



Frank Roberts Junior High School



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October 2017

School Council

I am pleased to welcome Ms. Jillian Roberts and Ms. Joanne Turner to the Frank Roberts Junior High School Council. A huge thank you to all of those who expressed interest. The first meeting was held on **October 2**. Future meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month.

The names and email addresses of all council members and the future meeting dates will be posted on the school webpage. Please feel free to contact any member of the school council regarding any school issue you wish addressed.

School council members are:

Jillian Roberts	- parent representative	jillianroberts@nl.rogers.com
Ed Smith	- parent representative (co-chair)	ewjsmith591@gmail.com
Kim Sutton	- parent representative	jkrmkrc@hotmail.com
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Michelle Hanrahan Brown	- community representative	mchll@live.ca
Norine Taylor	- community representative (co-chair)	gntaylor@bellaliant.net
Gail Butler	- principal	gailbutler@nlesd.ca

Fundraising

The fundraising brochure for the products from St. John's Soapworks and the order forms have been sent home with your child. **The orders are due back to the school by Monday, October 16.** It is expected that the orders will be delivered to the school during the last week of November. In time for Christmas gifts! There are prizes to be won – cash prizes, a pizza party for the top 30 sellers and gift certificates! The monies from this fundraising campaign will be used to purchase chrome books and to update the data projection unit used in the gymnasium.

Please note that involvement in this endeavour is voluntary but your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

School Clothing order

We will be placing a school clothing order again this year. Students will have the opportunity to order t-shirts, hoodies, sweat pants, and jackets. Details – prices, sample display, order date - to follow.

Professional Development Day

Students will have no classes on **Thursday, October 19** as all junior high schools in the district will be closed to allow teachers to be involved in a professional development day. Classes will resume again on Friday, October 20 – **Day 4** on your child's schedule.

Roots of Empathy Program

This year we are once again fortunate to be able to have one of our grade 8 classes, 805, participate in the Roots of Empathy program. This program will be run by Ms. Pendergast, our guidance counsellor and Ms. Collins, their health teacher. It will take place during their health classes and will involve a monthly visit by baby George and his mom, Ms. Cooper. Students will have the opportunity to observe George grow and develop throughout the school year.

The focus of Roots of Empathy in the long term is to build capacity of the next generation for responsible citizenship and responsive parenting. In the short term, Roots of Empathy focuses on raising levels of empathy, resulting in more respectful and caring relationships and reduced levels of bullying and aggression. We are delighted to be able to avail of this program as part of our Safe and Caring schools initiatives.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

Breakfast Program

The breakfast program is up and running with a 'grab and go' prior to the start of classes and a breakfast of toast, cereal, grilled cheese sandwiches or smoothies at recess time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Thanking you in advance for your continued support!

MADD Assembly

On **Tuesday, October 24**, grade 7 and 8 students will attend a MADD (Mothers Against Drunk/Impaired Driving) assembly. The assembly will show the film ***The Pact***. This year it has a dedicated focus on the consequences of mixing **drugs** and driving.

Every day, on average in Canada, **4 fatalities** and hundreds of injuries occur- about 1,200 dead and tens of thousands of injuries each year, due to fatal road crashes involving alcohol, drugs or a combination of both.

The film "The Pact"

- 1) **unfolds** the real consequences of driving involving alcohol and/or drugs
- 2) **provides** students with the tools needed to act responsibly in real situations involving alcohol and/or drugs
- 3) **presents** the stories of real victims and survivors who deliver compelling testimonies
- 4) **motivates** young people to protect themselves and others against dangerous drivers

If you would like to view a preview of the film you can find it at:

<http://madd.ca/pages/programs/youth-services/school-programs/the-pact/>

If you do not wish your child to be a part of the assembly please notify the school principal (gailbutler@nlesd.ca) and we will make alternate arrangements for them at the time of the assembly.

Allergies/Safety Issues

Several students in our school have life threatening allergies to **nuts, nut products** - including peanut oil – **shellfish, eggs, and bananas**. Please note that soy butter products are also not permitted in school. These allergies can be so severe that if the child ingests a product containing either of these items, an allergic reaction will occur. Parents are asked to be cognizant of these allergies when packing school snacks and lunches.

Many students and staff are also sensitive to scented products. Students are asked to please refrain from using spray products before coming to school or while in attendance.

Giver on the River

On **October 22th**, trail lovers from across CBS and beyond will "Giv'er on the River" in support of the Manuels River Experience!

Giv'er on the River is a 3km, 5km and 10 km charity run spearheaded by the Manuels River Hibernia Interpretation Centre, community volunteers and sponsored by several local businesses. The event will be held on Sunday, October 22th, at 8:30am, on the beautiful trails of the Manuels River, with all proceeds going directly towards trail development.

This run is open to children, adults and families of all ages.

The run will start and end at the Manuels Hibernia Interpretation Centre. This centre is and will continue to be, an important resource for our schools, and one that we'll be proud to call our own as groups from across the region come to visit the world-renowned geological wonders that exist right here in our community.

Skills Canada Competition for Junior High Students

Skills Canada NL is proud to be the only Skills Canada member to deliver a competition specifically for students in Grades 7 to 9. The goal is to raise awareness of skilled trades and technologies by bringing our youth into a competitive spotlight to improve competencies, self-esteem and the achievement level of individuals pursuing careers in skilled trades and technologies. Having this as a focus all students who become participants in the Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge are

encouraged to take part in the technology and employability skill competitions. Top placing winners may also have the opportunity to compete at the Skills Canada Provincial Competition. The Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge 2017 will occur on November 25, 2017, at Macdonald Drive Junior High in St. John's. If your child is interested and would like to learn more about this go to the following link:

<http://www.skillscanada-nfld.com/competitions/intermediate-competition>

We are looking for students to compete in the following competitions:

Public speaking
Job Skill Demonstration
Job Search
Workplace Safety
2D Computer Animation (team of 2)
3D Animation (team of 2)
First Lego League Robotics (team – maximum of 10)
The Pitch (A Challenge to Students to Sell their Skill or Hobby)
Graphic Design
IT Network Systems Administration (team of 2)
IT Office Software Applications
Website Development
TV Video Production (team of 2)
Model Wind Turbine Challenge (Team of 2)
Photography
Junior Chef Challenge (team of 2)
Hairstyling Challenge (team of 2)
Coding Challenge

There will be recruiting meetings scheduled for next week so students will need to listen for meeting times and show up.

Terry Fox Run

On Friday, September 29 we were fortunate to have Fred Fox, Terry's older brother, visit the school to talk to us about Terry, his life and why he started the Walk of Hope. Students had the chance to see pictures of Terry growing up and pictures of him on his cross country run before he became too ill to continue. Mr. Fox then walked with students and staff around the school. It was a great event!



Family Vacations

A 2017-2018 school calendar is posted on the school and district websites. This is to provide you with information for planning purposes. In the past we have had many inquiries about taking students out of school during regularly scheduled time. Students are expected to be in school at all times when the school is in session. If a student is going to be absent from school for an extended period, it is the responsibility of the parents to make written notification of the planned absence to the school principal. The school principal will make a determination on the reason for this excused absence and provided information and advise accordingly. If you are planning time for your child to be away you must contact Ms. Butler, in writing (email is sufficient – gailbutler@nlesd.ca)

requesting permission for your child to be away, otherwise the absence may be considered un-excused. When a student misses school for vacation time he/she is responsible for any work missed while away and also is responsible for getting this missed work from a classmate when they return. **Teachers are not required to prepare work in advance of a scheduled vacation or to give time to re-teach something that the student misses.** This responsibility falls to the student and his/her family. Our homework web site, www.frankrobertsjh.com , is updated daily and students can avail of this while away, to keep up-to-date, or to catch up when he/she returns. Any assignments that would be due when a student is on vacation should be completed before he/she leaves. Any tests or projects completed while a student is away will be given to the student upon return for review and study purposes. A make-up test may or may not be given. We realize that many of the excursions that families have can be very educational. However, when school is in session it can be very difficult for a student and it is our preference that students not miss any school.

Beverage Recycling Program

Students in our school re-cycling club collect recyclables in our school. If you would like to contribute your recyclables, please drop them off at the local recycling Depot with our school telephone number attached 834-9847.

WORLD TEACHER DAY

In celebration of World Teacher Day on October 5 the student leadership grouped made banners for and delivered apples to all of the teachers. Thank you!



ROBERTS RAVES

Volleyball – Congratulations are offered to the Grade 9 Girls Volleyball team on their win at the Mount Pearl Senior High Huskies Invitational tournament. A special thanks to their coaches: Ms. Lake and Ms. Anderson.



Softball – The Frank Roberts Ravens had a great showoff athleticism and sportsmanship at the St. Peter's Junior High softball tournament this past weekend! Many thanks to their coach Mr. M. Butler.



Tech Club – The Frank Roberts Junior High tech club is up and running. Drones, Sphero Spark, 3D printing and Virtual Reality! The Tech Club meets on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30 – 4:00.



Running Club – The Running club is on the go! Runners are participating the Cross Country Running Series taking place on Saturdays!



Dates to Remember:

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| October 6 | Professional Development Day |
| October 9 | Thanksgiving holiday |
| October 16 | Fundraising Brochure orders and monies due back to school |
| October 19 | Professional Development Day. No classes for students. |
| October 22 | Giv'er on the River Run at the Manuels River Centre |
| October 24 | MADD Assembly |