

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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October 13, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thurs. Oct. 13 **PAC MEETING TONIGHT POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 3rd** from 7:30-9:15pm, starting at 7:15 with dessert
- Fri. Oct. 14 Individual Photo Day and Pizza Day
- Mon. Oct. 17 Cross Country at Lambrick Park
- Thurs. Oct. 20 "Shakeout BC" Earthquake Drill at 10:20am
- Fri. Oct. 21 PRO-D Day (Provincial), No School for Students
- Mon. Oct. 24 Cross Country Finals - 1pm at Beacon Hill Park
- Thurs. Oct. 27 PAC News
First Strings Concert at Mt. Doug High School Gym at 7pm
- Fri. Oct. 28 Assembly at 10:30am, Popcorn Day

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

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

Vice Principal's Message

I am truly thrilled to be at Frank Hobbs and have been very active learning about the community and getting to know you. Our school is a vibrant learning locale with many chances for children to study and lead both in and out of the classroom. We have had a wonderful September and start of October and have many rich activities flourishing at this time. We have now had three, full school assemblies - the third a PAC sponsored special performance by Noumoufassa. This was a real treat. We are thankful to our many staff and parents who sponsor our extra activities for the children at Frank Hobbs. We have numerous children involved with:

- Green Team Recycling work
- Classroom Monitors
- Safety Patrols
- Brummit Taylor Music Readers
- Cross Country Running Club
- District Cross Country
- Noon hour soccer
- Swim Club
- Chess
- Dance Club
- Garden Club
- Leading /performing at school assemblies

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- Educational classroom field trips, many which are funded by PAC or PAC classroom funds



School Greening - You may have noticed the row of new recycling towers in our foyer - our 'Green Work' at Frank Hobbs will continue to **GROW** this month as we place these in all our classrooms and find new ways for students to be involved in taking care of their own community. Please continue to send re-useable containers to school for lunches – this helps us a lot. At this time, we are able to recycle: beverage containers, tin /metal, glass, hard plastics, plastic bags, foil, and food waste.

Technology – We have nearly completed the upgrade of our schools computers and network. We have new Computers for Schools computers, upgraded monitors that will provide better efficiency and more detailed imaging, and several upgrades to switches and modems for the school's hard-wired network.



Safety Order from the Saanich Fire Department :

At our recent fire drill, the Saanich Fire Department reminded us that **the driveway *must* be clear enough for their truck to pull in. If you are parked in one of the few the 'drop off' zone spots, you need to be in your car so that it can be moved quickly. Yesterday during our drill, the truck was not able to pull into our driveway as there were cars left in these spots. This is a serious safety issue in the event of a fire!** This safety rule applies to all adults at all times who are driving, pulling over and parking at our school. Also, there is **absolutely no parking at the top of the driveway just before you pass through the gate.**

Thank you for doing your part to keep our school a safe place at all times for everyone.

Your Vice Principal, Douglas Smith



Individual *Picture day* is tomorrow, Friday, October 14th!

Retake day is Monday, November 7th.

Students will need to bring their forms with them on photo day. If you don't have a form they are in the brochure holder outside the office.



Frank Hobbs Hot Lunch Dates

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| Friday, October 14 th , Pizza Day | Friday, February 24 th , Hot Dog Day |
| Friday, November 4 th , Subway Day | Friday, March 30 th , Subway Day |
| Friday, November 18 th , Hot Dog Day | Friday, April 13 th , Hot Dog Day |
| Friday, December 2 nd , Pizza Day | Friday, April 27 th , Subway Day |
| Friday, December 16 th , Subway Day | Friday, May 11 th , Pizza Day |
| Friday, January 13 th , Hot Dog Day | Friday, May 25 th , Hot Dog Day |
| Friday, January 27 th , Pizza Day | Friday, June 8 th , Subway Day |
| Friday, February 10 th , Subway Day | Friday, June 22 nd , Hot Dog Day |

Popcorn Dates

Friday, October 28th

Friday, November 25th

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Friday, January 6th
Friday, February 3rd
Friday, March 2nd

Friday, April 20th
Friday, May 4th
Friday, June 15th

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program delivery dates

October 25 th	Bartlet Pears	February 21 st	Mini Cucumbers
November 22 nd	Asian Pears	April 17 th	Spartan Apples
December 6 th	Manadarin	May 1 st	Baby Cucumbers
Oranges		May 15 th	Baby Bell Peppers
January 24 th	D'Anjou Pears	June 5 th	Cherry Tomatoes
February 7 th	Sliced Apples		

Fruit & Vegetable Program

What's crunchy, sweet and looks like a stubby orange finger? And, you can eat them with your hands! *That's right - baby carrots - referred to as nature's cheezies! Did you know that the world largest carrot was grown in 2007 and was 5.8 metres long?* This month we enjoyed these vegetables in our classrooms. Thanks to our parents **Cathy Boraston** and **Kathy Won** for their work on this program. Congratulations to **Cella A.** for her reading about health benefits of carrots on the morning announcements. Our next scheduled delivery is bartlet pears on October 25th.

URGENT HELP NEEDED FOR CALL BACK!



The call back program ensures that all Frank Hobbs children have arrived safely at school. We still need volunteers to keep the program working. Can you volunteer 45 minutes at the start of the school day every other Monday, Thursday or Friday? All you have to do is listen to the voicemail, check the class lists and call the few homes that may not have called in to advise their child is home sick or will be late. That's it!! Very simple but VERY IMPORTANT! **If you can help please call Liz at 250-472-3326 or email her at queenliz@shaw.ca.** Or pop in to the medical room any school day morning and see what we do. Thank you! 😊

TERRY FOX RUN - held on September 28th



What amazing energy and enthusiasm was shown by our Frank Hobbs students, staff and parents during our Terry Fox Run on Wednesday, September 28th! We were lucky to have beautiful weather to run in and collectively, we ran 1092km. We had a challenge this year from the Terry Fox Foundation to raise as much or more money than last year (\$2100.00) and **Mrs. Franceschini** is thrilled to be able to report that we met that challenge by raising **\$2720.55**. Special recognition goes to our top two fundraisers; **Finley W.** brought in \$210.00 and **Jack B.** brought in \$300.00. Way to go, boys! This year, congratulations go to **Reegan L.** in **Mr. Shortt's** class for winning our school Terry Fox T-shirt; it was great to see him wear it for the run! It is so good to see that Terry Fox's spirit is alive and well amongst us all at Frank Hobbs! **Mrs. Franceschini** looks forward to running with you all again next year!

SAFETY PATROLLER LUNCHEON - held on October 4th

Congratulations to **Marina H.** and **Ryan T.** who were chosen by lottery to attend the Kiwanis Safety Patroller Luncheon with our School Liaison Officer, **Constable Gray** on October 4th.



Turkey Trot - held on October 5th



Turkey winners from this year's Turkey Trot were drawn by **Maya R.** (on her birthday) and were given to **Jayden C.**, Div 13 and **Remei v.** Div. 4. Congratulations to our winners!

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Beach Clean Up at Arbutus Cove- held on October 6th



Again this year, Grade 4 students participated in the *Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup* with their teachers **Ms. Schuring** and **Mrs. Shemilt** on Thursday, October 6th. They did a great job representing Frank Hobbs and helped make our community a clean place to be. A draw was made and our lucky shoreline cleaner was **Piper H.** who won a "I ♥ my Shoreline" T-Shirt.



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 last month's stars: **Matthew S.** and **Sophie M.** to Whitespot on October 6th. **Mr. Walasek** 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.

COPS FOR CANCER - held on October 7th at Mt. Douglas School - All students in



grade 4 and 5 walked with their classes to Mount Doug School to see the arrival of the Cops for Cancer riding team held on October 7th. Thank you to the Mt. Doug Leadership helpers who came to Frank Hobbs to assist in walking with our students.

The helpers were: Grade 9: **Tess I., Nicole C., Katie H., and Kelsey A.**

Grade 10: **Rachael C., Sarah D., Laura F. and Hailey Y.** (a "graduate" of Frank Hobbs Elementary ☺)

Thank you for your donations to this worthwhile cause.

"SHAKEOUT BC" EARTHQUAKE DRILL - Thursday, October 20th

We will be having a school-wide earthquake drill @ 10:20 pm. Students will be moving outside and buddying up with their partner classroom for this drill. All children will be aware and prepared for this drill through classroom announcements and discussion. Please remind your child that our school goal is to regularly practice safety procedures in order to be prepared for all emergencies and provide a safe school environment.

FRANK HOBBS SWIM TEAM

If you did not receive a registration form for the Frank Hobbs Swim team, blue coloured forms are available outside the office. Swimmers must complete the registration forms along with payment and return them to the school office or to the team coaches before they will be allowed to swim. Forms are due as soon as possible. Thank you.



GOWARD HOUSE ART SHOW - WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF YOUR HELP



If you are a person who possesses the **talent to frame art** for our Art Display at the Goward House Art Exhibition in January and will have time available to do so in November, please contact the school at frankhobbs@sd61.bc.ca or 250-477-1804. At this time, we have had no volunteers and **without volunteer help, we will not be able to participate in the Art Show!**



RAINY, COOLER WEATHER - Our rainy weather has started! Outdoor play is healthy for students who are well enough to be at school. Recess and lunch playtimes will be outdoors unless it is raining heavily or it is very cold outside. Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly. Some children would benefit from having an extra set of dry clothing in their backpacks!

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Guidelines for Dogs on Frank Hobbs School Property

Dogs must be on a leash **held by an adult** at all times.

Owners are responsible for picking up after their dogs.

No dogs near entrance/exit areas or inside the school*

No dogs on playing fields (please keep them on pathways).

No dogs near playground equipment.

No dogs may be tied up on or near gateways and pathways to school grounds.

Please keep pathways clear by leaving school promptly with your dog.

*Dogs are only permitted in the school building for special events with Principal approval.

e.g. P.A.T. dogs for listening to student reading.



Thank you for respecting the safety and well-being of all our students.

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Watch for Thrifty Foods Smile Card program approval coming home shortly!

HALLOWEEN, FIRECRACKERS & TREATS:

Halloween is fast approaching...this is a reminder to everyone that it is illegal for children to be in possession of firecrackers or fireworks at anytime.

This is a serious safety concern.

- On October 28th, **Const. Dave Gray**, will meet with our students at our assembly to go over Halloween safety with the children.
- Together with Arbutus Grove, we have hired a "Security Guard" for the Halloween night to ensure the safety of our school buildings. In addition to our building safety, please remember that there are a number of **students** in our school **who have life threatening allergies to nuts**. Please be respectful of this serious situation and keep food items containing nuts or nut products at home as much as possible not only for Halloween, but throughout the year. Your support is appreciated by the families of children with nut allergies.
- After Halloween, on occasion, our school grounds have been littered with "**spent**" fireworks. **We are looking for a few parent volunteers** who are willing and available on the morning of November 1st to scour the grounds and pick up any Halloween litter before children arrive for school. Please let the office know if you can help.
- Also, in the interest of student health, please do not send too many treats to school!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY:

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is great fun and very popular with our students and their families. A wide variety of books, posters, gifts and school supplies will be on sale in the library at recess, lunchtime and after school each day from

Nov. 14 - 18. Please come and have a look! You might even get an early start on your Christmas shopping! **Volunteers are needed** to help with this event, but shifts are short and fun. **A sign-up sheet is posted outside of the school office; your help would be greatly appreciated.** Every student benefits from this fundraiser as all profits are used to purchase new books for the library and for each classroom. **See you at the Book Fair!**



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1000 Books by Age Five

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Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

7000 books for babies and preschoolers! Last school year, that many books were donated by Victoria families to children attending Strong Start Centres. Recycling that makes a huge difference in the lives of many children! We are hearing wonderful stories of thanks from families attending Strong Start and other programs. As relayed by an educator at a Strong Start Centre, a four year old burst into the room went right to the box where gift bags of books are kept and announced "I had a new baby sister last night and I need a "baby" bag of books for her". You are making a difference and you are so appreciated. Please continue to donate picture books for babies and preschoolers – **there is always a drop box in the front entrance way of the school.**

EXTRA LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

- ❖ **NOON HOUR SOCCER** - Our **Grade 4/5** noon hour soccer program is into its 4th week. 54 eager students have been actively participating on Monday and Wednesday. These students have been placed on one of four teams and they play 7 vs 7 soccer. We thank our team captains **Kyle R., Makena M., Ewan B., Danika L., Max O., Olivia W., Seth B., and Chantel S.** for their fine leadership. Our noon hour soccer program will continue to the end of October (basketball is next). We will be organizing a soccer game with a local school to officially mark the end of our soccer season. More details to follow. Sponsors **Diane Franceschini, Myles Wardell and Dave Shortt.**
- ❖ **SWIM CLUB** - practices started on Wednesday, October 12th at UVI C's McKinnon Pool.
- ❖ **GARDEN CLUB** - We are still urgently looking for volunteers to help with the garden at the front of the school. Throughout the year we learn and help plant and look after all kinds of plants, mostly native species. We dig and do special projects too! Please contact **Peter Willis** at pawillis@shaw.ca for more information. Your help is greatly appreciated!
- ❖ **DANCE CLUB** - started up for Grades 3 to 5 on Tuesday and Thursday's at lunch hour. **Mrs. Martens**
- ❖ **CROSS COUNTRY** - **Mrs. Johnston and Ms. Schuring** meet students every Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning at 8:15am until the finals on October 24th at Beacon Hill Park. Training will continue through the winter each Monday and Tuesday morning.
- ❖ **STICKS ON FRIDAYS FOR CROSS COUNTRY STUDENTS** - **Catherine Johnston, Megan Schuring** and the student helpers set up the "sticks game" on the field for Cross Country runners on Fridays at 8:20am.



DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

Thank you to **Mikaela Muir** from VIHA, (**Elias'** mom), who gave a heart presentation to **Mrs. Pullan's** grade 1 class. The children especially enjoyed the balloon representation of the heart beat. Thank you for sharing this great learning opportunity with us.



Special thanks to **Catherine Johnston** for her work setting up the Fall Cross Country Bulletin Board which records all our runners' results as they work to achieve their personal bests.



PLEASE KEEP SICK CHILDREN HOME - Some staff and children have asthma and getting a cold can quickly develop into pneumonia. Please watch your children for signs of cold or flu and keep them home if they are not feeling well. If your child has had a fever, vomited or experienced bowel troubles, resting at home for 24 to 48 hours will ensure they are free from symptoms and prevent the infection of others. Remember to teach your children to wash hands frequently and vigorously as it is still the best defense against catching the many viral infections so common in schools. *If you child arrives late to school, please be sure to sign in at the office.*

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PEPPER'S DOLLARS Pepper's Grocer will once again provide 5% of all receipts as a fundraiser to Frank Hobbs School this year. Do you still have your Pepper's Gift Card? Gift Cards are magnetic cards that can be loaded with any dollar equivalent that you wish and can be picked up at Pepper's. You must tell the cashier that you support Frank Hobbs School. If you have any questions please contact **the school office** at 477-1804

RECYCLE YOUR INK CARTRIDGES - Division 7 is proud to announce that we will continue to collect used and empty computer printer cartages. A box is set up at the start of the day each day at the main entrance of the school. Simply drop the cartage into the box. Funds raised from this recycling project will be put into the school's miscellaneous technology budget for student use. Last year we raised \$350 from this project! **Jason Walasek**, Division 7



"WARM COATS FOR WARM FEELINGS" – *The cold weather is coming and once again, we can warm hearts.*



The 14th Annual "Coats For Kids" campaign has kicked off!! 98.5 The OCEAN, 103.1 JACK fm, Fairway Markets and Investors Group want to ensure that children and adults "in need" have a warm winter coat. Make a big difference in someone's life by just looking through a closet for a 'new' or a 'gently used' coat and bring it to one of the 7 Victoria Fairway Market locations starting the first week of October through to November 7th or if you prefer, **bring your coats for donation to the school - a box is located at the front entrance.** We will also be collecting coats for adults. The coats collected are distributed to family-help organizations in the capital region.



Where in the world did you come from?

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE SCHOOL: please check our "WHERE IN THE WORLD" map in the hallway (past the office, around the corner on the left) to see if the place of birth of children and parents in your family are already identified on the map with a coloured "flag" for children and a coloured "pin" for parents. Two lists (one for adults and one for children) of all the birthplaces marked on the map to date are displayed beside the map. If your city is not already represented, please complete the form below. Once you've completed the form, Mrs. Marshall would like to meet with you so that together you can add your information to the map.

We are very proud of the diversity of our population in our school. It adds to our school culture in a very positive way! Keep an eye on the map as pins and flags are added over the weeks ahead!

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NEW FAMILIES – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and RETURN TO THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

My family came from:

Town/City & Province/Country

Adults: _____

Children: _____

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Please see Parent Board for events happening in the Community

- ❖ Saanich Water Polo School, October 16th – December 11th at Commonwealth Place.

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