

Frank Hobbs Elementary P.A.C. Monthly Newsletter

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Chair Chat!

Did you know that Frank Hobbs used to have a very active **Wild Arc Animal Club**?

For many years it was sponsored by Diane McNally who is now retired. We are looking for a parent/s who may want to revive this club for the students.

A volunteer from Wild Arc and Diane McNally will be speaking at the PAC Meeting, in the school library next Thursday (November 3rd) at 7:30. Come and find out how you can help.

Megaminds Movie Night is November 4th, doors open at 6:18, show starts at 6:30.

We are trying something new this year and not all parents need to be

in attendance. One parent can supervise up to 4 children.

Winterfest is scheduled for December 9th this year.

Watch for volunteer request forms coming home in the next weeks.

We need a committee to organize this year's Holiday Hamper drive.

Funds raised through these efforts go directly to help some of our Frank Hobbs families during the holidays.

We now have a website

committee in place and look forward to getting Frank Hobbs PAC information online.

If you have any questions please contact me at jhirschobld@shaw.ca

Jill Hirschbold, PAC President

COMMUNITY NOTE!

The Village Gift Box

Sonya, owner of Bambinos & Barb Elson, local inventor of the Household Toolbox, are opening the Village Gift Box, located around the corner from Bambinos in the Cadboro Bay Village.

Open thru the month of December and will supply local artists and designers a forum to display and sell their works.

Wine & Cheese • Kids Cookie Decorating • Any other ideas welcome!

For details or submissions to participate in the Village Gift Box

Please call Bambinos @ 250-721-3520 or email Barb Elson at baelson@shaw.ca



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!

FRANK HOBBS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! MEGAMIND

Friday, November 4th, 2011

Doors 6:00pm Show 6:15pm

• Bring your pillows, mats & blankets.

PJ's Optional!!

• Admission by donation (Suggested \$3.00 per person). Donation will be collected at the door.

• Popcorn and Drinks available at concession

• Please note space is limited. Tickets will not be issued.

• Send your request by email or print & return request (form below)

• We are trying something a little different this time. Each child does not need to attend with their parent but must come with a supervising adult. (One parent can supervise up to 4 children).

• Important note-We try to choose movies that are appropriate and fun for all ages. If you have any concerns regarding the content of this film, please check online prior to coming to the event.

Colour Your World with a Variety of Fruits & Vegetables



Of the 5,000 pear varieties grown worldwide Bartlett pears are the most popular..

Like apples, the pear is actually a member of the rose family. It is one of the oldest fruits known to man, trees can still produce fruit after 100 years

One of the best things about eating pears - besides how great they taste, is that they come in different colours. From pale yellow to green, red to brown and all shades in between - the variety of a pear determines the skin colour. Bartlett Pears ripen from green to yellow.

A fall fruit, pear harvest begins in August and continues through October.

Pears ripen from the inside out, that's why you may take a bite and it seems fine, then you get close to the core and it's brown in the middle. Hold your pear and feel the flesh at the neck, or stem end. Does it yield to light pressure? Then it's ripe. If it feels firm your pear needs more time to ripen.

* 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!**

The Bartlett Pear



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Reserve seats by completing and returning this form or provide the following information by email

FrankHobbsMovie@shaw.ca

Student

Name _____

Supervising

Adult _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Teacher Name _____

Please reserve me _____ seats

I can volunteer for supervision or helping at the concession during the event yes _____



POPCORN DAZE!

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

October 28th 2011

November 25th 2011

January 6th 2012

March 2nd 2012

April 20th 2012

May 4th 2012

June 15th 2012

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School Announcements

Sunday, November 6th – End of Daylight Savings Time – “Fall back” 1 hour at 2am
Thursday, November 10th - Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:40am, all welcome
Friday, November 11th - **Remembrance Day, Statutory Holiday, No School**

STRINGS CONCERT

The first Strings Concert will be held tonight at Mt. Doug High School in the gym Thursday, October 27th at 7:00 pm. All parents, families and friends are welcome to attend. Our Grade 5 Strings students will be performing.

HELP NEEDED FOR GOWARD ART SHOW!

We are in ***desperate need*** of a committee of helpers to frame our students' art work for the Goward Art Show! If you can help out or would like more information, please contact the office at 250-477-1804.



Unfortunately, without helpers we will be unable to go ahead with our annual art submission to the Goward House Art Show

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE!



Monday, November 14th is the start of our Scholastic Book Fair Week (Nov. 14th to 18th) in the library.....keep it in mind for those special Christmas gifts.

If you are able to volunteer to help out, even for a short time, please sign up on the red sheet on the office window.



DON'T FORGET!

BRING IN YOUR NEW OR GENTLY USED COATS TO THE SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28th! YOU CAN ALSO TAKE YOUR DONATION TO FAIRWAYS UNTIL NOVEMBER 1ST!

REMINDER ...NOVEMBER 7TH IS RETAKE DAY

The photographer is here only in the morning, arriving at 8:50am, until all retakes are completed. If you missed our regular individual photo day, be ready to have your picture taken at 9:00 am. All students and staff have their pictures taken whether they want to purchase photo packages or not.



Photos taken on October 14th should be here any day now. If you are unhappy with your photo package, please have your child bring the whole package to school on the morning of retakes.

CBC INTERVIEWS

Interviews with CBC radio host **Gregor Craigie** were held at Frank Hobbs yesterday with **Tom Ferris**, School Board Chair, **Mary Em Waddington**, Computers for Schools CEO, and three of our students **Joshua K.**, **Maya R.**, and **Natalia D.** You can listen to the broadcast from CBC Radio at 90.5 FM by visiting the website: <http://www.cbc.ca/ontheisland> for the program 'On the Island'. You will hear some discussion about students using technology and may also hear **Mr. Smith!**



DID YOU KNOW THAT....

This year Frank Hobbs has a unique opportunity to benefit from the **PeaceMakers** program, a conflict management, communication and anger awareness program which is funded by **United Way**. This worthwhile program is currently being provided for all Grade 4 & 5 students; it is hoped that future support from United Way will allow the program to be delivered to all Grade 3 students as well in the new year. The program provides teachers an opportunity to observe their students while the students are being taught by trained mediators. Parents who choose to support United Way are invited to target their funds directly to the **PeaceMakers** program, a program designed to increase the number of "tools" students at Frank Hobbs Elementary already have in their "communication tool box". *Thank you for your support!*



Congratulations to **Sam S.** who won the Vancouver Island Jr. Open Chess Tournament held on Sunday, October 23rd at UVIC

HALLOWEEN, FIRECRACKERS & TREATS: Halloween is fast approaching...this is a reminder to everyone that it is illegal for children to be in possession of firecrackers or fireworks at anytime. This is a serious safety concern.

- On October 28th, **Const. Dave Gray**, will meet with our students at our assembly to review Halloween safety with the children.
- Together with Arbutus Grove, we have hired a "Security Guard" for the Halloween night to ensure the safety of our school buildings. In addition to our building safety, please remember that there are a number of **students** in our school **who have life threatening allergies to nuts**. Please be respectful of this serious situation and keep food items containing nuts or nut products at home as much as possible not only for Halloween, but throughout the year. Your support is appreciated by the families of children with nut allergies.
- After Halloween, on occasion, our school grounds have been littered with "spent" fireworks. **We are looking for a few parent volunteers** who are willing and available on the morning of November 1st to scour the grounds and pick up any Halloween litter before children arrive at school. Please let the office know if you can help.
- Also, in the interest of student health, please do not send too many treats to school!



Happy Halloween