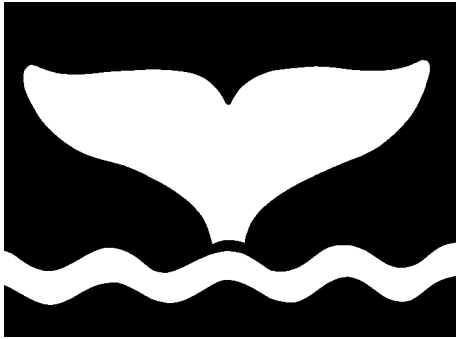


THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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Gifted/Catalyst Education is for Everyone at F.K.S.S.

By Phil Archer, Teacher

Once again, the Gifted Catalyst Program at Frances Kelsey is alive with many wonderful and exciting opportunities for students. What many people don't realize is that the opportunities provided through this program are not just for "gifted" students. They are open to one and all, grades nine through twelve.

Congratulations to Rebecca Gulliver, who will be attending the Annual Interchange on Canadian Studies in May. This is a week-long, all expenses paid trip (this year to Medicine Hat, Alberta) where Rebecca will be able to take part in discussions and activities with high school and university students and leaders from all over Canada. The theme of this year's conference will be "Our Resources Within."

On January 20th, four of our grade nine "Mathletes" competed in the School District annual Math Challenge. Congratulations to Caitlin Archer, Nikki Becroft, Hana Taiji and Sara Wieringa for a job well done. The girls represented Kelsey in exemplary fashion.

On April 6, 2005, Frances Kelsey will be defending its undisputed championship at the "Mind Games" tournament to be held at Cowichan Secondary School. Six students, three boys and three girls... two each from grades 10, 11 and 12 have earned the right to play as part of this prestigious team.

Kelsey will also be tendering a team of Destination Imagination participants at the Regional "DI" tournament to be held at Mt. Prevost Middle School on March 5th. This year, the team will be competing in the Instant Challenge portion of the tournament and will compete against like-minded students from all over Vancouver Island. Some of the team will be veterans of DI activities, while others are "first-timers." Win or lose, they're bound to have a wonderful day of creative problem solving.

In May, the District Debate Tournament will again match

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



Kelsey Calendar

Mon. March 7, 2005

Second formal report card issued with newsletter

Tues., March 8, 2005

3:15 Rugby game at Cowichan Secondary

7:00 pm Dry Grad Parents meeting in library

Thurs. March 10, 2005

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
1:30-4:30 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm

Fri. March 11, 2005

Day in lieu, no school

Joe McGeachy Rugby Tournament at Cowichan Secondary (time tba)

Fri. March 18, 2005

Last day of classes before Spring Break
7:00 pm Music Extravaganza to replace stolen monies for music trip to Alberta

Wed. March 30, 2005

School reopens

7:00 pm PAC meeting in library

Sat. April 2, 2005

Dry Grad Garage Sale/Silent Auction

Mon. April 4, 2005

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

Thurs. April 7, 2005

2:30 Rugby game at Shawnigan Lake School

Thurs. April 14, 2005

2:30 Rugby game at FKSS vs visiting Australian team

April 20 & 21, 2005

Provincial exams, grades 10 & 12

Wed. April 27, 2005

7:00 pm PAC meeting in library

Friday, April 29, 2005

11:30 Rugby game at Cowichan Secondary

April 29 & 30, 2005

Kelsey's 10th Anniversary Celebration

Mon. May 2, 2005

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

teams from all the middle and secondary schools. Frances Kelsey will be there. Information for this activity will be forthcoming in the near future. Once we have the resolution, the students are set the task of researching and preparing arguments for both the "pro" and "con" sides of the argument. Many hours are spent on this research and preparation, but it is all made worthwhile on the day of the tournament. We're looking forward to it.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Challenge to Young Canadians is, once again, an on-going, individual activity participated in by a large number of Frances Kelsey Students this year. By completing activities in the areas

of Physical Recreation, Service to the Community, Expedition and Exploration and Skills Development, students work their way through the Bronze, Silver and Gold Levels of this award. Already, four students from our school have attained the level of Gold, and are waiting for the next Royal Visit to be presented with their award. Many others are working through their Bronze and Silver levels, and have met the Lieutenant Governor to receive these awards. They will also receive high school credits.

So... what else is coming up? The Hector McIntosh Public Speaking Contest, the "Gathering Our Voices"

conference, the Young Author's Conference, Canadians as Citizens of the World, Conference, Papillon 203, Shad Valley, Essay Contests... and many, many more.

Opportunities such as these are always advertised to students through the Daily Newsbreaker, and everyone interested is encouraged to attend. If you have any questions and / or comments regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Phil Archer at the school.



New Staff

Ms. Francine O'Brien

The English Department is pleased to welcome back Ms. Francine O'Brien. Ms. O'Brien has been teaching for over thirty years in various districts around the province including Victoria, Trail, Nanaimo and two years in the North West Territories. She boasts of being the only teacher at Kelsey who has driven "on the Mackenzie River". She has travelled extensively as her daughter's family of two young grandchildren lives in

Switzerland and her son is teaching in China. She is an avid reader and creative writer, recently winning a Short Story writing award. Another passion she loves is gardening on her acre of land at the base of Mount Prevost. Recently she has renewed her love of horseback riding. She is very enthusiastic to be back at Kelsey and she looks forward to working with the students. She is teaching grade nine and grade eleven English.

Mr. Paul McCuish

Mr. Paul McCuish comes to Kelsey after teaching for a number of years on the Queen Charlotte Islands. He has been in the Cowichan School District for the past three years since moving to the Valley and was most recently teaching at Chemainus Secondary. We in the Socials department are enjoying his energy and creativity. Mr. McCuish will be with us for this term.

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Marilyn Sandford, Co-Principal

Are you planning to attend UBC, UVIC, Simon Fraser University, Camosun College or Malaspina University-College next year? The counsellors have **new information** for you. Please see

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your counsellor as soon as possible. Applications are being accepted **now**. Don't wait!!

As part of the CAPP 12 program, all grade 12's will be

required to attend one 'W' block workshop on Resumes/Scholarships/Bursaries. Workshops are scheduled for Advisor Groups 1-38 on Thursday, March 3 and for

Advisor Groups 39-59 on Thursday, March 10. Students will need to bring their agenda books, name tags and copies of their resumes. **Students at Kelsey have access to up to \$100,000 of scholarships and bursaries offered from our community.** These workshops will cover all these local scholarships and bursaries.

Students can go to the DOS lab at any time to access the Intranet and begin the process of applying for local scholarships and bursaries, all of which are due to Mrs. Jones

in the Counselling Office on Monday, April 4. Students who require Mrs. Jones to photocopy their package, please note that the photocopy deadline is March 31. There will be a considerable line-up for this process so don't leave it until the last minute. There is a \$5.00 fee for photocopying. Complete details about the procedure may be found in the blue coloured "Resumes, Scholarships and Bursaries" booklet which all grade 12s have received. See Ms. Sandford if you were unable to attend one of these sessions.

Do you need help? Resume help and assistance with your cover letter is available Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch. See Ms. Sandford or Mrs. Munday.

University and college online applications for entrance scholarships should not be put off any longer, do it now.

For more information about any scholarship or bursary, please see Ms. Sandford. All dates should be checked at each source's site.

The following scholarships and bursaries have application deadlines in March, 2005:

BC Association of Health-Care Auxiliaries Scholarship/Bursary
BC Excluded Employees' Association Scholarship and Bursary
BC Hydro Power Pioneers - Beginning a Lifetime of Community Service Award
BC School Superintendents Association Grade 12 Essay Scholarship Program
BC School Superintendents Association Technology Scholarship Program
*BC Soccer Association Scholarships (www.bcsoccer.net)
BCCPAC Educational Award
BC Health Care Scholarship Fund
Canadian Association of Principals Student Leadership Awards
Canadian Hospitality Foundation - Hospitality and Hotel University Entrance Scholarships
Canadian War Museum History Award
Carol Anne Letheren Leadership and Sport Scholarship
Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design Entrance Scholarships
Flowers Canada - Pat Humphreys Scholarship
Girl Guides of Canada - BC Council Awards
Jack Farley Youth Sports Achievement Awards
Leonard Foundation Financial Assistance Program
*Malaspina University-College Entrance Awards (www.mala.bc.ca)
*Miller Thomson Foundation National Scholarship Program (www.millerthomson.com)
National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Fine Arts Awards Program
Nurses Education Bursary Program
Okanagan University College Entrance Awards
Padgett Business Services Scholarship Program
Premier's Excellence Awards
*Re/Max "Quest for Excellence" Bursary Awards (www.remax.ca)
Retail BC Scholarship Program
Royal Commonwealth Society Essay Competition
St. John Ambulance Bursary Award Program - Nursing Bursaries
St. John Ambulance Bursary Award Program - Youth Bursary
Teamsters Union - James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund
University College of the Fraser Valley Bursaries
*University of Alberta Scholastic Distinction Scholarship (www.registrar.ualberta.ca/awards)
*University of Alberta Leadership Scholarship (www.registrar.ualberta.ca/awards)
*DeVry Institute of Technology Presidential Scholarship (www.devry.ca)
*Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia (www.goabc.org)
*University of Guelph President's Scholarships (www.uoguelph.ca)
*Lincoln Alexander Chancellor's Scholarship (www.uoguelph.ca)
*University of Calgary Entrance Award (www.ucalgary.ca)

- *Coast Capital Savings Education Awards (www.coastcapitalsavings.com)
- *Coast Capital Savings Heritage Awards (www.coastcapitalsavings.com)
- *BC Amateur Hockey Association (www.bcaha.org)

The following scholarships and bursaries have application deadlines in April, 2005:

- Adult Educators' Provincial Specialists Association Student Award
- *BC School Trustees Association Award for Student Citizenship (www.bcsta.org)
- BC and Yukon Community Newspapers Association and BC Press Council Scholarships
- BC and Yukon Community Newspapers Association Member Scholarships
- BC High School Boys Volleyball Scholarships
- BC High School Boys' Basketball Association Scholarships
- *BC Hydro Aboriginal Peoples Scholarship Program (www.bchydro.com/scholarships)
- *BC Hydro L'Ecole Polytechnique Memorial Fund Scholarships (www.bchydro.com/scholarships)
- *BC Hydro Power Smart Scholarships (www.bchydro.com/scholarships)
- *BC Hydro Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Scholarships (www.bchydro.com/scholarships)
- *BC Hydro/APEGBC Scholarship (www.bchydro.com/scholarships)
- *BC Hydro UBCM Power Smart 2005 Scholarship (www.bchydro.com/scholarships)
- *BC Hydro Power Pioneers Youth Community Service Award (www.bchydro.com/scholarships)
- BC School Sports Commission Scholarships - Louise Chesley Memorial Gymnastic Bursary
- BC Secondary Schools' Rugby Union Scholarships
- *BCIT President's Entrance Award Program (www.bcit.ca/finaid)
- *BC Cattlemen's Association Martin Riedemann Annual Bursaries (www.cattlemen.bc.ca)
- *BC Cattlemen's Association Bursaries (www.cattlemen.bc.ca)
- *BC Cattlemen's Association Platinum Advisory Group (RBC Dominion Securities) Bursary (www.cattlemen.bc.ca)
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- *BC Cattlemen's Association Gung Loy Jim Scholarships (www.cattlemen.bc.ca)
- Certified General Accountants Association of BC - Grade 12 Graduate Continuing Education Scholarships
- *Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges (www.gwmisc.ca)
- Girl Guides of Canada - BC Council Bursary
- Girl Guides of Canada - BC Council Bursary of Honour
- Girl Guides of Canada - Eve Pound Scholarship
- Girl Guides of Canada - Margery Dumfries Scholarship
- Girl Guides of Canada - Guides du Canada Scholarships
- Kwantlen University College Entrance Awards
- McDonald's Valuable Player Scholarship Program
- Public Guardian and Trustee Educational Assistance Fund Bursaries
- Scouts Canada Reginald K. Groome Memorial Scholarships
- Selkirk College Entrance Scholarships and Bursaries
- University of Northern British Columbia - BCR Group of Companies Entrance Scholarship
- University of Northern British Columbia - Dean's Entrance Scholarships in Environmental Engineering
- University of Northern British Columbia - FMC of Canada Limited Environmental Engineering Bursary
- University of Northern British Columbia - President's Scholarships
- University of Northern British Columbia - Prince George Medical Society Bursary
- University of Northern British Columbia - Raven Bursaries
- University of Northern British Columbia - Raven Scholarships
- University of Northern British Columbia - Merit Awards
- University College of the Cariboo Sports Task Force Athletic Entrance Scholarships
- VanCity Stan Parsons Memorial Scholarships
- VanCity Student Awards
- VanCity Student Bursaries
- Vancouver Community College 40th Anniversary Entrance Awards
- Waikiki Aekai Uniona Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences
- *Art Institute of Vancouver Scholarship (www.aiv.aii.edu/)



*Application available in school

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 web sites can be found through the Library Homepage.

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by Trisha Daniell, President
FKPAC

Finally we're into the last half of the year, and many families have children scrambling to get on track, while others are rushing around getting kids to team practices and other obligations. It never lets up!

The new Grade 10 Provincial exams took place in January along with the Grade 12 exams. Many people in educational communities have concerns about how necessary these are, considering the pressure

involved, and groups across the province are offering feedback. How did your own family make out? Was it a great way to stay on track, or a nuisance and a stress for your teen? Kelsey will be asking for your opinions soon - please watch for forms coming home. We'd love to be able to share our experiences for the benefit of future Grade 10s.

All students should be reminded that the PAC has funds available to help them financially. The requests we get are for such things as camps or trips, and we give preference to support students who have applied and been accepted for specific activities, rather than just wanting to go on, say, the West Coast Trail. Proving financial need isn't necessary, and students should give thought to how their experience will benefit the rest of the school, as in their increased leadership skills, better coaching skills, added knowledge, or perhaps willingness to give a talk or write an article for students. Applications are on forms from advisors and counsellors. Don't hesitate to apply!

Our next meeting is Wednesday March 30, the first day back after Spring Break. At this meeting we will have elections for a new treasurer. Owing to ill health our present treasurer Astrid Maclure is having to step down. Thank you for your valuable help, Astrid. We wish you all the best as you get back to good health.

Another item on the agenda will be a discussion about a community based intervention program for youth. Linda Lendrum and Stephen Low of South Vancouver Island Assessment & Resource Service will lead the discussion.

FKPAC

Please come and join us at
our next meeting on:
Wednesday
March 30 at 7:00 pm
in the school library

"TALKING TO OUR KIDS ABOUT SUBSTANCE USE"

WHAT:

- Prevalence of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- Reasons why youth use substances
- Community and school initiatives
- Models of change
- Stages of addiction

WHO:

- Presented by:
- Romy Pritchard from VIHA Mental Health & Addiction Prevention Services

All parents, school, health and youth workers are welcome to attend

WHEN: Wednesday, March 16th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

WHERE: George Bonner Middle School

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is necessary to ensure handouts and seating for all participants. To register, please telephone George Bonner Middle School at 743-5571.

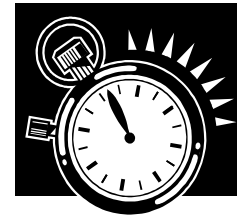
24 Hour Fast in Aid of Africa

By Nina Foot, Student

On February 24, the Frances Kelsey Red Cross Club put on a 24 Hour Fast. Many students participated in this fundraiser in support of ACCES (African Canadian Continuing Education Society). This non-profit organization began in Kenya in 1993 with the goal of providing the children and youth with the skills and education needed to benefit themselves and their society. ACCES began their project in the Kakamega District of Kenya. In this area only 10% of the population have a high school diploma, about 70% are unemployed, 23% are affected by HIV or AIDS, and most of the population suffer from malnutrition or disease.

ACCES began three different programs to support the country. One program is focused on giving post-secondary students an opportunity to go to college and receive a degree. Over 700 students are working towards, or have attained a degree in medicine, law, nursing, teaching, and many other areas. The second program was created to give children an opportunity to go to school, have nutritious meals, and receive essential vitamins. An HIV/AIDS awareness project is also now in place.

ACCES continues to grow and improve. It does not seek to change the culture, and it



provides equal opportunity for females and males. Most importantly, 100% of the donations for ACCES programs go towards the programs!

The students who participated in the famine raised money for a wonderful cause. Maybe for just a day, they felt what it is like to be a little less fortunate. Thank you to all the students and staff who participated. One day of effort will bring a lifetime of change to a Kenyan student.

"The Prom Project" also known as "The Cinderella Project"

by Linda O'Neil, Parent

Every year at various schools there are young adults graduating who do not attend their banquet because of lack of financial means. Our school would like to try to identify these families in need of assistance to help their children enjoy this wonderful and deserving night. Any parent, student, teacher, or friend may call myself, or Counsellor Janice Rose anonymously if they know of a student in need of our support.

I will be calling on professional and personal donations for gowns, tuxedo rentals, hair, makeup, shoes, and accessories.

This year there might be a terrific opportunity for any young

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woman wanting to rent her dress from the "Prom Project" for a nominal fee.

Any business or organization willing to help with this worthwhile endeavor, please contact me at 743-7866 for this unique opportunity to assist our young people who have worked so hard for this important moment. We want to make sure every child has the opportunity to attend these festivities with pride and the wonderful sense of accomplishment that they deserve.

Thank you,

Linda O'Neil
743 - 7866

AMBER ALERT When Seconds Count!

The AMBER ALERT program has come to B.C. An AMBER ALERT is issued in certain child abduction situations. You will hear the details on your local radio and television station - please keep your eyes open and report anything to 9-1-1. For more information see [www.bcamber alert.ca](http://www.bcamberalert.ca)

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Dry Grad

June 30th is approaching quickly and planning is well underway for the upcoming Garage Sale and Silent Auction. We now need people to support this event by donating either a service or item for the sale at the Silent Auction or by collecting articles for the Garage Sale. (see attached poster for details)

March 12th and 19th as well as volunteers on April 2nd to help with pricing and selling.

Dry Grad committees are now planning the Dry Grad Party. Please come out and get involved in the organization of games, entertainment, decorations and food.

We also need some volunteers to help with the drop off of items on

Our next meeting is on March 8th in the Kelsey library from 7:00 -

DRY GRAD MEETING

Tuesday, March 8
7:00 pm in the
Kelsey Library

Everyone Welcome

8:00 pm.

Ongoing fundraisers include Country Grocer certificates (available at school or call 743-7866) and Canadian Tire dollars (donation box in office).

Gourmet A la Carte Luncheons

at Frances Kelsey Dining Room 953 Shawnigan/Mill Bay Rd
Tuesday - Friday 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Closed during Spring Break

Join us for a gourmet dining experience at a reasonable price while supporting students enrolled in Malaspina University-College's Culinary Arts Program. Students under the supervision of professional cooking instructors prepare and serve gourmet cuisine made from many locally produced ingredients!

Reservations recommended - call 250 743-0548

Library Resource Centre Update
New Database
The database **Culturegrams** is now available at home and at school. This is a valuable research tool.

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.

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

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

Frances Kelsey invites Grads, Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members to the:

Tenth Anniversary Celebration

April 29 & 30, 2005
at Frances Kelsey

Visit our Web Site for more information
www.fkss.ca



F K S S Career Centre News

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CAPP 9, 11, 12 & Planning 10 Activities:

Mar 8 **PARTY Program Cowichan District Hospital-** Planning 10 activity for 2 classes

Apr 12, 19 **Capp 9: Island Savings "Choices"**
All grade 9 students will participate for LG 9 credit

May 4 **Planning 10 Trip to Malaspina College - LG 14 Credit:**

Feb - May Advisor Activities:

**Capp 9: LG 9 Collecting Portfolio Evidence
LG 8 Careers**

Capp 11, 12: LG 4 Student Learning Plan Folder
gr 11's need to update
gr 12's must complete and get ready to present.

LG 5 Careers can be completed with the Advisor.

LG 6-10 Work Experience 30 hours

Recent Work Experience Placements:

- Mt Prevost Vet clinic - veterinary assistant
- Bamfield: 2 students just completed the Forum
- Royal Theatre - Pacific Opera Victoria
- Growing Together Daycare
- Taylor Granitto Law Office
- Ingram Pharmacy
- Oasis Hairstylist
- Pharmasave - Victoria
- District 79 Learning Together Showcase
- **SWEAT:** Congratulations to Ashley Elliot, Court Dheenshaw, Don Lawrence, Tonya Thibodeau, and Josina deBree for being accepted to do work experience at the **Art Institute** Mar 29 - Apr 1 in Vancouver.



Secondary School Apprenticeship:

- **Jon Kinsley** starting his apprenticeship in *Landscape Horticulture with Tony's Gardening Service*
- **Colten Ellison** starting apprenticeship in *Heavy Duty Mechanics with Island Tractor*

Mar 4 Skills Canada BC Competition

Frances Kelsey Secondary was entered in the following competitions:

- Cabinet making - Shawn Slade
- Carpentry - Corey Wickheim & Danny Mitchell
- Welding - Guy Lamontagne

Mr. Duyf was the sponsoring teacher.

The New Career Centre is open...

- Career Information
- Help with resumes, cover letters, applications
- Post secondary information
- Work experience, job shadow placements
- Scholarship Seminars
- Much, much more....

Campus News:

UVIC: Starting Feb 4: Students can **self report** grades

Apr 15 deadline: for expanded qualifications admission

UBC: Self reporting starts **Mar 1**. Interested in a visit to UBC during Spring Break? Here is the link for the **Focus Days** events, taking place from March 14 to April 1.

<http://www.welcome.ubc.ca/events.cfm?page=focus>

Advisor will by here May 26.

CAPILANO COLLEGE FILM CENTRE Open House
March 12

BCIT New brochures in and info on scholarships

Camosun: Apply by Feb 28; New calendar for 05/06 now online www.camosun.bc.ca/calendar

AUSTRALearn: Study in Australia or New Zealand
online information session Tues. Mar 15 @ 4-6pm

Scholarships:

- **Art Institute Vancouver**

Up to two full-tuition, and up to two half tuition, and up to 50 tuition scholarships ranging in value from \$500 - \$1,500 are offered by

Deadline is by April 1. See the web for details

<http://www.aiv.aii.edu/pdf/2005scholarshipcompetition.pdf>

- **BCIT** Entrance Awards deadline is Apr 15.
- **Carlton University School of Business:** Entrance Scholarships for Excellence
- **Laurier University:** Scholarship information in

Earn external credits for Graduation:

Malaspina University-College, Cowichan Campus

Continuing Education, Community Programming

Phone: 250-746-3519

Extension: 3522

Fax: 250-746-3584

E-mail: yusepn@mala.bc.ca

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