

November 2011

# Frank Hobbs Elementary

## P.A.C. Monthly Newsletter

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### Chair Chat!

#### We would like to welcome

Kathy Won, Marcus Pollard, Mark Lyn and Peter Milne as new Members at Large on the PAC Executive. They join Shari Hurst as Secretary, Michele Yung Treasurer, Jeany Shipley as the VCPAC Representative, and Claire Vincent and Vincenza Gruppuso on the School Planning Council.

**The next PAC meeting** is Dec 1st at 7 pm, in the FH Library. The guest speaker is TBA. childminding is available.

**The annual Winterfest** event is scheduled for December 9th from 4-6 pm in the gym. This event is very popular and combines a bake sale with craft tables for the kids. We need loads of volunteers to put on

this event so please fill out the form that went home this week and return to the school as soon as you can.

#### The proceeds from the popcorn

sales at the Winterfest event will go towards our annual Holiday Hamper collection. The Holiday Hampers provide grocery and gift cards to help some of our Frank Hobbs families during the holidays.

#### Tricia Schaddelee is

organizing a Staff Lunch and Dessert for December 12th. She has volunteered to make this entire meal but we need volunteers to help set-up/clean up and generally help Tricia on the day of the event. Please contact me [jhirschbold@shaw.ca](mailto:jhirschbold@shaw.ca) if you can help.

Jill Hirschbold  
PAC President

**With the holiday season fast approaching**, the Frank Hobbs PAC is undertaking activities to help to ensure that this time of year is made a little easier for Frank Hobbs families in need. Through the season, the PAC raises funds to purchase Holiday Hamper Packages containing gift and grocery cards to be presented confidentially by Diane Marshall to a few families in our Frank Hobbs community. Please stay tuned for more info!

**Fired Up!** is a new paint your own ceramics studio on Cedar Hill & Shelbourne offering Frank Hobbs students and siblings 10% off the first piece painted before Christmas.

Fired Up! is the place to hang out and create your very own masterpiece or a gift. They also offer birthday parties! Mon-Sat [www.firedupceramics.ca](http://www.firedupceramics.ca) 250-818-4543 open late F&S



#### Finn & Izzy Supports Local Schools!

For every pair of regular priced shoes (of \$40 or more) \$5 will be donated back to Frank Hobbs.

2259 Oak Bay Avenue

The PAC has set a specific goal of raising additional funds for the purchase of more Smart Boards! Smart Boards are a unique and particularly valuable tool for our classrooms. Thanks for the support!



#### Pepper's Fundraiser!

If you have an account or pre-loaded Pepper's Card make sure to tell them it is for Frank Hobbs.

Pepper's donates 5% of these totals directly to the school!!!



When you shop at Cobs Bread (Shelbourne Plaza) simply mention to the that you are a parent, teacher or child of Frank Hobs.

They'll record the details and donate back 5% of the value of the total purchase to Frank Hobbs!

## News from your School Planning Council (SPC) School Growth Plan

Our new **School Growth Plan** has been approved by our associate superintendent, Sherri Bell. The development of this plan is a collaborative process where Diane Marshall, Doug Smith, and school planning council parent members identify the **new and ongoing initiatives** that the Frank Hobbs school community is implementing to further attain our two school goals:

- Improve communication skills (written and verbal)
- Develop responsible, respectful and resourceful global citizens in our school

We hope to have the newly approved plan posted on the Frank Hobbs web page in the coming weeks.

### BC's Education Plan

The province launched **BC's Education Plan** that aims to transform education so that every learner will realize their full potential and contribute to the well-being of our province. Key themes in the plan are:

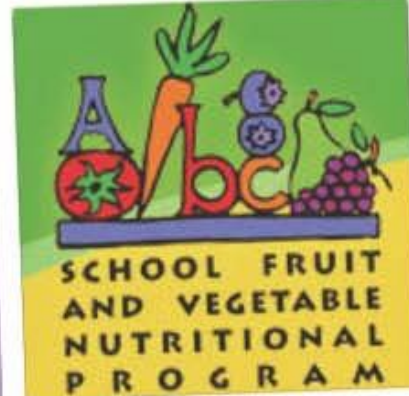
- Personalized learning for every student
- Quality teaching and learning where teachers and students are supported
- A more nimble, flexible and adaptable education system
- Updated curriculum with high standards
- Modernize the way students are educated

Check it out and provide your feedback with the **"Get Engaged"** section at <http://www.bcedplan.ca>

### School district budget planning

The school district budget planning cycle for the 2012/13 school year has begun. Your SPC is currently finalizing input with regards to priorities for next year's school district budget, and gaining a further appreciation for how these budget priorities impact the Frank Hobbs school budget. There will be further opportunities in 2012 for parents and the public to provide input that will help to guide decision-making by our newly elected school trustees. Check out this website for more: <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/budget.aspx>

## Colour Your World with a Variety of Fruits & Vegetables



*Asian pear* are cousins to the pear typically seen in grocery stores, but this fruit is similar to an apple and its many names reflect that characteristic. Other names that this fruit goes by are: Chinese pear, Japanese pear, Sand, Nashi, and apple pear.

*Asian pears* differ from the traditional European ones. These pears are usually round, firm to touch when ripe, and are ready to eat after harvest. Asian pears reach prime quality when they ripen on the tree, like an apple and peach. These pears will be crisp, juicy, and slightly sweet with some tartness, especially near the core.



We are pleased to again be participating in the B.C. School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program, sponsored by B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom foundation and ActNowBC.

Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh B.C. fruits and vegetables to students **during classroom time**. Students will receive picked, washed, and ready to enjoy produce for 13 weeks **at no charge!**



*My name rhymes with potato, but I'm not a vegetable. Pop me into your mouth and I'll explode! What am I?*  
**Grape Tomatoes!**

**Fruit or Vegetable?** Since tomatoes are often served in sauces, salads and with savoury dishes, many of us call them vegetables. They're really a fruit. Confused? Well, a vegetable is the edible stem, flowers, leaves or roots of a plant. A fruit is the edible part of the plant that contains the seeds. A tomato is the ripened ovary of tomato plant flower – that makes it a fruit, actually, a berry. Still don't believe me? Take one bite and you'll taste that your tomato is so sweet it couldn't be anything but a fruit! Maybe that's why they named these little gems after the fruits they resemble – strawberry, grape and cherry. Tomatoes contain lots of Vitamin A, C, E, and Carotenoids.

### Other recent Ministry of Education announcements:

- \$353 million for new and upgraded schools in BC - including two new secondary schools for the western communities (School District 62 - Sooke)
- The BC government has introduced new legislation (Teachers Act) that aims to create a more accountable and transparent teacher regulation system.

We'd love to hear from you - please email [clare@marcdvincent.ca](mailto:clare@marcdvincent.ca) or [vincenza@uvic.ca](mailto:vincenza@uvic.ca), or catch us on the playground before or after school. SPC members, Vincenza Gruppuso and Clare Vincent.

## POPCORN DAZE!

Remember: Bring a loonie to school this Friday & buy a bag!

November 25th 2011

January 6th 2012

March 2nd 2012

April 20th 2012

May 4th 2012

June 15th 2012