

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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January 12, 2012

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!



DATES TO REMEMBER

All of January	Goward House Art Show
Fri. Jan. 13	Hot Dog Day
Fri. Jan. 20	Ready Set Learn for three and four year olds; register with the office at 250-477-1804
Mon. Jan 23	Grade 6 Late French Immersion Parent Info. Night at SJ Willis Auditorium, 7:00-8:00pm
Tues. Jan 24	General Kindergarten Information Nights at SJ Willis Auditorium, 6:30-8:00pm
Wed. Jan 25	Early French Immersion Registration Information, Kindergarten & Grade 1 Entry, at SJ Willis, 6:30-7:30pm
Fri. Jan 27	Earthquake Drill at 9:00am
Thurs. Jan. 26	PAC newsletter
Fri. Jan.27	Pizza Day; Assembly at 1:10pm (Parents always welcome)
Mon. Jan. 30	2012/2013 Kindergarten Registration Week starts today for children born in 2007
Tues. Jan 31	Red Scarf Day

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

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

Principal's Message

Happy New Year everyone! The start of a new year is a time to reflect and plan. I feel a deep gratitude for all that I have to be thankful for personally, in our school community, in our country and in our world. Each day I strive to be the best I can be and freely give my best in my work with each and everyone; one of my greatest personal rewards has been student success.

Now, the time has come for me to move on. This information comes as no surprise when you consider that at the end of June, I will have been privileged to serve at Frank Hobbs Elementary for 10 ½ years---more than 1/3 of my time as an educator. However, Cadboro Bay will continue to be "my neighbourhood" as I will keep visiting my eldest son and daughter-in-law and going on walks in the village with my youngest grandson, **Lochlan**---hopefully, enjoying chance meetings with many of you on my outings. School involvement also will seamlessly continue ---albeit in my new role as *Grannie*---when I volunteer in the Kindergarten class of my daughter and son-in-law's, eldest son, **Andrew** and when I join his brother, **Parker** at his Strong Start pre-school program.

As you can well imagine, I will cherish the final 6 months I have with the students, parents and staff as I bring closure to a career I have loved that started 42 years ago. I also will provide a smooth transition for the next very fortunate principal who will bring his or her leadership to "my school"---a dynamic, continually improving learning community of truly wonderful students, parents, and staff.

Your proud and privileged principal, Diane J. Marshall

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBER: Ms. Melissa Edwards

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Marie Kirby's Grade 3 replacement teacher for the remainder of this school year. My name is Melissa Edwards and I am extremely excited to be teaching at Frank Hobbs Elementary School, as this school has a special place in my heart. It is a real treat to be teaching in the room where I completed my final practicum and where my Mom, Irene Edwards, taught for a number of years before retiring in 2007. I was born, raised and educated in Victoria and completed my Bachelor of Education Degree at the University of Victoria. I have been teaching in School District 61 since 2007. Last year I taught at Strawberry Vale Elementary School and also completed my diploma in Special Education and ESL through Vancouver Island University. One of the greatest joys in my life is participating in sports and being active. I have played basketball at both the College and University levels. I also enjoy hiking, running, biking, tennis, boot camps, yoga and volleyball - basically you name it and I play it! I have extensive experience coaching children and believe that being active is an important component in fostering physical and emotional well being. I look forward to being part of the Frank Hobbs community again 😊



WELCOME TO OUR NEW FRANK HOBBS OSC Program Manager: Jaimee Devlin

Hello! My name is Jaimee Devlin and I am thrilled to be the newest member of the Frank Hobbs team. I am really looking forward to having the opportunity to work with all of the children and staff here at the school. To tell you a little bit about myself, I have recently moved back to Canada after teaching grade 5 and 6 in London, England for the past 2 years. I was very fortunate to have the chance to experience and immerse myself in a different culture whilst being able to travel and see much of Europe.

I was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba where I went to University and received my Bachelor of Education and my Bachelor of Arts. I would describe myself as a very positive and outgoing person who leads an active and outdoorsy lifestyle. I enjoy sports, hiking, camping, kayaking and adore reading. I am always open to trying new things and I am looking forward to bringing my experience and enthusiasm to Frank Hobbs School as well as learning and growing from all of you! See you in the New Year!

GOWARD HOUSE: OPEN HOUSE ART GALLERY STARTED JANUARY 8TH

Goward House is hosting an art show for a number of our young emerging artists at Frank Hobbs Elementary School, Lambrick Park Secondary School, and Mount Doug Secondary School. Some of our student's artwork, beautifully framed by Mrs. Won, is on display for the month of January. All classes are taking a walking field trip to Goward House to view the art on display. The following students have their art work on display at Goward House:



YEAR 2011 - 2012 CELEBRATED ARTISTS

Grade 5	Lottie L. and Sophia B.	Grade 2	Maisie S., Kate M. and Stella T.
Grade 4	Paris F. and Hana G.	Grade 1	Troy P., Hannah P., and Natalie S.
Grade 3	Scott M. and Ari v., Kunje T.	Kindergarten	Alma T. and Keeley D.

The framed art will be displayed in our hallway from February until the end of November 2012. As a result of our relationship with Goward House over the years, **one of every three students** attending Frank Hobbs between Kindergarten and Grade 5 will have the extra learning opportunity to benefit from an afternoon with an artist at Goward House. In June, a Goward House Representative makes a speech at our Grandfriends' Day performance and invites our Grandfriends to join and participate in the Goward House activities.



FINAL CALL FOR READY SET LEARN SESSIONS FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

Ready Set Learn **for 3 and 4 year olds** will have two sessions to be held on **Friday, January 20th** at 9:45 - 11:15 am and 12:30 - 2:00 pm. If you would like your child to attend one of these sessions, please register by email to janiceanderson@sd61.bc.ca or by calling the office at 250-477-1804. Please tell your neighbours and friends! **TIGER MASCOT FACE MAKE-UP "ARTIST/S" NEEDED FOR JANUARY 20th, CALL THE OFFICE AT 250-477-1804 IF YOU CAN HELP US OUT!**

Important Student Registration Information for Kindergarten to Grade 6

DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN PARENT WELCOME AND INFORMATION NIGHT

District personnel will be pleased to meet with you to share important information about our exciting English and French kindergarten programs on Tuesday, January 24th from 6:30 – 8:00pm for General Kindergarten Information and Wednesday, January 25th, 2012 from 6:30- 7:30pm for Early French Immersion Registration Information for Kindergarten and Grade 1 Entry. Sessions are to be held at SJ Willis Auditorium at 923 Topaz Avenue. Please visit our Kindergarten webpage at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/kindergarten.aspx> and Early French Immersion <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/earlyFIreg.aspx>.

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION (GR. 6) REGISTRATION FOR 2012/13 starts January 30th

To enroll your child in Grade 6 Late Immersion, apply to register at the dual track Middle School of your choice (Arbutus, Cedar Hill, Central, Lansdowne or Shoreline) during the week of January 30th to February 3rd. Registration begins January 30th at 8:00 a.m. For more information on Late Immersion or on Late Immersion registration, please visit our district web site www.sd61.bc.ca. There will also be an **information meeting at SJ Willis on Monday, January 23rd from 7:00 – 8:00pm**. French Immersion is a District Program for which registration is first come, first served.

KINDERGARTEN ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2012 1

Registration: January 30 - February 3, 2012

All children born in 2007 are eligible to begin Kindergarten in September 2012. Register your child between January 30 to February 3, 2012 at your CATCHMENT AREA SCHOOL.

The Kindergarten registration and Kindergarten transfer process information is posted on the district website under Programs/Kindergarten, <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/kindergarten.aspx>;

To determine your **English program catchment school**, please visit our website at www.sd61.bc.ca, click on Schools, then School Locator.

To determine your **French Immersion catchment area school**, please visit our website at www.sd61.bc.ca/frim.aspx or call 250-475-4189.

While most students, if not all, living in a school's local catchment will be accommodated at that school, students cannot be guaranteed placement in the catchment area school and may be required to enroll at the nearest school with space available.

To request an out-of-catchment school within the District, register at your catchment school and complete a Student Transfer Application form.

Parents who already have an older child enrolled in one of our elementary schools in September 2012 and wish to have their younger child enrolled in the same school can register their Kindergarten child at that school rather than the catchment area school.

To register for Kindergarten, please bring:

- ✓ Proof of your child's age and citizenship status. This can be a birth certificate, passport, landed immigrant authorization.
- ✓ **Your child's BC Medical Care Card.**
- ✓ Parents of children who **are not** Canadian Citizens or Landed Immigrants or **do not have a birth certificate** for their child are required to contact our International Student Program at (ph.) 250-592-6871 prior to registration.
- ✓ Proof of your address. This can be your driver's licence, a utility bill with your current postal code, etc.

General questions about Kindergarten registration? Please call the school board office at 250-475-4220. For enrollment in **Cloverdale Traditional School, South Park Family School, and Sundance Elementary School**, please contact the school directly.

Registration will take place at the schools between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm and will be processed according to the time of registration.

FOUNDATIONS SKILLS ASSESSMENT TESTING

Between January and February, all schools in B.C. participate in the FSA's (Foundations Skills Assessment tests). Students in grades 4, 7 and 10 participate in these provincial tests completing evaluations in: reading comprehension, writing, and numeracy. At Frank Hobbs, we will begin this process this month for both our grade 4 classes. Comprehension and Numeracy components consists of multiple choice and open ended written questions while the writing component consists of first drafts of two writing assignments.

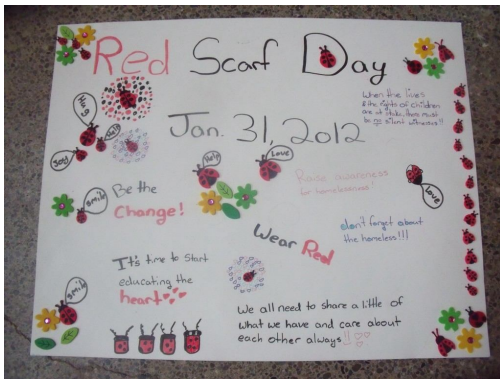
Why? FSA provides a "snapshot" of how well BC students are attaining foundation skills. It helps answer important questions such as:

- Are students learning vital skills they will need later?
- Are there any trends in student performance at the school, district and provincial levels?

Then What? Results will be returned to districts and schools for planning purposes next fall. Each student's individual results will be sent to schools and are then shared with the individual students and their parents. Finally, the School Planning Council (SPC) reviews the Grade 4 results as a whole as part of the work for our school goal planning. If you want more information, visit the ministry's assessment Web site: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment or contact the principal, **Mrs. Marshall** or our Vice Principal, **Mr. Smith**.

RED SCARF DAY IS January 31st

Last year on January 31st Frank Hobbs was transformed into a sea of red for "National Red Scarf Day -- and in the process raised both awareness and spare change to help end homelessness in Canada. On January 31, 2012, Frank Hobbs will again be one of several schools across Canada participating in this important event.



The idea for Red Scarf Day was brought to our school by grade 5 student, Umati after meeting Hannah Taylor in October 2009. Hannah is a 15 year-old anti-poverty activist who started "The Ladybug Foundation" when she was 8. In the past 7 years Hannah's foundation has raised over 2 million dollars for homeless people in Canada and been a model for student advocacy and education.

Red Scarf Day is one way that Hannah helps raise awareness about homelessness. On January 31st 2012, we will be encouraging everyone to wear something red, including a red scarf if you have one. Don't worry if you don't have anything red to wear, we will have red ribbons in each of the classes. One way that Hannah raises money is by making jars that look like ladybugs and encouraging people to put their spare change in the jars. So, the week before Red Scarf Day, a group of new grade four volunteers will bring one of these ladybug jars (made by Cella, Lottie, Sara, Uumati, Zoé and Sylvie from GNS) to each of the classrooms. During that week students will be encouraged to bring in some spare change, if they can, so we too can be part of making change.

If you want to know more about The Ladybug Foundation and how this initiative fits with Frank Hobbs' commitment to helping people in need check out www.ladybugfoundation.ca.

DRIVERS' HELP NEEDED: Quickly "STOP & DROP - off" your children, please!



If you are dropping your child off via the drive through, please have your children ready with hats, coats and shoes on so they are ready to get out when you get to where **Mrs. Dow** is standing. Thanks for your cooperation; this will really help the flow of traffic.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT DRIVERS ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OTHERS.

Please advise all family members and caregivers who drop off children in the morning:

- ❖ Give your child(ren) good-bye hugs and kisses at home before coming to school drop;
- ❖ Have your child(ren) ready with coats and shoes on;
- ❖ Proceed into the school driveway **SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC ONLY (NO PASSING OTHER VEHICLES) to where the Supervisor is standing**; the Supervisor will assist your child(ren) in/out of vehicle in the drop off/pick up area if needed;
- ❖ The few spaces to the right of the driveway are **not** for parking this is a **DROP OFF ZONE ONLY**;
- ❖ Vehicles are **not** to be left **unattended** in the drive through;
- ❖ When you have dropped off/picked up your child(ren), immediately drive through;
- ❖ After school, if your child(ren) is/are not standing ready to be picked up, **you must keep moving and go around again**;

INCLEMENT WEATHER: District Information



This is the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause school closure or some School District 61 services to be suspended. During inclement weather, information about schools will be updated continuously on the **Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/>**. In addition, the Superintendent of Schools will provide CFAX and CBC radio stations with the status of our facilities and transportation services **by 6:30 a.m.**

The District has not had early dismissal when there has been a heavy snowfall during the school day. Schools have remained in session until the regular dismissal time which is 2:50 p.m. at our school.

SNOWFALL AT FRANK HOBBS

When conditions are treacherous outside, our custodian **Mr. Saddington** clears a pathway from the roadway under the trees beside the staff parking area past the dumpsters and to the main front entrance. All other entrances should be avoided until weather conditions improve. When the roadway is very icy, **Mrs. Marshall** stands at the top of the driveway entrance to the school to permit vehicles to safely enter the drive-through one vehicle at a time.

Please make sure that your children are dressed in appropriate clothing for the weather. It is time to get out your winter coats, boots, hats, gloves and scarves! Some children would benefit from having an extra set of clothing in their backpacks.

For people walking to school either in icy conditions or snow, PLEASE:

- Use extreme caution as required to avoid slipping or falling.
- Plan as level a walking route as possible.
- AVOID the white lines on Pedestrian Crosswalks as they can be very slippery as the white paint contains glass particles to make the lines reflective.
- Be careful walking along the pathway beside the drive-through as it is particularly slippery; use the field as an alternative.
- Use the handrail to support yourself when using the stairways near entrances.

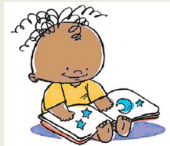
MONITORING ALL STUDENT HEALTH



In order to monitor the health of our student population, we are asking for your help. 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. This will help us to keep track of any flu problems throughout the school.

RADIOSONDE RECOVERED

Thank you to **Al Hood**, District Grounds Foreman, for getting the radiosonde down from our tall tree. It is on display in the front hallway until January 18th. Then it will be given to **Edward Wiebe** from the University of Victoria, the person who confirmed that what we had was a radiosonde hanging in our tree. He will return it to the National Weather Service. There is a note on the package of the radiosonde which indicates that it was released on August 27, 2011; it landed in our trees in December.




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1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria
January 27 - National Literacy Day
...for everyone

In your home, how many children's books sit on shelves, tables and under the bed - more than 50? 100? How many times have you read the same story to your little one - more than 10? 25? 50? Congratulations - you are building wonderful reading habits that will last a lifetime and lead to endless hours of entertainment and knowledge building.

Help make that true for those still to gain those habits. January 27 is National Literacy Day. As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop off gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box in the front entrance hallway. All children deserve a chance to be read to.

 **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** will take this month's stars: **Ryan T.** and **Solange M.** to Boston Pizza on Thursday, January 19. **Ryan** received his star for helping **Mrs. Micco** on playground and **Solange** for being a good class helper. **Mrs. Micco** and **Mrs. Kirby** received **Starbucks Coffee** for submitting the students' names. Thanks to our local **Cadboro Bay Starbucks Manager, Leanne Gallagher** for donating the coffee.

FAMILY DANCE ON FEBRUARY 10TH -
MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN
THE PAC NEWSLETTER ON JANUARY 26TH!



Random Acts of Kindness - February 13-19th



Frank Hobbs will be joining a global movement to celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Week. Starting the first week of February, each student will bring home a heart card on which they can record a kindness shown to them or a kindness they bestowed on someone. Look out for more information in upcoming newsletters and please see our RAK display case coming soon. We hope that Random Acts of Kindness Week will spill over into the other 51 weeks of the year.

TALENT SHOW AUDITION APPLICATIONS ATTACHED - February 24th



Our bi-annual Talent Show is fast approaching and will be held on Friday, February 24th at 1:15. In order to get our very talented students ready for this very exciting event, we are attaching the Audition application to this newsletter. (Printed copies are available in the brochure holder outside the office.) Please encourage your children to complete an audition form, practice their performance and be ready for the auditions on February 15th and 16th. Forms are due in to **Mrs. Richardson** on **Thursday, January 26th**. Mark your calendar for February 24th. You don't want to miss the Talent Show!

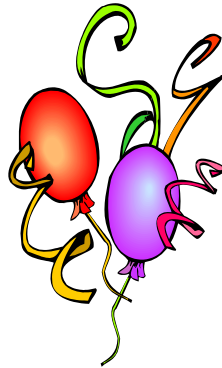


REMEMBER TO KEEP LOADING YOUR THRIFTY'S SMILECARD

By shopping at Thrifty Foods, it is an easy way to support Frank Hobbs.
If you need more information, please contact the school.



- ☺ **Trish Schaddelee, PAC, and parents** for organizing a wonderful luncheon for staff on Monday, Dec. 12th. It was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!
- ☺ **Thrifty Foods** for providing Royal icing for our gingerbread people. The children had a wonderful time decorating them!
- ☺ **Peppers' Foods** for giving a fabulous price on the oranges given to students after the concert!
- ☺ Thank you to all for your donations of mitts, blankets, socks and toiletries. They are greatly appreciated by the **Mustard Seed!**



EXTRA LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

- ❖ **GRADE 2/3 FLOOR HOCKEY:** Grade 2 and 3 girls drop in floor hockey will be on **Mondays** from 12:10 – 12:45; it started on **Monday, January 9th** for 3 weeks. Grade 2 and 3 boys will start on January 30th. **Mr. Walasek**
- ❖ **GRADE 4/5 BASKETBALL:** Boys grade 4/5 basketball started **Wednesday, January 11th** at 12:10 in the gym.
- ❖ **DANCE CLUB:** started up for Grades 3 to 5 on **Tuesday and Thursday's** at lunch hour. **Mrs. Martens**
- ❖ **ORIGAMI CLUB:** Is starting on **Friday, January 27th** in the computer room and will be held every second Friday. **Grade 4 and 5 students** are invited to come and learn the Japanese Folk Art of folding paper. We will be using no glue or scissors, but will be able to create all sorts of figures including a variety of animals from simple square pieces of paper. If you are interested in Japanese animation, you might also like to join us. You will have a chance to learn to draw in the famous Japanimation style. **Mrs. Chant** is also looking forward to sharing the experiences she enjoyed while living in Japan for three years. She will bring in many modern and traditional Japanese items to "show and tell." Lastly, if you are curious about the Japanese language, **Mrs. Chant** would like to teach you a few Japanese phrases which will help you on your next trip to the land of the rising sun! Come and join us for the first Origami Club meeting on January 27th. Arigato!
- ❖ **BRUMMITT-TAYLOR:** Three teams of readers will be reading this new year. Brummitt-Taylor daily readers for January and February are: **Yalda S., Danika L., Sam S., Sabrina S. and Abby M.** They will be reading very challenging passages over the public address system.
- ❖ **GRADE 5 TOUR GUIDES:** have completed their training with **Mrs. Marshall** and will be taking new parents on tours, helping with Ready Set Learn and new Kindergarten students coming for next school year. **Grade 4 Tour Guide partners** will be trained in the New Year. Congratulations to all of our very important school ambassadors!

Community News

See Parent Information Board or websites for more information

- VICTORIA JUNIOR FIELD HOCKEY SPRING LEAGUE INFORMATION, www.victoriajuniorfieldhockey.ca

- **SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING - Saanich Commonwealth Pool**, www.synchro@pacificsport.com
- **VICTORIA ROYALS HOCKEY – Pink in the Rink**, Tickets available at www.victoriaroyals.com.
- **ISLAND JUNIOR OPEN #3**, www.victoriajuniorchess.com
- **BASEBALL REGISTRATION**, www.gordonheadbaseball.org