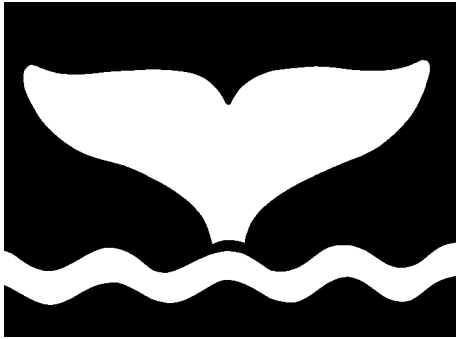


THE WHALE'S TALE



*Frances Kelsey Secondary's
latest breaking news and views*

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Welcome

By Al MacLeod, Principal

Each September presents a new beginning: an opportunity for students to make a renewed commitment to do as much as they can, as well as they can, as quickly as they can, each and every day.

In addition to those from Bonner, students have come to us from other schools both in the district and province. We also have students from other provinces in Canada and other parts of the world including England, the United States, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Brazil and Switzerland. Welcome to all!

Our present population includes 1223 students, 62 teachers and sixteen support staff. With the exception of the new gym and additional space in the technology area, interior construction is nearing completion. Of the thirteen portables on site, eight are still in use.

We continue to be proud of the accomplishments of last year's grads. As a result of their marks on provincial exams, nineteen students have received provincial scholarships. In total, through hard work and the generosity of the community, our grads received

\$250,000 in scholarships and bursaries. These monies are to assist students pursuing post-secondary training in a wide variety of vocational and academic areas.

To those parents whose students are new to the school, we urge you to read the student handbook section at the beginning of their agenda books and check their daily planning. A handbook for parents is also available from the counselling department. Please encourage your sons and daughters to take the responsibility necessary for success and work with their advisors to make this happen.

Finally, we want you to know that we will work hard to make this the best school year possible. If at any time you have questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the main office at 743-6916 or the counselling office at 743-6980.



For complete information about the school, visit our web site at fkss.ca.



Kelsey Calendar

Mon. October 4, 2004

First monthly report card issued with newsletter

Wed. October 6, 2004

6:00 pm Meet the Advisor Night

Fri. October 8, 2004

1:05 pm District-wide early dismissal

Mon. October 11, 2004

Thanksgiving Day, no school

Tues. October 12, 2004

7:00 pm Dry Grad parents meeting in library

Fri. October 22, 2004

Pro-D day, no school

Wed. October 27, 2004

7:00 pm PAC meeting in library

Mon. November 1, 2004

First formal report card issued with newsletter

Wed. November 3, 2004

Take Our Kids to Work Day

Thurs. November 4, 2004

1:05 pm District-wide early dismissal

6:30 pm Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Fri. November 5, 2004

District Day in Lieu - no school

Thurs. November 11, 2004

Remembrance Day - no school

November 12 - 15, 2004

Provincial Exams

Fri. November 12, 2004

District Implementation Day - no school

Mon. November 22, 2004

University Liaison visits

Wed. November 24, 2004

7:00 pm PAC meeting in library

Mon. December 6, 2004

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

Wed. December 15, 2004

7:00 pm PAC meeting in library

Fri. December 17, 2004

Last day of classes before Christmas break

December 20, 2004 - January 3, 2005

Christmas break

Our New Staff

Mr. Jaime Doyle

Mr. Doyle is our new Vice-Principal. Mr. Doyle is replacing Mr. Foster who has been appointed as Principal of Chemainus Secondary.

Mr. Doyle comes to our school with a teaching background in English, Social Studies, French and Drama.

He loves teaching and working with students. He brings a broad experience in the educational field having worked in three different secondary schools in Surrey.

Mr. Doyle has a love of fly-fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, and especially spending time with his family.

Mr. Doyle has chosen to move to the Island to raise his family. Please welcome Mr. Doyle to our community and Frances Kelsey.

Mrs. Sue Higbie

The English Department is very pleased to welcome back Mrs. Higbie, who taught at Frances Kelsey in 1999. Mrs. Higbie began her career as a student teacher specializing in English and Drama, working with Mrs. Foster as her sponsor teacher at Chemainus Secondary. Since that time she has also taught at Quamichan, Cowichan Secondary and Chemainus Secondary.

She is very excited to be teaching a Kelsey this year and she looks forward to working with grades 9 and 10 English, as well as providing support for students in the library.

Mrs. Higbie spends her free time with her eleven year old son Scott and is also an avid golfer.

Mr. Kai Kristiansen

The Applied Skills department is very pleased to welcome Mr. Kristiansen to the staff of Frances Kelsey Secondary School for this semester. Mr. Kristiansen is from Nanaimo. He attended school at NDSS and then completed his post secondary courses at Malaspina University-College, BCIT, and UBC. He taught last year at John Barsby School.

Mr. Kristiansen says he really liked Technology classes when he was at school and wanted to teach because he enjoyed it so much. He is really enjoying his time at Frances Kelsey.

Outside of school he enjoys dirt biking, hiking, fishing, and anything outdoorsy!!

If you don't know who Mr. Kristiansen is drop by and say hello.

Scholarships and Bursaries

by Marilyn Sandford, Co-Principal

For all those students entering Grades 11 and 12 this is not only an exciting time in their choice of courses, but also it is a time to begin thinking of post secondary colleges or universities of their choice. Questions such as: what universities and colleges offer the programs I wish to take, where are these post secondary institutions situated, what requirements are needed, where will I live, and what jobs do the programs lead to will have to be addressed. The question that will probably worry the student most

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is, how much is it going to cost? The counselling centre, the internet, and the Career Centre are all places filled with information to help the students make these choices. Our three counsellors, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Rose and Ms. Kirchner, and our career facilitator, Mrs. Munday are all available to students for help. Phone them at 743-6980 if you need more information. Important dates and deadlines are posted in our daily bulletin, on a bulletin board outside the library as well as in the Whale's

Tale. There will be an opportunity for Grade 12's to attend an information session in November and a Workshop in January to prepare for local Scholarships and Bursaries. *Please note, it will be a very busy year.*

Last June, our graduates won \$250,000 in scholarships and bursaries. Many of our students received Entrance Scholarships from the following universities and colleges across Canada: University of Victoria: Shaun Baird (Science Entrance Scholarship \$5,000);

Carolyn Taylor (\$3,000); Gillian Stone (\$2,500); Elena Frederick (\$2,500), Jaclyn Casler (\$2,000), Jane Connell (\$2,000), University of British Columbia: Nicole Strumpfer (\$5,000 and acceptance into the prestigious Science One Program); Anna Brounstein (\$2,500), Malaspina University-College: Jeff Liebert (\$2,000) and Bryanna Saunders (up to \$5,000 at any Capernwray Harbour Bible Centre through St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church). See College and University Calendars or go on line for information.

Of the 197 graduates this June, 152 received Honours graduation certificates. (All B's or better in all of their Grade 11 and 12 subjects.)

Two District Scholarships of \$1,000 were awarded to David Blount for Technical Theatre and Holly Harris for Dance Therapy. There were 19 provincial scholarship winners each

receiving \$1,000 scholarships for their excellent results on the Grade 12 government examinations. Each student had to excel on at least three of these examinations. They are Amanda Archer, Shaun Baird, Daniel Boland, Anna Brounstein, Jaclyn Casler, Nicole Chiang, Jane Connell, Jordan Hiltunen, Lisa Jeffery, Bailee McColl, Melissa McDonald, Monika Pakstas, Eric Roy, Eva Shaffer, Jason Slade, Gillian Stone, Nicole Strumpfer, Ainsley Szewchuk and Carolyn Taylor.

Several students received further recognition. Kevin Johnson was the winner of the University of Toronto Book Award. This Award is given to a top graduating student who had to be recommended a year in advance, during Grade 11, as a result of excellence in writing. James Daniell was one of the winners of the Island Farms Essay Writing Contest (\$1,000) and Shaun Baird received the 2004 Science

Achievement Award presented by the Innovation and Science Council of BC.

The many local scholarships and bursaries our students won were in competition with students not only at Frances Kelsey but also with students from the three secondary schools in District 79. Other notable recipients were David Blount (\$3,090), Karl Roemer (\$3,000), Trevor Bonner (\$2,900); Jordan Hiltunen (\$2,500); Alena Morgen (\$2,200); Shaun Baird (\$2,000), Nick Heinio (\$2,000 including a \$1,000 Apprenticeship Scholarship) and Martina Forster (\$2,000). A big, big thank you at this time to the generosity and hard work of all our local donors.

If anyone is interested in giving a scholarship or bursary to the school to help students pursue their post secondary goals, please call Ms. Sandford at 743-6916.

There are scholarships coming up in October for students who have shown outstanding community involvement and leadership. See Ms. Sandford for applications. As well, the following awards have deadline dates in October: (information provided from <http://bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca>) All dates should be checked at the sources' site.

- Aboriginal Health Careers Undergraduate Bursary Program
- BC Music Educators' Association Scholarships
- BCIT - British Columbia Corvette Club Entrance Award
- Camosun College Bursaries
- Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation Awards
- Canadian Morehead Awards
- CN Scholarships for Women
- Credit Union Foundation of BC Education Bursaries
- Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth Bursaries and Scholarships
- TD Canada Trust Scholarships for Community Leadership
- Teamsters Joint Council No. 36 Bursary
- UBC - Awards for Students with Disabilities
- University of Victoria Entrance Bursaries

Also for students who completed 5 academic Grade 11 subjects before June 30th last year, both the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary give Outstanding Student Achievement Awards. See Ms. Sandford for details.

Important dates to put on your calendar now: The Post Secondary University and College Liaison visit is on Monday, November 22.

Web Sites:
Canadian Universities and Colleges: www.schoolfinder.com

Online applications in BC: www.pas.bc.ca BC Colleges/ Universities scholarships: www.scholarshipscanada.com www.studentawards.com www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca Further websites can be found through the Library Homepage.

History Repeats Itself

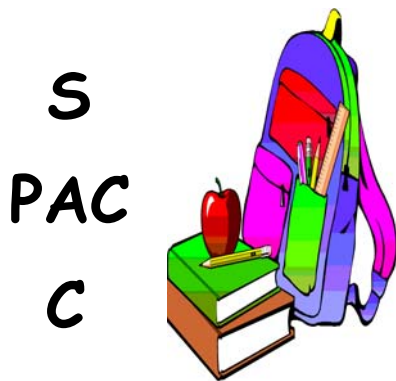
By Allan MacLeod, Principal

In September 1994, students of Frances Kelsey Secondary could not start the year in their school. It was still under construction. For the first five months grades 10 and 11 were integrated in Cowichan Secondary and students in grade 9 were housed in portables at the back of George Bonner. Both sites were crowded and conditions far, far less than ideal. Despite cries of woe and doom and gloom, students

adapted, Cowichan and Bonner accommodated and learning and academic progress were not affected. In fact, at the beginning of February when the time came for the move to our new school there were some tears. Similarly, but in a far less dramatic way, our opening this September, ten years later, was interrupted due to construction. Again, students showed their ability to adopt and accept responsibility. The

number of tests written and quantity of work turned in has been similar to previous years. In our opinion, student progress has not been impacted and anything missed can be made up.

We would like to thank those of you who remained positive for your understanding, and assistance in helping students stay on track.



by Trisha Daniell, President
FKPAC

Welcome to all new and returning families! As a Kelsey parent we're glad to see you at any PAC meeting or event, and whether it's just one or most of them, we'd love to hear your views or help with your concerns if we can. Several of our regular attendees are very experienced Kelsey parents by now, and have "seen it all" with teenagers, homework, late nights, getting behind, and finally - yes! - growing into maturity. We might not be able to help, but we do know how to listen and sympathize. Of course, general meetings don't give a great deal of time to spend on one-on-one discussion, but it's certainly the place to meet up with people who've been there, done that.

Kelsey is a wonderful school, and you probably already know it's considered a leader in the field of education. Our academic results are second to none. The freedom in our system is too uncomfortable for some students and families, and they are able to move to a more structured system at other local schools, although now they have to pay bus fees to do so. Our own out-of-area intake is on hold at over two hundred transferring in, with a sizeable waiting list.

What a terrific job the staff did of holding things together during the very complicated and awkward start-up of this school year! It's been very difficult for them working around the contractors and in the middle of construction dust and tools, and they have shown good humour and optimism for the couple of weeks when things were at sixes and sevens. There's still work to be done, but at last our children have enough classroom space and are getting into a regular routine. PAC will be drafting a letter to encourage the Ministry to rethink its 'cheapest is best' policy presently used in building contracts, and

the district will no doubt look at their chain of command so that they always know when construction is on target.

This year is Kelsey's tenth anniversary. Victoria 'orcasin the city', the decorated fibreglass statues around downtown, are going up for auction, so we're thinking we would like to bid on one to present to the school in honour of the occasion. Want to do a little whale-watching? The site is "orcasinthecity.com" and go through to the Gallery page. If there's one you especially like, please let us know. Bidding is early in November.

Welcome to Kelsey. We hope you'll be glad you're here.

FKPAC

**Please come and
join us at our next
meeting on:
Wednesday
October 27, 2004
at 7:00 pm
in the school
library**

Career Centre Corner - Oct, 2004

We are looking forward to having the new Career Resource Centre open soon! Mrs. Munday and Mrs. Jones are currently located in the back of the Library until this space is ready.

Look for any news and notices on the White Boards outside the Library.

CAPP Credit Activities:

Planning 10

All grade 10's will be starting their new course with Mr. Hall, Mrs. Brinkman, Ms. Coulthard, Mrs. Munday and the PE department later this month. This new 4-credit course, taken by all grade 10's, will be interactive with seminars, activities, and field trips. Students will be notified when it will begin once rooms are available upon completion of construction.

The course outline is published in the back of the student agenda book. The course will be taught in 5 sections and students will be rotating with the Planning 10 teachers to cover the topics.

More information is available on the Ministry of Education web site:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/planning10.htm>

We have organized a Planning 10 field trip to the Cowichan District Hospital to participate in the **PARTY (Prevent Alcohol and Risk related Trauma in Youth) Program** as part of the Healthy Decisions learning outcomes for the course. Planned dates will be from October - June. Students will bring home an information package and permission form when their turn comes. Our first group of students goes out on Oct. 6.

Take our Kids to Work- Nov 3 is a Nation-wide project in Canada Career Week, aimed at Grade 9 students.

Over the past years Frances Kelsey has offered the opportunity to our grade 9 students to participate in this *Take our Kids to Work* day to open their eyes to the world of work. It also gives them an opportunity to gain invaluable work experience which we credit towards their CAPP program. This program is open not only to parents of the students. Placements can also be arranged with a relative, friend of the family, or community member. Information will be out this month.

Spotlight Presentations:

Sept 30	Rotary Youth Exchange Applications are due immediately
Oct 18	GAP Program: Introduction to the program by Mr. André deHoag, Western Canada Rep.
Nov 22	University Liaison day for Grade 11 & 12's

Work Experience Opportunities:

- **Special Olympics** - Volunteers for the Cowichan Valley Branch; 5 & 10 pin bowling, floor hockey, swimming all starting this week.
- **Mill Bay Petrocan** - Looking for part time employees. See the notice board.
- **Fine Furniture Maker** - Looking for a student interested in a potential career. Could lead to an apprenticeship.
- **Acacia Ty Mawr Seniors Lodge** - Activity helpers and music students needed. Great work community work experience.
- **Bamfield Marine Station** - Youth Forum on Sea Otters. Nov 2-6, Career Preparation Students need to submit a Cover Letter and Resume by October 15. Details in the Career Centre.

- **SWEAT** - Structured Work Experience and Training; at the Art Institute (formerly Centre for Digital Imaging and Sound) in Burnaby. Open for 400 senior students in BC to get hands on experience in culinary, new media, art and entertainment industries. Watch the white board for more details.
- **Frances Kelsey Secondary Groups:** Work experience is given for participation in Red Cross, Grad Council, Student Council, Most Kids Don't, SADD, SAVE, Destination Imagination, School event volunteer, Team Manager, Refereeing, Scorekeeping....so get involved and get credit for work experience.
- **Wedgewood House** - be trained as a server at this senior centre with possibilities of employment after 30 hours of work experience
- **Malaspina University College** is offering Class shadows in their Trades & Applied Technology Programs: Applied Business technology, Automotive Service Technician, Baking – Professional, Barber/Stylist, Carpentry and Residential construction, Culinary Arts, Hairdressing, Heavy Duty/Commercial Transport Mechanics, Heavy Equipment Operator, Small/Marine Engines, Welding. **Application forms are available in the Career Centre.**

University Visits to Brentwood College: a number of university and college visits are coming to BCS and our students are welcome to attend. Check in to reception to see where the session is being held. The list is updated in the Career Centre.

Oct 18 th Monday	2:15 pm	Bowdoin College
Oct 18 th Monday	7:00 pm	Reed College
Oct 19 th Tuesday	2:00 pm	University of Guelph
Oct 24 th Sunday	7:00 pm	Lewis and Clark
Oct 26 th Tuesday	2:00 pm	Whitman College
Oct 27 th Wednesday	6:15 pm	St. Andrews
Nov 3 rd Wednesday	7:30 am	Boston University
Nov 3 rd Wednesday	2:00 pm	Villanova
Nov 8 th Monday	7:00 pm	Bates College
Nov 9 th Tuesday	2:00 – 3:30 pm	University of Toronto
Nov 16 th Tuesday	2:00 pm	Concordia University
Nov 16 th Tuesday	3:00 pm	Lethbridge
Nov 17 th Wednesday	2:30 pm	York University
Nov 17 th Wednesday	7:00 pm in Victoria	University of Alberta
Nov 18 th Thursday	2:00 pm	Trent University
Nov 19 th Friday	1:30 pm	Queen's University
Nov 19 th Friday	2:30 pm	Atlantic Universities
Nov 22 nd Monday	2:00 pm	Post-Sec Institutions of BC
Nov 23 rd Tuesday	3:00 pm	University of Western Ontario
Nov 29 th Monday	2:00 pm	University of Calgary
Nov 30 th Tuesday	3:00 pm	University of Waterloo

Current Post Secondary Calendars from Waterloo, Bishops, Athabasca, & BCIT have recently arrived. Other calendars are currently located in the Library. See Mrs. Jones.

Placements:

GAP Program: 3 graduates are spending the year in Great Britain

- Holly Harris is at a school for the blind
- Zak Workman is at a burn unit for firemen
- Meredith Horn is at a boys school in England

The web site for information and the application form is www.gapcanada.org and applications for next year are being accepted *immediately*. Australia will be a 6 month only placement to be added to Great Britain as a destination for Canadian students

Encounters with Canada: 5 students will be representing Frances Kelsey Secondary at the Terry Fox Centre in Ottawa this year: Tamara Dinter, Nina Foot, Lulu McCallum, Richenda Woods, and Nicole Toth. We have received financial support again this year from the Malahat Lions Club.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme

By Phil Archer, Teacher

Once again this year, an opportunity for students to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme is available through Frances Kelsey Secondary School. The programme is coordinated by Mr. Archer through "Gifted Education/Catalyst Programme" but is open to any student in grades 9 through 12.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Young Canadian's Challenge is the most prestigious achievement award for young Canadians. It is a challenge to all young people between the ages of 14 and 25

and offers an opportunity to broaden interests and experience under adult guidance and assessment. This is achieved through participation in a balanced programme of practical, cultural, and adventurous activities chosen to suit individual aptitudes and related to local needs and conditions. Participation in the award programme represents a personal commitment to constructive endeavour, promoting qualities of self-discipline, self-help, and self-reliance.

Students who complete Bronze, Silver or Gold Levels receive External Course Credit at the grade 10, 11 and 12 levels. The programme will be conducted outside of school time, although many of the requirements may be fulfilled during a student's regular course of study at school.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Challenge for Young Canadians can be started at any time. **If you are interested in learning more about it, please feel free to contact Mr. Archer at 743-6916 for more information.**



Dry Grad

Dry Grad is an all night party at the school sponsored by the parents of graduating students. There are fun activities, dancing, food and prizes. It requires a group effort to organize and chaperone this event.

We have already started fundraising and have earned \$359.00 manning the "Dunk Tank" at the Cobble Hill Fair thanks to a hardy group of grade 12 students. Sara Kubica, Lindsay Robinson, Darien

Slater, Laura Croft, Ben Henderson, Nina Foot and Marriane Lyon braved the frigid waters for the cause.

On October 16th we will be selling firewood. This has been a very successful fundraiser in past years thanks to our volunteers and the kind donations of firewood. To avoid disappointment get your order in early and help to support a great cause. See order form on page 8.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Kelsey library. Please come out and bring your ideas.

Library Resource Centre Update

Bookmark the Library home page. It has a large number of links with curricular connections. It can be accessed from the school homepage: <http://www.fkss.ca>

All the encyclopedias we subscribe to have home access. Students can pick up the passwords at the library circulation desk.

The database BigChalk is now accessible from home. These are all valuable research tools. Encourage your sons and daughters to start their research using the Library home page, especially if they are at a loss where to start their searching. This page has been developed with the students' needs in mind.

DRY GRAD MEETING

Tuesday, October 12
7:00 pm in the Kelsey
Library

Everyone Welcome

FIREWOOD SALE

Frances Kelsey Dry Grad Committee

Order early to avoid disappointment

\$80 for a North American pickup truck load delivered locally and \$60 if the wood is picked up.
 \$70 for an import-sized truck load delivered locally and \$50 if the wood is picked up.

To place orders or for information call Kelly Slade at 743-4747.

When ordering please include the following:

- Buyer's name
- Buyer's telephone
- Number and size of loads
- Is the wood to be delivered?
- Delivery address.....

Red Cross Club

By Shiyana Hunter, Student

The Red Cross Club is currently running a Thanksgiving Food Drive and would like to remind everyone to please bring in a non-perishable food item. The Mill Bay/Duncan Food Banks depend a lot on our donations. The donation bin is outside the front office and we are

encouraging advisor groups to start a collection box in their advisor areas.

Things to look for in the upcoming months:
 - Eyeglass Drive: Collecting old eyeglasses for people in Guatemala

- Natural Disaster Relief Fund: A series of events and fundraisers to support areas affected by natural disasters
- Operation Christmas Child
- Toy Drive
- Christmas Food Drive
- Volunteer Activities at Senior Homes.

ONE MIND ONE HEART

Implementation Day Conference, November 12, 2004

Jointly sponsored by Cowichan Tribes,
 DPAC and the Cowichan Valley School District

This unique conference will provide professional development activities in the areas of bully-proofing, parent involvement and anti-racism. School district staff and parents, First Nations community members, Cowichan Valley School District trustees and the Cowichan Tribes Chief, Councilors and Elders will be invited to attend.

In the morning, participants will go to sessions in either the Somena, Clem Clem or Quamichan Longhouses. In the afternoon, all participants will gather together for discussions and a ceremonial presentation. Lunch will be provided at the Somena Longhouse.

Organizers anticipate that this conference will strengthen the relationships between home and school to support student achievement and will enhance awareness and appreciation of First Nations culture. Registration information will be distributed to schools in the near future.

PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND! For more information, please contact Ron George, 715-1022 or Candace Spilsbury, 748-0321

October Fundraiser

Our senior sport teams find it very expensive to travel to the various venues they must play at during the year. Despite fundraising efforts they often end up in the hole at the end of the season. To help them clear up these shortages we are offering the following fundraisers:

Is 'I'm hungry!' the first thing you hear when the kids come home from school? Here's a handy solution:

Take and Bake Pizzas

Hot Spot Pizza will supply individually wrapped and boxed large pizzas (\$9.00 each) that you may take home and bake at your convenience. They can be frozen for up to a month. Baking instructions come with every pizza.

The pizzas will be delivered to the school for **pick up on Thursday, October 14th, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm**. Please note students cannot bring the pizzas home on the school bus. They must be picked up here at the school that day.

Please complete the order slip below and return to the main office at school with payment attached by October 8th. Thank you for your support.

Take and Bake Pizza Order Form - by October 8th.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____
(Please print)

Quantity				
1.	_____	Ham & Pineapple	@\$9.00	= _____
2.	_____	Cheese & Pepperoni	@\$9.00	= _____
3.	_____	Vegetarian (Mushroom, Onion, Tomato and Green Pepper)	@\$9.00	= _____
4.	_____	Tomato & Feta Cheese	@\$9.00	= _____
				Total = _____