

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



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September 7, 2011

Welcome Back!



Principal's Message

I extend an especially warm welcome back to each one of our 308 students and their families in our vibrant school community—with an extra special welcome to all newcomers who have moved into our school this year and to our youngest Kindergarten students and to their families. **Mr. Smith, our new Vice Principal** and I have enjoyed visiting our Grade 1 – 5 classes. We have observed that all staff and students appear to be well prepared and enthusiastic about the prospect of another excellent year of learning at Frank Hobbs Elementary.

I think it has been a smooth start-up for everyone. Today we held our first assembly to make introductions and review school rules in order to make our school a safe and happy place. Tomorrow, Grade 1 – 5 students will move to their new classrooms; on Friday, Kindergarten students will move from their gradual entry over this week to their first full day in their classroom.

I have a few important helpful requests for parents.

- We strive to be garbage free at Frank Hobbs Elementary and request that you pack lunches accordingly utilizing re-useable containers that are easy for your child to open.
- Be sure to label all lunch containers, school supplies and coats, hats, etc. so we can reduce our “lost and found” items.
- We attempt to get children outside at recesses each day and ask that you send them “dressed for the weather” (label all outerwear, please) so they can enjoy the fresh air and exercise on our beautiful park-like grounds.
- Please get your children to school on time each morning (8:40 a.m.) so they not only learn the importance of punctuality but also benefit from class instruction which begins at that time.
- Please arrange an outside drop off and pick up location with your child; this will keep our hallways clear, safe, and orderly.

Finally, it is important for everyone to know that during our current labour situation teachers will continue to prepare and plan lessons, assess and evaluate student progress and mark student work. All staff at Frank Hobbs are committed to each student's success in learning within our responsive and safe environment. I concur with the words of our Greater Victoria Board of Education chairperson **Tom Ferris** who has stated how we hope that BCPSEA and the BCTF can reach a settlement. However, regardless of when that might happen, I assure you that at Frank Hobbs Elementary we will continue to offer an outstanding educational program to each of our students.

Your proud principal, **Diane J. Marshall**

STUDENT CLASSROOM PLACEMENT 2011-2012

This morning, students met in the classroom they reported to Tuesday and Wednesday. They will move to their classrooms tomorrow morning. If at all possible, please make arrangements for you and your child to meet at a prearranged spot outside the school building. Should you have any difficulty locating your child, please return to the start up classroom teacher or the office for directions.

The Frank Hobbs' teaching staff has worked very hard to create effective instructional classroom groupings for all of our students. Parents can be assured that their personal requests for class placements were thoughtfully considered as decisions were made. Your support of your child's teacher is an important factor in your child's learning. We look forward to a great year together as we work and learn with you. Staffing at this time is:

Principal	-	Diane J. Marshall
Vice Principal	-	Doug Smith
Grade 5	-	Dave Shortt
Grade 5	-	Diane Franceschini
Grade 4	-	Megan Schuring
Grade 4	-	Doug Smith /Susan Shemilt
Grade 3	-	Marie Kirby
Grade 3	-	Donna Richardson/Catherine Johnston
Grade 2/3	-	Jason Walasek
Grade 2	-	Susan Morriss / Catherine Johnston
Grade 2	-	Pam Ewart
Grade 1/2	-	Paul Borich
Grade 1	-	Miila Pullan
Grade 1	-	Helena Hodgins
Kindergarten	-	Cathy Grew
Kindergarten	-	Julie Chant/Susan Shemilt
Learning Support	-	Katherine Tevaarwerk
ESL	-	Natalie Mclimoye
Music/Library	-	Nancy Taylor
Computer	-	Myles Wardell
FSL (French)	-	Anette Martens
Dance	-	Anette Martens
Strings	-	Barbara Eadie
Counsellor	-	Mark Fraser
Therapists	-	Sara Nitz (OT)/Michelle Hobby (PT)
Speech	-	Laurie Denley
Vision/Hearing	-	Daphne Hitchcock /Lynda Haynes
Police Liaison	-	Cons. Dave Gray
Education Assistants		Peggy Minty, Pamela Campbell, Marg Dow, Don Grier, Gisela Marsano-Whiting , Wendy Barlow, Marilyn Lapointe, Sue Hoffman, Andree Mazure, Zoe Eakle, Tamara Mann, Muneesha Punni
Playground Supervisor	-	Brenda Micco
Custodians	-	Robert Saddington & Steve Vatne
Office Staff	-	Jan Anderson, Wendy Barlow & Donna Leech
Library Clerk	-	Shelley Rowe

Welcome new staff members

Hello, my name is **Megan Schuring** and I am delighted to be joining the Frank Hobbs staff as one of the new grade 4 teachers. Although I am new to Frank Hobbs, I have lived in Victoria all of my life and am happy to still call this wonderful city home. Over the past 6 years, I have had the opportunity work in a variety of elementary and middle schools within the Victoria School District as well as abroad in Japan. When I am not in the school, I love to be active outside. I especially

enjoy camping, hiking and running. I look forward to an exciting year at Frank Hobbs and hope to meet all of you in the coming months!

Hello! My name is **Natalie Mclimoyle** (you can call me Mrs. Mac if you'd like), and I am very excited to be the ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher at Frank Hobbs School this year. I started out my teaching career 14 years ago, in Hamilton, Ontario, teaching various grades at a culturally diverse school. I moved to beautiful Victoria 9 years ago with my husband and taught at an independent school in Metchosin for nearly 5 years. After having my first son, I decided to become a Teacher on Call for the Victoria School District, which I have been doing for the past 4 years. I am returning to work this year after having my second son last summer. I will be delighted to be with you, at Frank Hobbs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays working with the ESL students. I will also be the ESL teacher at Colquitz Middle School, on Mondays and Fridays. I look forward to getting to know all of the wonderful families at Frank Hobbs throughout the school year.

News about our staff

Zoe' Eakle is an EAG here at Frank Hobbs. She is also a Registered Professional Counsellor with Open Sky Counselling. She specializes in individuals, couples and co-parenting focusing on the impact of separation on children. She is also the co-parenting nurtured children's seminar facilitator for Fairway Divorce solutions in Victoria.

Andree Mazure, AKA "Miss Andree" had the opportunity of a life time this summer! After two years of heavy training she was picked to represent Canada at a National Level for Dragon Boat Racing. World's took place in Tampa, Florida where she won 6 Gold metals, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze metal! Way to Go Andree!

Frank Hobbs Elementary School Hours	
Monday to Friday	8:40am to 2:50pm
Recess	10:00am to 10:20am
Lunch Break	11:50am to 12:48pm
Wed only Lunch Break	11:53am to 12:48pm
FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN	same hours as above
(starting on Friday, Sept. 9th)	

Monday, September 19th is a **District Pro D Day** for Staff ...**there will be no school for students.**

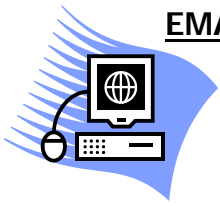
CALL BACK LINE



When your children are sick, will be late or on an extended vacation, please call the school **Call Back** line at **477-3392** and leave a message stating your child's name, classroom teacher and the date of the absence. Your call to the Call Back line will save our volunteers valuable time in locating all children that are not in the school and ensure their safety.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Please remember that the school only provides student supervision for 10 minutes before and after school. It is important that children arrive just before school and head home when the day ends. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.



EMAIL INFO: In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint and sustain our environment, we will send school correspondence via email. Please send an email to the school at frankhobbs@sd61.bc.ca to update your email information if you are not already receiving correspondence via email (e.g., newsletter).

Guidelines for Dogs on Frank Hobbs School Property

Dogs must be on a leash **held by an adult** at all times.

Owners are responsible for picking up after their dogs.

No dogs near entrance/exit areas

No dogs on playing fields (please keep them on pathways).

No dogs near playground equipment.

No dogs may be tied up on or near gateways and pathways to school grounds.

Please keep pathways clear by leaving school promptly with your dog.

Dogs are only permitted in the school building for special events with Principal approval.

Thank you for respecting the safety and well-being of all our students and your pet.



Welcome Back Family Picnic

Thursday, September 22nd, 5:30 - 7:00

Join us Sept. 22nd at 5:30 for a Family Picnic on the Frank Hobbs field.

The kids can run around and play games while parents and guardians reconnect with each and welcome new families to the school.

PAC will be supplying dessert!!

COME & JOIN US

On September 28th at 11:00 on our field
for our Annual Terry Fox Run

Parent Volunteers Needed



LUNCH FORM WORK PARTY!

Can you help count and sort lunch order forms? We need many helpers to get the hot lunch program off to a successful start. Please join us **Friday, September 16th from 1pm- 2:45 in the library**. You'll meet other parents, and you'll be helping with the school's largest fundraiser.

If you can assist, please contact Jen Aitken jenaitken@shaw.ca. Hope to see you there!

HOT LUNCH FORMS WILL BE GOING HOME TOMORROW AND ARE DUE BACK BY SEPTEMBER 13TH.

CALL BACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers for Call Back Program. This is an important program run by volunteers to ensure that all students have arrived safely at school. ***Volunteers will be required for approximately half an hour once a week, or once every two weeks,** to follow up with attendance and place phone calls to parents of students who are absent and not accounted for. Please leave your name at the office or contact **Liz Miller**. Your help will be appreciated!



URGENT! HELP IS NEEDED FOR NATIVE PLANT GARDEN



We are urgently looking for 3 parent volunteers to help ensure the garden club runs this year. If you are able to help, please meet in the front garden on Tuesday, September 13th at 12:00.

Contact: **Peter Willis** at pawillis@shaw.ca for more information. Thank you!

MEDICATIONS WENT HOME FOR SUMMER



Just a reminder that those students who require emergency medications in the office need to bring their medications and their new forms to the office as soon as possible! Don't forget to check the expiry dates on your medications. Each year, a new **Consent to Administer Medications** form must be signed by both parents and physician and should be returned with the medications to the office as soon as possible.

Allergy Alert



A number of students and some staff at Frank Hobbs have severe allergies to peanuts, nuts, sesame, and peanut by-products that can be fatal. Peanut butter is particularly problematic as it is so difficult to wipe clean. For information on alternatives to peanut butter that you could consider, please see BC

Children's Hospital website at <http://www.bcchildrens.ca>. Please be aware that this is a life-threatening allergy when you are preparing lunches, snacks and treats for classes. Please check with your child's teacher for specific information. Staff have been trained to administer the epipen in an emergency but there is no guarantee that an epipen will save the life of a person experiencing anaphylaxis. *Your co-operation is critical as we work together to keep everyone safe!*



Cross Country: Get your running shoes ready! Cross-country will start on **Friday, September 9th**. Any Grade 3, 4 or 5 students, parents and teachers are welcome to join us on the basketball court at 8:15 for our kick-off run through Mystic Vale. We have a wide variety of runners and walkers – so don't be shy! This is the perfect time to set some fitness goals and enjoy the fun of cross-country. Students are welcome to run whether or not they choose to participate in the District cross-country meets. Young runners are welcome to join us if an adult accompanies them.

We will be running Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings starting at **8:15am**.

A letter will be handed out on Friday, September 9th outlining our running season. If you have any questions, please contact **Mrs. Catherine Johnston** at 250-477-1804.

"Time of our Lives" Dance DVD's



Thank you for all your patience and understanding waiting for the dance DVD's. There were a few hurdles in getting them edited and copied, but we are well on our way to have them completed! I will be sending them home with your child shortly. Any questions, please contact me at school. Looking forward to another amazing year of dance with your children!

Sincerely, **Mrs. Martens**

Please remember to label ALL of your children's school supplies - including running shoes, backpacks, lunch bags and lunch containers and water bottles so they can be easily returned to your child. Thank you!