

# THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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## The Importance of Choosing Courses Wisely for Students Entering Grades 10 and 12

**By Barb Slater, Counsellor**

Well, here we go again! It's almost time for course selection for the 2005/2006 school year and there are many important decisions to be made. With so many options to choose from, just where does one begin?

We try to encourage our students to talk to teachers to find out just what the various courses have to offer, what they entail and how they may be of help in the future.

The first consideration, of course, is choosing the courses that are required for graduation. This year is somewhat unusual in that the students who are entering grade 12 are on the "Old Grad Program" which is based on the 1996 Ministry of Education requirements. The students entering grade 10 and 11, however, are on the "New Grad Program" which has quite different requirements. Both programs are well explained in our course selection booklet which accompanies the 2005/2006 course

selection sheet.

It is usually at this time that students ask, "Do I have to take a second language as one of my electives?" A second language to the grade 11 level is a requirement if a student intends to go directly from secondary school to certain faculties at some universities. It is not required if a student attends a university/college (i.e. Malaspina) before going to a university. However, there are many other jobs or training facilities which require *specific* languages. The Canadian Coast Guard, for example, requires that their trainees have French 12. Counsellors are able to provide students with up to date information regarding language requirements.

The program a student takes should be considered as a package of courses designed



### *Kelsey Calendar*

**Mon. April 4, 2005**

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

**Thurs. April 7, 2005**

2:30 pm Rugby game at FKSS vs Shawnigan Lake

**Tues. April 12, 2005**

7:00 pm Dry Grad Parents meeting in library

**Thurs. April 14, 2005**

2:30 pm Rugby game at FKSS vs Dover Bay

**April 20 & 21, 2005**

Provincial exams, grades 10 & 12

**Sat. April 23, 2005**

1:00 pm Possible rugby game at Cowichan Rugby Club vs Chemainus (to be confirmed)

**Wed. April 27, 2005**

7:00 pm PAC meeting in library

**Friday, April 29, 2005**

11:30 am Rugby game at FKSS vs Cowichan Secondary

**April 29 & 30, 2005**

Kelsey's 10th Anniversary Celebration

**Mon. May 2, 2005**

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

**Fri. May 6, 2005**

Pro-D Day, no school

**Thurs. May 12, 2005**

2:30 pm Rugby game at FKSS vs Port Alberni

**Thurs. May 19, 2005**

1:30 pm Rugby playoff games begin

**Fri. May 20, 2005**

1:05 pm - District-wide early dismissal

**Mon. May 23, 2005**

Victoria Day, no school

**Tues. May 24, 2005**

Possible Island Challenge Rugby game

**Wed. May 25, 2005**

7:00 pm PAC meeting in library

**Mon. May 30, 2005**

Monthly report issued with newsletter  
June 1-4 BC Rugby Provincials @ UBC

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to meet the requirements of the student's post-secondary choice. This requires a good deal of research and all students entering grade 10 or 12 are asked to meet with their counsellors to ensure that they are "covering their bases", so to speak.

It should also be mentioned that grade 10 students are well informed as to the variety of options available through a course called Planning 10. Specifically, this course is designed to assist students in choosing their pathway through secondary school.

It is crucial that students make informed choices when selecting courses. A good rule of thumb is to choose those in the student's area of interest. Researching and finding out as much as possible about the various programs available avoids wasting time and having to change timetables mid-way through the year.

As we all know, students often change their minds about their priorities and so it is essential that

they take responsibility for finding out the particular requirements of any post-secondary programs that may be of interest. These requirements vary from institution to institution and often change frequently with little lead time. It is essential that students keep up with post-secondary information and we expect to see our senior students in our career centre on a regular basis, using the internet and post-secondary calendars for information. Grade 10 students should also introduce themselves to the Career Centre and parents are always welcome as well.

In order to be accepted at some universities or to be considered for certain scholarships, applicants often need specific courses. Once again the students must be proactive and diligent in seeking the information necessary to ensure that they are not disappointed upon graduation. High marks are extremely important in considering university entrance and students must also take this

fact into account.

For new students coming to Kelsey we provide an excellent transition program during which they have the opportunity to attend presentations on three different evenings, **Monday, April 18, Tuesday, April 19, and Wednesday April 20.** Included is a general introduction followed by tours of the school led by peer counsellors. Teachers are present in the various areas to answer questions regarding course offerings. We often hear parents on those nights express the sentiment, "Gosh, I wish I were able to go to school now because there are so many wonderful courses to choose from!" That is, however, one factor that makes the process of choosing courses so difficult.

It is important to know that the counsellors are always available for help with course selections. Both students and parents are encouraged to take advantage of this service. Contact the Counselling office at 743-6980 for further information.

## Scholarships and Bursaries

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### By Marilyn Sandford, Co-Principal

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By now, all grade 12's should have completed the process of applying for local scholarships and bursaries which were due to Mrs. Jones in the Counselling Office on April 4. If your grade

12 student has not done this and you are concerned, please contact Ms. Sandford immediately.

If parents and students have not

yet viewed the BC Awards website, they should do so now. Use [bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca](http://bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca) 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 April, 2005:

Adult Educators' Provincial Specialists Association Student Award

\*BC School Trustees Association Award for Student Citizenship ([www.bcsta.org](http://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

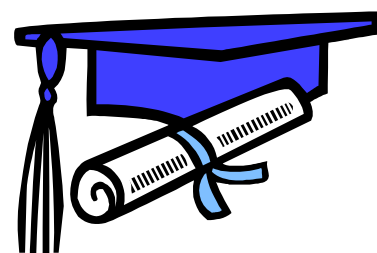
BC High School Boys' Basketball Association Scholarships

\*BC Hydro Aboriginal Peoples Scholarship Program ([www.bchydro.com/scholarships](http://www.bchydro.com/scholarships))

\*BC Hydro L'Ecole Polytechnique Memorial Fund Scholarships ([www.bchydro.com/scholarships](http://www.bchydro.com/scholarships))

\*BC Hydro Power Smart Scholarships ([www.bchydro.com/scholarships](http://www.bchydro.com/scholarships))

\*BC Hydro Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Scholarships ([www.bchydro.com/scholarships](http://www.bchydro.com/scholarships))  
 \*BC Hydro/APEGBC Scholarship ([www.bchydro.com/scholarships](http://www.bchydro.com/scholarships))  
 \*BC Hydro UBCM Power Smart 2005 Scholarship ([www.bchydro.com/scholarships](http://www.bchydro.com/scholarships))  
 \*BC Hydro Power Pioneers Youth Community Service Award ([www.bchydro.com/scholarships](http://www.bchydro.com/scholarships))  
 BC School Sports Commission Scholarships - Louise Chesley Memorial Gymnastic Bursary  
 BC Secondary Schools' Rugby Union Scholarships  
 \*BCIT Entrance Awards ([www.bcit.ca/finaid](http://www.bcit.ca/finaid))  
 \*BCIT President's Entrance Award Program ([www.bcit.ca/finaid](http://www.bcit.ca/finaid))  
 \*BC Cattlemen's Association Martin Riedemann Annual Bursaries ([www.cattlemen.bc.ca](http://www.cattlemen.bc.ca))  
 \*BC Cattlemen's Association Bursaries ([www.cattlemen.bc.ca](http://www.cattlemen.bc.ca))  
 \*BC Cattlemen's Association Platinum Advisory Group (RBC Dominion Securities) Bursary ([www.cattlemen.bc.ca](http://www.cattlemen.bc.ca))  
 \*BC Cattlemen's Association Gung Loy Jim Scholarships ([www.cattlemen.bc.ca](http://www.cattlemen.bc.ca))  
 Canadian Hospitality Foundation - College Entrance Scholarships  
 Canadian Hospitality Foundation - University Entrance Scholarships  
 \*Certified General Accountants Association of BC - Grade 12 Graduate Continuing Education Scholarships  
 \*Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges ([www.gwmisc.ca](http://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  
 Judy Bourne First Nations Memorial 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 - Gordon Ternowetsky Memorial 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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Entrance Awards  
 \*Waikiki Aekai Uniona Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences  
 \*Art Institute of Vancouver Scholarship ([www.aiv.aii.edu/](http://www.aiv.aii.edu/))



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

Association of BC Drama Educators Scholarships  
 BC Arts Council Scholarship Awards Program  
 BC Athletics Harry Jerome Scholarship Award  
 BC Paraplegic Foundation - Joseph David Hall Memorial Scholarship  
 BC Paraplegic Foundation Bursaries  
 BC Paraplegic Foundation Bursaries - CW Deans Memorial Scholarship  
 BC Paraplegic Foundation Bursaries - James HG Roche Memorial Fund  
 BC School Sports Commission Scholarships - Badminton Scholarships  
 BC Secondary School Cross Country and Track & Field Association Coca Cola Scholarships  
 Black Knight Badminton BC Scholarships  
 BC Shorthorn Association Bursaries - Tom Bishop Memorial Award  
 BC Shorthorn Association Bursaries - Ron Carter Memorial Award  
 Canadian College of Teachers Greater Vancouver Chapter Scholarships  
 Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers National Scholarship Program  
 Certified General Accountants Association of BC - Adult Secondary Completion Scholarship  
 Colin DeMacedo Memorial Bursary

Computer Master Institute of Technology Scholarships and Grants – GREAT Grants and SWEET Awards  
 Cowichan Creamery Agricultural Scholarships and Bursaries  
 Evening Optimist Club of Victoria Vocational Bursaries  
 First Citizens Fund Student Bursary Program  
 go2 Secondary School Students Scholarship Program  
 \*Greyhound Canada “Travel is Educational, Too!” Scholarship Program ([www.greyhound.ca](http://www.greyhound.ca))  
 \*Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia Scholarship Program ([www.goabc.org](http://www.goabc.org))  
 Harry Jerome Scholarships  
 Ian Ford Trust Fund Bursary  
 IWA Canada, Local 1-80 Jack Mumm Memorial Bursary  
 Jerry Gosley Musical Theatre Scholarship  
 Lisa Huus Memorial Fund  
 Masonic Bursary Fund of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon  
 National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation - Aboriginal Health Careers Scholarships and Bursaries  
 North Island College Foundation Bursaries and Entrance Awards  
 Petro-Canada Olympic Torch Athletic Scholarship Fund  
 \*RBC Royal Bank Financial Lifeskills Scholarships ([www.rbcroyalbank.com/lifeskills](http://www.rbcroyalbank.com/lifeskills))  
 \*School Plant Officials Association of BC Bursaries  
 Sprott-Shaw Community College Diploma Program Scholarships  
 Sprott-Shaw Community College Legion Diploma Program Scholarships  
 Stacey Levitt Women and Sport Memorial Scholarship  
 Teamsters Women’s Caucus Scholarship Program  
 UBC Panhellenic Association Scholarship  
 Victoria Epilepsy Award for Further Education  
 WWEBWHIZKIDS Say No to Tobacco Web Design Challenge

\*Application available in school

Web sites:

Canadian Universities and Colleges: [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)

Online applications in BC: [www.pas.bc.ca](http://www.pas.bc.ca)

BC Colleges/Universities scholarships: [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com), [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com),  
[www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca)

Further web sites can be found through the Library Homepage.

# Frances Kelsey Tenth Anniversary

By Janice Rose, Counsellor

On February 6, 1995 Frances Kelsey Secondary School opened its doors with great enthusiasm and fanfare and embarked on a journey that pioneered a self-directed style of learning where students take responsibility for their learning under the guidance of teachers and advisors. The first few years were challenging and not without controversy.

Now, ten years later, we invite both past and present students, staff, parents and community members to join us in a celebration of an amazing educational endeavour. On Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30 there will be a variety of activities and events to help us remember, reflect, rekindle and renew our shared experiences.

On the following pages you will find a program



of events and a registration form. We encourage people to register online at [fkss.ca](http://fkss.ca) and follow the links.

Please help us extend the invitation to our TENTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY to anyone who is interested in attending this celebration.

# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend (April 29-April 30, 2005)

## What's Happening Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Description</u>
7:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Whole School	“Spirit Day”- Wear school colours (Blue/Yellow/White), bring noise makers etc.
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Upper Field	Senior Boys’ Rugby game vs. Cowichan Secondary
12:00 noon – 2:00 PM	Whole School	School back in session, feel free to wander and explore the exhibits and what is happening in the classrooms. Sit in on a class, talk with students about what you are now doing and your remembrances of your days at Kelsey. Sign in for registration if you haven’t done it on-line yet. Bring your business cards
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Whole School	End of classes, feel free to walk around and explore the new new additions, and talk to your old teachers. (Some older than others)! Sign in for registration if you haven’t done it on-line yet.
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Under the dome	Friday night “social”. All invited, come and socialize with your past alumni friends, old and new teachers, and present students. Fill in Grad notice boards, make contacts, order T-Shirts, sign in for registration and so on.

## What's Happening Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Description</u>
9:00 AM - ???	Front of School	Possible Pancake breakfast (To Be Determined)
10:00 AM – Noon	Lower Field	Alumni Field Hockey game
	Main Gym	Alumni and friends Girls Basketball skills contest, etc.
	Whole School	Demonstrations from various departments – Art, Music, Dance, Math, Drama, and so on.
12:45 PM-1:00 PM	Whole School	Advisor group check-in for old time’s sake.
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Under the dome	Official Welcoming Ceremonies. Presentation of time capsule. Opening of “Wall-of-fame” with presentations of first two members’ framed portraits.
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Main Gym	Boys’ Basketball Alumni games
	Lower Field	Boys’ Soccer Alumni Games
	Upper Field	Boys’ and Girls’ Touch Rugby games (Alumni and present team)
	Whole School	Demonstrations from various departments – Art, Music, Dance, Math, Drama, and so on.
8:00 PM – Midnight	New Gym	Saturday Night Dance. All welcome. Socialize and dance to the music that you grew up with by “Sound Choice DJ”. Buffet served during the evening. Buy your Anniversary T-Shirt.





# Dry Grad

## DRY GRAD MEETING

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

Everyone Welcome

The Dry Grad committee Silent Auction and Garage Sale was held last Saturday after months of planning and hard work. Thank you to everyone who donated goods and services. Thanks also to the Grads who ran the car wash and refreshment stand. Lastly, many thanks to the volunteers and school administration who supported the fund raising and provided a space to store garage sale items.

for \$5. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is one night and breakfast for two at Ocean Point Resort/Spa. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a down quilt and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is Chemainus Theatre tickets for two. Buy a ticket to win one of these great prizes and increase your Grad's chance of winning the car. The draw for these prizes will take place at the Awards night at Kelsey and the draw for the car will take place at the conclusion of the Dry Grad party.

your tickets and cash as soon as you sell them and remember, the more tickets you sell the better chance you have to win the car.

We are thrilled to report that **Bow Mel Chrysler has donated a 1986 Ford Tempo** to support our final Dry Grad fundraiser. Every grad has a chance to win this car by selling raffle tickets. For each ticket a grad sells, his/her name goes into the car draw. Tickets will sell for \$2 each or 3 tickets

### ATTENTION GRADS

We will start selling raffle tickets on April 12<sup>th</sup> and will continue until the end of the second week in May. We will hand out raffle tickets and collect money or tickets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in front of the library (time to be announced). Please turn in

The car raffle will be our last fundraising event and then the focus will be on final planning for the Dry Grad party. We are still hoping for more parent volunteers to help with the decorating, food and events committees. Please come to the **next meeting on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**



## Skills Canada

By Jelle Duyf, Teacher

On Friday, March 4, the Frances Kelsey team participated in the Regional BC Skills competitions. We were represented by Guy Lamontagne in Welding, Corey Wickheim and Danny Mitchell in Carpentry and Shawn Slade in Cabinet making. Congratulations go to all, but especially to Corey Wickheim who won the Gold Medal and Shawn Slade who won the Bronze medal; Corey in Carpentry and Shawn in Cabinet making. Corey is now eligible to compete in the Provincials next month in Abbotsford. Well done boys!

## 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: <http://www.fkss.ca>

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

# Computing Insights - 2005

Wouldn't it be great if, instead of reading about physics, you could get the facts from Newton himself? That's the experience *Computing Insights* offers: the opportunity to learn about computing from some of the country's top scientists in the field. CI is an intensive three-week workshop commencing at the beginning of July where a group of 65 high school students will assemble at the University of Toronto's St. George campus to explore the tremendous scope of computer science and electrical engineering through lectures and hands-on labs. University of Toronto professors and an amazing team of researchers will

give students an opportunity to see some of the exciting work being done in their department. The Labs will allow CI participants to explore the topics addressed in the lectures and over the course of the camp, they work through exercises designed to reinforce coding practices and work on a project with what they have learned. Projects have run the gamut from creating games to implementing encryption schemes and assistance is provided by well qualified graduate students. CI gives students a chance to experience university life first hand - being on campus, attending lectures, and

interacting with professors and students and gives them a chance to meet new people who share their interests. Social activities are scheduled throughout the three weeks to encourage relationships with the program staff and fellow attendees. Computing Insights is an entirely unique experience and, for a student with strong interests in computing and logic, one not to be missed.

CI 2005 is geared for bright, grade 11 students. The fee is \$450. For more information, please contact Mr. Archer at the school or visit <http://www.cdf.toronto.edu/~insights/>

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## Important Notice to all Grads...

You may now submit your Graduation Writeup. This is where you write a few words about yourself to be read out at walkup as you walk across the stage. We need your name, your accomplishments, your future plans... and what you would like to say as you leave Frances Kelsey Secondary School.



This year, walkup writeups will be done online. Simply go to [www.fkss.ca](http://www.fkss.ca) main page and follow the links and

instructions for walkup writeups.

The sooner you submit your writeup, the better. Remember that you may change your mind... make alterations, additions... at any time from now until walkup... so don't delay... submit your writeup today.

See Mr. Archer if you have any questions.



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## Gourmet A la Carte Luncheons

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

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





# TOque Games

By Justin Kohse, Student

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> the fifth annual TOque Games were held at the National Trade Centre in Toronto, Ontario. Over 60 of the world's top unicyclists came to battle it out in four challenging events. I was one of the riders and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the long jump (170 cm), 5<sup>th</sup> in the high jump (70 cm), and 7<sup>th</sup> out of 28 competitors in the trials competition.

For more information, please visit [www.toquegames.com](http://www.toquegames.com)

The 1st Cobble Hill Scouts are hosting a Spring Ahead Dinner, Auction and Dance on Saturday, April 16, to be held at the Curling Lounge at Kerry Park. Please call Bonnie Griffiths at 743-6652 for tickets (\$25 per person) or visit [www.1stcobblehill.org](http://www.1stcobblehill.org) for more information

# "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

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

