

# 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, verbal and non-verbal)
- To develop responsible, respectful and resourceful global citizens in our school community



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## HAVE A HEALTHY, SAFE AND RESTFUL SUMMER!

### VERY IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> *New Kindergarten students & families' picnic at 11:30 at Gyro Park*  
August 30<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> Office is open from 9:00 - 1:00  
Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> School reopens at 9:00  
*Students in grades 1 to 5 attend from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. only*  
**DO NOT SEND A LUNCH**

**Parents**—especially those new to the school--interested in learning more about Frank Hobbs Elementary are invited to go to the staff room on **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> between 9 and 10** to enjoy a coffee and learn a bit more about our school from:

Jill Hirschbold - Parent Advisory Council President  
Clare Vincent - School Planning Council member  
Diane J. Marshall - Principal

**Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** Regular daily school hours begin with a **Monday to Friday 8:40 am start and a 2:50 p.m. dismissal.**

Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> Pro D Day---no students in session

Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> **Meet the Teacher Picnic 5:30 - 6:30** (Bring your own Picnic to enjoy outside on the lawn. Dessert will be provided by PAC.) **Visit teachers in classrooms 6:30 - 7.**

For more dates, refer to the September and October calendars sent home with the K-Grade 4 report cards.

### **A Note from the Principal**

Another wonderful year of learning at Frank Hobbs Elementary has been completed. Another great year is on the horizon! Last week, I responded to an invitation from the Cadboro Bay Residents Association to attend an evening meeting at Queenswood to begin participation in the development of action plans concerning future development of our Village. Like our village, we at Frank Hobbs Elementary will work even harder next year to become an environmentally sustainable school community. You can help us help our environment by making plans over the summer for garbage free student lunches and by car pooling, walking or biking to school. Over this year, the Kindergarten class of 2009-10 has led the school in being garbage free in their classrooms - our mantra will be: **PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT**. Please do your part.

It's time to say a very fond "good-bye" to so many wonderful families as their children "move up"...they are well prepared to make the move; or, as you move away...we will miss you. It is also time to say "hello" as we welcome so many wonderful new families to our school. We are enriched by each family!

Special thanks to our fabulous PAC President, **Jill Hirschbold**, her effective Executive, and committee members listed in the PAC newsletter. Also thanks to all our parents for the many contributions of time, energy, and support we have received from you as we work with your wonderful children. Special thanks goes to **Trish Shaddelee** for the classy set up, thoughtful decorating and careful clean up of the delicious food prepared by so many of our great parents. It made the staff feel so appreciated and special. This lunch was the most wonderful staff appreciation luncheon that I have ever experienced since I started teaching in 1970!

Enjoy your summer! I hope it is restful, rejuvenating, and a fun time with family and friends.

We continue to be a growing school; we have a projected fall student enrollment of 328. I truly look forward to September; I always do.☺ Your proud principal, **Diane J. Marshall**

### SEPTEMBER START-UP

This school year almost all of our staff members and the school grade confirmation have been determined. Apart from a few adjustments in student classroom assignments that may be required due to enrollment changes over the summer, Grade 1-5 students will be moving **at 9:00am** to their projected new classroom teacher/s on the first day of school. Projected class lists for Grade 1-5 students will be posted before school starts on the windows of the Kindergarten classroom of Mrs. Janicki / Mrs. Grew located by the front entrance of the school and in the Principal and Vice Principal's outside office windows.

**SEND INDOOR SHOES FOR YOUR CHILD TO USE:** We request all students bring a pair of indoor shoes. This will help the indoor cleanliness of our classrooms, halls and gymnasium and show respect for our school and the custodian.

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### PLAN NUTRITIOUS GARBAGE FREE LUNCHES FOR NEXT YEAR

We will be joining the District garbage free initiative in the fall. Help our world reduce our carbon footprint by providing nutritious, garbage-free lunches and snacks for your children. Choose re-usable containers your children can independently manage to open and close. Include a Ziploc bag for your child to take home any garbage...**PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!**



# WELCOME

Dear staff, students and families, I have had the pleasure of working in the public school system for over twenty years. During this time I have worked as a classroom teacher, special education and learning support teacher, elementary counselor and vice principal. I am looking forward to working with each of you this year and becoming a part of the dynamic learning environment at Frank Hobbs. Promoting and maintaining a safe and vibrant school ensures all members in the school community can reach their potential and experience school success. Please come and introduce yourselves in the fall and enjoy a safe and relaxing summer with family and friends. See you in September.

Sincerely, **Mrs. Cindy Sanderson, Vice Principal and Learning Support Teacher**

# Frank Hobbs Elementary says Farewell to:

**Emma Marley** as she moves to Strawberry Vale for her next administrative experience and continues to expand on the accomplishments she has achieved over the past three years in her work with staff, students, their parents and various community members. Her efforts will be remembered- most recently the incredible Haiti donation initiative. Enjoy your new teaching assignment as a Grade 1 and a Reading Recovery teacher! Please return to visit us whenever you can in the future.

**Jack Tran** as he has successfully completed more than a year of work with Grade 4 students who have been fortunate to learn with him. Jack has added value to our school and learned a lot in the process. He is wished every success in what promises to be a bright future. He is always welcome at Frank Hobbs Elementary.

**Carly Whomes** as she moves on to motherhood with the expected birth of her first child in July. In her role as Mother, she will deepen the numerous skills she already possesses and has demonstrated in her role as an Education Assistant at Frank Hobbs Elementary. It is hoped that she will return to this role with us in the future.

**Flarida Loy** as she leaves her role as an Education Assistant with us. Her work supporting students has been appreciated. Flarida will continue to be involved with our school as a parent.

**Rebecca Wilkerson** as she leaves her role of an Education Assistant during the long-term absence of a staff member. She ably utilized her teacher training experience in her work with children and staff and has expanded her knowledge of the operation of a school during her time with us. It is hoped that she will return to us either as an EAG or as a teacher in the future.

**Kathleen O'Malley** who has been Mrs. Marley's teaching partner in Division 4. She has been a wonderful addition to our staff here at Frank Hobbs as she has enriched the lives of the students that are in her class. We wish her luck in her future endeavours.

**Manny Gavilan** as he moves to provide support for technology in another group of schools. With the new District "Operation Waterworks", we expect that we may well see Manny when we have a need for a District team response to our needs. Enjoy your new schools Manny.



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thanks to **Luigi & Brenda Micco** for donating two 32" multi-sync monitors to be used in conjunction with our future purchase of LCD projectors for some of our classrooms.



## CONGRATULATIONS

A number of students from our school attended the Victoria Riding for the Disabled Association's annual BBQ this year where the trophy for "Most Improved" horseback rider was presented to our very own Grade 2 student, **Jillian Bryne**. Jillian we are so proud of you!



Congratulations to **Rachael Bruton**, a parent at Frank Hobbs Elementary and one of our Student Supervisors, who has obtained a position at St. Margaret's Girl's school teaching elementary music/drama and Grade 3 Choirs for September. We will miss you as a playground supervisor!

## LIBRARY SURPLUS BOOK SALE - CHILDREN/TEEN BOOKS

The Nellie McClung Library, located at 3950 Cedar Hill Rd is having a book sale with low prices, and thousands of titles. **Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 9-1:30pm** free admission. 1:30 to 3pm, \$5 buys all the books you want!



★ **YOU ARE A STAR DRAW!!** - We had our final draw for this school year from our **You are a Star** names that had been placed in the boxes in the office. **Mrs. Marshall** took this month's stars: **Olivia Waller** and **Maya Roddick** to **White Spot** today. **Olivia Waller** received her star for volunteering for extra safety patrols and **Maya Roddick** received her star for voluntarily helping a classmate with a big job. **Mrs. Marshall** and **Mrs. Morriss / Mrs. Johnston** received **Starbucks Coffee** for submitting the students' names. Thanks to our local **Cadboro Bay Starbucks Manager, Leanne Gallagher Allen** for donating the coffee to our school each month throughout the year.

### **JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> WAS A FUN DAY:**

The weather was perfect! The longest lines - as usual - were at face painting, hair spraying, the bouncy castle and the dunk tank. The students selected their favourite activities and moved happily from station to station - pausing to refresh themselves with popsicles and popcorn. Thank you to the parents and staff who worked at the stations; special thanks to **Mrs. Kirby** for her leadership and organization of this memory making event.

Have a fabulous summer!  
See you September 7th!  
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.!