the chickens never go outside or are able to run free within their enclosures? Do you care if the chickens are free range or they eat only organic food? Are you going to purchase a cardboard container or the triple plastic cover that is great for crafts, or the plastic coated cardboard? Which resource is more expendable, forests or petroleum? Which container is more easily recyclable... paper or plastic? Just as an aside, did you know that there is no nutritional difference between brown and white eggs? I just assumed brown eggs were better because, well, because they are brown, not white. It turns out they're just produced by different types of chickens... that's it. Eggs represent just one small decision that we need to make on an hourly, daily, and weekly basis. If there is this much choice, availability and variability surrounding every decision we make, how are we ever going to have any time left to... oh, I don't know, make an omelet? But then do you use a stainless pan or Teflon? With butter, margarine or oil? And what are you going to add to the omelet? Local vegetables, organic vegetables, hot house vegetables from Mexico, cheese wrapped in plastic? I know, it never ends. Maybe with all my free time I could just build my own coop and raise my own chickens! So just when you think you are done and have reached for your egg of choice, you take two steps; glance at the dairy case and... Oh no. Yogurt....

Jill D. Hirschbold, after being at home with her kids for the last eight years, has started a photography business at www.jhirschbold.com and volunteers at her kids' school as PAC president.

COMMUNITY NEWS



PLEASE SEE PARENT BOARD FOR EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

- Elementary School Water Polo League at Saanich Commonwealth Place, K-5. Visit: www.waterpoloschool.com for more info.
- Lower Island Soccer Association's Pro D Day Soccer camp for 7-11 yr old boys and girls. For more information and registration go to http://lisa.soccerregistrar.com/index.php?fuseaction=league.form&league=Tyndall_fullday&season=2012

TWO FREE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR PARENTS

For more information see our parent board or call Nasim at 250-507-0314

- **SPEAKWELL** English Conversation Program - Saanich Community Services - Every Wednesday 7 - 8:30 pm @ Gordon Head Lawn Bowling Club - 4105 Lambrick Park Way
- **INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP GROUP** - Every Saturday 10 - 12 @ Clearihue Building Room A303 - 1800 Quadra Street.

NEW WOMEN'S MULTICULTURAL GROUP

Saanich Neighbourhood Place and School District #61 Settlement Services invites you to join other women who are new to Canada at Pearkes Rec Centre on November 18 at 12:30. For more information, see our Parent Board or call Nasim at 250-507-0314.

"SPARKS" FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE CHILDREN aged 6-10

Make new friends, practice English, learn more about cultures through games, art, stories and sports. For more information and to register contact Megan Thom at 250-361-9433 ext 203