

Frank Hobbs Elementary PAC Newsletter

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Chair Chat

Welcome returning and new families to the 2011/12 year at Frank Hobbs!

We are ready and moving ahead with all the scheduled events and programming that was approved at the AMG in May. We will start with the Welcome Café today, the launch of the Clothing Sale, schedule a movie night for November and create a committee for the Winterfest event in December.

It is the phenomenal support of this programming by the parents and guardians of Frank Hobbs that help to make this such a great school.

Every parent and guardian of a child at Frank Hobbs is a member of the PAC and there are many different ways to get involved. Every little bit helps.

Join the **PAC Executive** – still looking for a Vice President, VCPAC representative and Members at Large.

Become a **Classroom Partner** – facilitate communication between parents and the classroom. Check the **PAC Classified Ads** and join a committee to organize a program, event or fundraiser.

Attend a **General PAC** meeting and share your ideas.

Volunteer to help in the classroom or at an event.

We are still looking for a **Vice President** for the Executive.

I ideally this person (or persons in the case of sharing this position) would work with me this year with an interest in becoming President next year.

This is my 5th year as PAC President and I will be stepping down at the end of this year.

I do intend to remain on the Executive next year to support the new President.

We are also looking for a **VCPAC Representative**.

This volunteer would attend the monthly VCPAC (district PAC) meetings and bring a report back to the Frank Hobbs PAC meetings (one per month).

The PAC Classified Ads come out today.

Please take a good look and see where you might be able to help out this year.

Please contact me at jhirschbold@shaw.ca if you have any questions.

Jill Hirschbold
PAC President

Attention Swimmers!

Frank Hobbs Swim Team is due to hit the pool on October 12th.

Swim Club is competitive swimming in a fun and friendly environment. Weekly practices are held to develop swimming strokes and to improve fitness and strength. There are also monthly swim meets that allow kids the opportunity to race and illustrate improvement over the swim season. If you're in grades 3-5 and can comfortably swim 25 meters, please join us on Wednesdays (beginning October 12th) from 3:15-4pm at McKinnon Pool (UVic). Information and registrations packages will be available shortly and must be submitted before kids begin.

Hope to see you then!

POPCORN DAZE

Popcorn dates are:

October 7,28

November 25

January 6

February 3

March 2

April 20

May 4

June 15



Colour Your World with a Variety of Fruits and Vegetables.

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 Vegetable to the students *during classroom time*. The students will receive picked, washed, and ready to enjoy produce for 13 weeks at **no charge!**

Our first delivery was **blueberries!** You know when you pop blueberries in your mouth they will burst with sweet flavour, but did you also know that you were holding a SUPERFOOD? That's right, like other brightly coloured fruits, blueberries are called **superfoods**. In fact, they are the superheroes of superfoods. With high doses of vitamin C and B complex, Copper, Zinc, Iron and even fibre – they've got you covered. So eat your handful of blueberries to boost your immune system – to help keep away colds, fevers and other nasty sicknesses. They taste better than vitamins and medicine! Not only that, blueberries can boost your memory which will help you with your homework!

Life touch Canada

Lifetouch Canada is the company that takes the school portraits. They have a special offer for families who may want a family portrait. They will come to the school and photograph your family for free and provide you with a free 8 x 10 print.

A minimum of 10 families are required for the school to participate.

Call Lifetouch directly at 250-744-4100 or 1-800-884-4458

Frank Hobbs PAC has registered the school with the "Dough Raiser" Program at our local COBS Bread in the Shelbourne Plaza.

How does it work? It's very simple:

- When you shop at **COBS Bread (Shelbourne Plaza)**, simply mention to the sales assistant that you are a parent, teacher, or child from Frank Hobbs!
- They will record your school and purchase details through their system and the transaction will be recorded.
- They will donate back **5% of the value of the total purchases** made by our school community.

The PAC has set a specific goal of raising money to put more Smart Boards in our classrooms. We appreciate all our families' efforts throughout the community, to raise funds for our school! Smart Boards are a particularly valuable tool for our classrooms. Thank you for your support.

Finn and 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



Locally owned & operated

Peppers Fundraiser

If you have an account at
Peppers or pre-load a
Peppers Card make sure to
tell them it is for
Frank Hobbs.

Peppers donates 5 % of
these totals directly to the
school!!!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs. Sept. 22	FAMILY PICNIC CANCELLED TONIGHT
Fri. Sept. 23	Hot Dog Day
Wed. Sept. 28	Terry Fox Run at 11:00 a.m. on the field, EVERYONE WELCOME TO JOIN IN!
Fri. Sept. 30	Assembly @ 1:10 parents are welcome to join us at all of our assemblies
Wed. Oct. 5	Turkey Trot
Fri. Oct. 7	Grade 4 and 5 to COPS for Cancer at Mt. Doug and Frank Hobbs Popcorn Day
Mon. Oct. 10	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Thurs. Oct. 13	PAC Meeting at 7:00-9:00pm, 6:30-7:00 Pizza (NOTE: date changed from October 6th)

Change of Date - 'Shakeout BC'

Frank Hobbs will be joining others in the province and will hold our first earthquake drill on 'Shakeout BC' day, on October 20th at 10:20am. We will not have a drill on October 13 as previously indicated.

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)

Frank Hobbs Elementary School (K-5) Hours

Monday to Friday	8:40am to 2:50pm
Recess	10:00am to 10:20am
Lunch Break	11:50am to 12:48pm
Wednesday only - Lunch Break	11:53am to 12:48pm

Parents are reminded to leave message on our 24 hour callback line

250-477-3392

when your child is going to be absent or late from school.



HELP - ON CALL SUPERVISOR NEEDED

Do you love to be around children? Do you love working with children? Do you like helping children problem solve? Are you a good communicator? Are you calm in a crisis? Do you have some spare time between 10:00 - 10:20 or 11:50 - 12:50? We have the perfect job for you! We are in need of an on call playground supervisor for when our regular staff are off ill. Need more information, please check the district website at www.sd61.bc.ca or pick up a copy of the Supervisor job description at the office. If you are interested in this position, please call the office at 250-477-1804 for more information and to make an appointment to meet with our principal, **Diane Marshall**

Entering and Exiting our School

With the addition of a new classroom, comes safety changes in the way we arrive and depart the school. Below are the entrance and exit areas for classes:

Divisions 1, 2, 3 - use the doors near Mrs. Franceschini's class room, at the back of the school

Division 5, 6 - use the doors next to the staff room

Division 4, 7, 10 and 12 - use the main doors next to the gym

Division 8, 9, 13 and 14 - use doors in the primary wing (Kindergarten students wait outside for their teacher to take them in)

Division 11 - use the door by the library where Mrs. Pullan meets you.

Please remember to walk quietly when moving in the hallways.

Bicycle / Sidewalk Safety



We are thrilled so many of our Frank Hobbs students are bike riders and walkers. We would like to remind students of a few important things for trips to and from school that will help keep them safe, and will help keep pedestrians safe too. Please take the time to review these with your students.

- Always obey traffic rules – stop signs are for you too.
- If you are with a friend, ride single file in a straight line *with* the direction of traffic.
- Be visible. Wear bright/light-coloured clothing and a well adjusted helmet.
- Ride on the road *beside* the sidewalk – the sidewalk is for pedestrians and they need a safe place to walk.
- Remember to *walk all wheels* (not just bikes) once you arrive into the school yard or when you are on the sidewalk right outside the school. Wait until you are away from others before you begin riding.

We have a much longer, very complete list of 'riding' suggestions available in the office. If you would like a copy, we will be happy to pass one on. If you have questions or concerns, please let us know.

Mr. Smith, Vice Principal

PARKING LOT SAFETY



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

Please advise all family members and caregivers who pick up children of the following safety information:

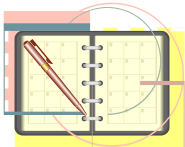
- ❖ In the morning, please give your child(ren) their good-bye hugs and kisses at home before coming to school; drop off will then take only a few seconds;
- ❖ Proceed into the school driveway **SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC ONLY (NO PASSING OTHER VEHICLES) to where the Supervisor is standing**; the Supervisor 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;
- ❖ After school, if your child(ren) is not standing ready to be picked up, **keep moving** and go around again;
- ❖ When you have dropped off/picked up your child(ren), immediately drive through!

**DRIVE TO THE SUPERVISOR, DROP OFF/PICK UP CHILD, KEEP MOVING -
SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC ONLY - NO PASSING!**

VOLUNTEER DRIVER FORMS - PARENTS DRIVING ON FIELD TRIPS: (...copies can be picked up in the office)

Parents are reminded of the need to complete the field trip Volunteer Driver form prior to driving on any field trips. If you know you will be helping out with driving this year, stop by the office and pick up a form ahead of time. The office will need a copy of your driver's license and current insurance showing \$1,000,000.00 liability. There is a **booster seat law** for all children up to their 9th birthday or 145cm (4'9") tall, whichever comes first. If your child requires a booster seat, then please be sure to send it to school on the day of field trips. If you completed the Volunteer Driver Form last year, please come into the office to initial and update the form. Thank you!

SCHOOL AGENDA'S



The agendas have been sent home to all students in grades 2 – 5. The cost of the agenda is \$8.00 per student. Payment can be made by cash or by cheque to "Frank Hobbs School". The agendas are an important learning aid and life skill for our students and provide the opportunity to support the learning outcomes prescribed in the K-7 Health and Career Education.

No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in the use of an agenda because of an inability to pay. Please privately contact the office at (250) 477-1804 for arrangements to be made to meet with the principal.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS WENT HOME WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21ST - Important Information

- ✓ Please return orders and payment in the envelope provided by our sale end date **OCTOBER 11TH**.
- ✓ Checks should be made payable to Frank Hobbs Elementary School.
- ✓ Orders for books will be filled and sent home with your student within two weeks of the sale end date.

Technology News

We have some great technology news at Frank Hobbs. We have been able to take advantage of a large school district computer purchase and as a result, have had our schools' computers replaced. The district made this available through a program called 'Computers for Schools' (CFS). This project has been in the works since late last year but computers were changed over on September 15. We have also been able to secure new monitors that you will notice throughout the school. We are grateful to our district staff, Mr. Wardle and Mr. Herberholz for their hard work on the 15th to make sure all our computers were changed over and working – this was a big job.

As a part of this initiative, Frank Hobbs will be hosting a special launch for this district event. On September 27th, we will be visited by district officials, the CFS Executive Director, our Board of Education chair, Mr. Tom Ferris, and a special guest, Steve Podborski. This group will arrive during lunch hour and have a small private gathering in our library. That will be followed by a short tour through the computer lab and an opportunity for the group to see technology in action in a classroom.

We are thrilled to be able to secure this upgrade and provide opportunities to enhance learning with technology. **Mr. Smith, Vice-Principal**

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS - GRADES 3, 4 & 5: We are starting to train for the upcoming season. All



students in Grade 3, 4 and 5 are eligible to run in the District meets but all runners, regardless of desire to compete or just to run purely for fun, are encouraged to attend. We will run Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8:15 (there will be NO practices on race days). We will meet at the basketball court and will leave promptly! We will continue to run over the winter on Monday and Tuesday at 8:15. **Mrs.**

Johnston

Please mark your calendar for the following Exhibition Meet Dates - 3:45pm start time:

Monday, October 3rd Lambrick Park
Tuesday, October 11th Cloverpoint
Monday, October 17th Lambrick Park
Monday, October 24th City Finals at Beacon Hill Park 1:00pm start until 2:50pm

COPS FOR CANCER - October 7th at Mt. Douglas School: All students in grade 4 and 5 will be



walking with their classes to Mount Doug School to see the arrival of the Cops for Cancer riding team scheduled to arrive between 1:30 and 1:35 on Friday, October 7th. Families are invited to send donations to this worthwhile cause.

SUPPORT THE GARDEN CLUB

Win a chance to come and collect 6 fresh eggs right from the chicken coop! **Tickets are \$1.00 each** and the winner will be announced on Friday, Sept. 23rd during morning announcements.

Eggs will be ready for pickup at the Willis' family home (across from the school) on Wednesday Sept. 28th. Please bring parent or guardian.



BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

- ❖ Encourage children to use refillable bottles at school, instead of relying on bottled water.



- ❖ When shopping for school supplies, buy products that are reusable or have recyclable packaging, and reuse leftover school supplies from last year.
- ❖ Produce waste-free lunches for your children by sending food in reusable containers and bags, and by avoiding pre-packaged and processed foods.

BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program



We need at least four parent volunteers to help run the program successfully. Volunteers must be Food Safe certified, and the PAC is willing to pay for the parents to take the course. If you are interested in helping out with this worthwhile program, please contact boraston@shaw.ca.



Thank you so much to all the parents and students who recycled empty ink cartridges last year. We raised over \$250 in the form of a gift card from Staples to use toward supporting technology in our school. Please remember, there will be a box at the main entrance of the school. You can drop off any empty ink cartridges from a computer printer in the box. Let's see how many cartridges we can keep out of the landfill.

**A chance to WIN a CANUCKS JERSEY (Men's Large)
SIGNED BY THE 2011 TEAM
And support a great cause!**

A team of 10 local women are going to San Francisco in October to participate in the Nike Women's Marathon. TEAM FOR HOPE is raising money for the BC Children's Hospital. Fundraising events have been going on all year.

**Raffle tickets for the jersey are \$10 each.
The draw will be held on September 30th, 2011
Only 300 tickets have been printed**

To purchase tickets, please contact Lissa Reimer (Nanny Lissa) at: 250-598-6749

Young Parent Program - for immigrant parents under the age of 30 years. *The program will help you make friends, connect with other parents and get support integrating into Canada. Program starts October 1st, 2011. To register contact: Hannah@vircs.bc.ca or call 250-361-9433 ext. 242.*

