

# Frank Hobbs Elementary MEMO

November 17, 2011

Monday, November 21 is a District Pro D Day! There is no school for students.

## ICY CONDITIONS AND SNOW IS IN THE FORECAST!

*We are now approaching 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/>.***

*Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 a.m.*



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 are extremely slippery. 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.

If it snows during the night the District will post information by 6:30 a.m. as to whether schools are open or closed **on the front page of the District website, on CFX and on CBC radio.**

*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.*

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.

We realize that the crosswalk on Haro Road is Saanich Municipality property but as a courtesy, "ice-melt" will be taken out at our "safety patrol" times as required to sprinkle on the cross walk to help with everyone's safety! Be sure to wear winter foot wear! PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS AND AVOID THE PAINTED WHITE LINES!

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.

### **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!

**Don't be disappointed... get your  
Concert Ticket Request form in by Friday!  
77% of families have already requested tickets!**