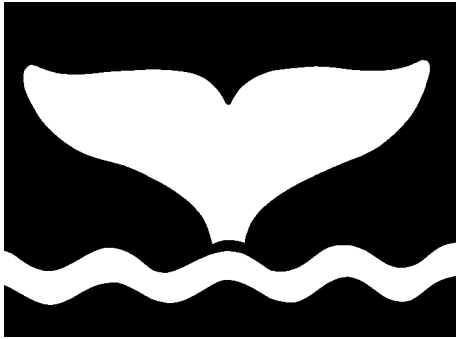


THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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Welcome

By Marilyn Sandford, 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, Turkey, and Switzerland. Welcome to all!

Our present population includes 1250 students, 64 teachers and eighteen support staff.

We continue to be proud of the accomplishments of last year's grads. As a result of their marks on provincial exams, seventeen students have received provincial scholarships. Of the 204 graduates this June, 160 received Honours graduation certificates - all B's or better in all of their Grade 11 and 12 subjects. We are proud of all our graduates.

To those parents whose students are new to the school, we urge you
For complete information about the school, visit our web site at fkss.ca.

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. All parents are invited to meet with the PAC Executive and the Administrators at a "Coffee and Chat" on Thursday, November 24 at 1:00 pm. Bring your questions or concerns - we look forward to meeting you!



Kelsey Calendar

Mon. November 7, 2005

First monthly report card issued with newsletter

7:00 p.m. All Candidates Meeting of School Trustee nominees hosted by PAC in theatre

Wed. November 9, 2005

1:05 p.m. District-wide early dismissal
1:30-4:30 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Thurs. November 10, 2005

Day in lieu (school not in session)

Fri. November 11, 2005

Remembrance Day (school not in session)

November 14 - 15, 2005

Grade 10 and 12 Provincial Exams

Thurs. November 17, 2005

7:00 p.m. Dry Grad Parents' meeting in library

Wed. November 23, 2005

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Thurs. November 24, 2005

1:00 p.m. "Coffee and Chat" for parents with PAC Executive and Administrators

Tues. November 29, 2005

6:30 p.m. Information on Graduation Program open to all parents

Mon. December 5, 2005

First formal report card issued with newsletter

Tues. December 13, 2005

"Earn Your Wings" Assessment

Wed. December 14, 2005

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Fri. December 16, 2005

Last day of classes before Christmas break

A Reminder Regarding "Snow Days" ...

According to Board Policy 3500, we have been asked to remind you that in the event of inclement weather, the Superintendent may decide that schools should be closed. Announcements will be made over radio stations SUN-FM 89.7 Duncan, CKKQ 100.3 Victoria, and CKWV 102.3 Nanaimo.

Our New Staff

We are pleased to announce the following people have joined the staff of Frances Kelsey Secondary. Welcome to you all!

Secretaries: Mrs. Rumsby and Mrs. Witt to the main office and Ms. Wheeler to the Counselling area.

Teaching Staff:

Ms. Dayton - French
Mrs. Doman - Resource Room
Ms. Kinney - Teacher-Librarian
Mr. A. Johnston - Physical Education
Mr. Snyder - Social Studies

Ms. O'Brien - English
Mrs. Smith - English
Mrs. Carmichael - English
Ms. Selder - English
Ms. Tiesu - Practicum student

Scholarships and Bursaries

by Jeff Rowan, Vice-Principal

The year starts early for our graduating students as they must start thinking now about University, College or other post-secondary choices for next year. Costs are a very important consideration when making these future plans. I will be working with the grade 12 students this year to help them understand and access all of the money that is available to them in the form of scholarships and bursaries.

The academic resumé and cover letter should be prepared right away. I will be available specifically during "Z" block in the library and at any time that I have a moment to look over students' drafts.

Scholarships are starting to arrive in the school and they will be available at all times in the Scholarship/Bursary filing cabinet (located at the rear of the library). We will be advertising these opportunities on the daily NewsBreaker announcements or tv monitors and posting notices on the scholarship board outside of the library. A fantastic website to use for searching is: www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca/. In the near future, a link to this website will be found on the Kelsey homepage. Use the "Awards Listing" link or search by "Awards Deadline Date". Start now because there are

already scholarships listed that have application due dates in November.

I am very excited about the opportunities for our students and look forward to working with them this year!



Last June, our graduates won \$300,000 in scholarships and bursaries. Many of our students received Entrance Scholarships from the following universities and colleges across Canada: University of Victoria: Katie Bereskow (2,000); Laura Carney (\$2,000); Tamara Dinter (\$2,500); Kolina Ecklin (\$2,000); Jeff Gellein (Dean of Engineering - \$4,000 and Entrance Scholarship - \$2,000); Lyndsay Katz (\$2,000), Natashya Klus (\$2,500); Kelly McLeod (\$2,500); Bethany McMullen (\$3,000); Heather Russell (\$3,000); Darien Slater (\$3,500), Sheila Smith (\$2,000); Trevor Thompson (Faculty of Engineering Dean's Entrance Award - \$4,000 and Entrance Scholarship - \$2,000); University of Alberta: Stephanie James (\$2,500); Eve Richardson

(\$1,250); Malaspina University-College: Luanne McCallum (\$2,000); Amanda Saunders (\$1,000); McGill University: Nina Foot (\$12,000 for 4 years); Brigham Young University Renewable Scholarship: Brady Johnson (\$7,000 US funds per year for 4 years); Vancouver Art Institute: Lindsay Arnott (\$25,000 18 month tuition); Royal Military College: Victor Weston (\$100,000 Full Scholarship); Kwantlan College: Danielle Bird (\$1,250); University of British Columbia: Tamara Dinter (\$2,000); Jake Kuecks (\$2,000); Thomas Kuecks (\$2,000); and McMaster University: Jaymi Zurek (\$2,000). As well, Jeff Gellein was also offered a \$100,000 Royal Military College scholarship. Due to an allergy, he will attend the University of Victoria but intends to reapply in the future.

Four of the six District Scholarships of \$1,000 were awarded to Kelsey students: Lindsay Arnott for Graphic Design, Matt Fasullo for Journalism, Luann McCallum for Visual Arts, and Brianna Wiens for Theatre. There were 17 provincial scholarship winners, each receiving \$1,000 for their excellent results on the Grade 12 government examinations. Each student had to excel on at least three of these examinations. They are Josina De Bree, Tamara Dinter,

Kolina Ecklin, Nina Foot, Stephanie James, Brady Johnson, Natashya Klus, Jake Kuecks, Thomas Kuecks, Kelly McLeod, Bethany McMullen, Julia Newton, Celeste Pakstas, Heather Russell, Roland Sartini, Shawn Slade, and Trevor Thompson. The 2005 Science Achievement Award presented by the Innovation and Science Council of BC was awarded to Heather Russell.

Other notable Scholarship and Bursary recipients were: Lindsay Arnott (\$3,100); Katie Bereskow (\$3,050); Nina Foot (\$2,350); Sara Kubica (\$2,300); Amanda Matthewman (\$2,000); Kelly McLeod (\$3,000); Luann

McCallum (\$2,500); Bethany McMullen (\$3,000); Eve Richardson (\$2,300); Amanda Saunders (\$4,500); Sheila Smith (\$2,000 per year for 4 years); Jason Strachan (\$10,000 to any school).

We at Frances Kelsey Secondary

Available applications for scholarships with December deadlines:
 University of Alberta
 University of Calgary
 House of Commons Page Program Scholarship
 Wendy's Classic Achiever Scholarship

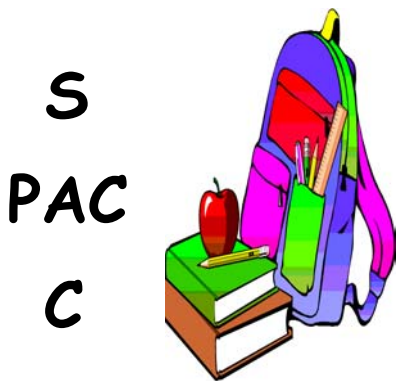
School wish to sincerely thank all of our local donors for their generosity and hard work. Without your contributions many students would not have the opportunity to pursue their careers at this time.

Kafé Meal Tickets

New parents and students: A great way to manage monies for lunches and to know your son or daughter is eating well, so take advantage of the Kelsey Kafé's meal account system. You may purchase any amount from \$47.00 and it is accessed with their ID tag. For more information, please call Mrs. Butcher at 743-0548.

This year's PAC executive:

President	Jane Morris
Vice-President	CJ Kubica
Secretary	Sue Waugh
Treasurer	Tim Jackson
DPAC Rep	vacant
Student Planning Council	
Jane Morris, Wendy Thomas, Annie Cossey	



by Trisha Daniell, Past President FKPAC

Welcome, or welcome back, to a new school year! By the time you read this, our parent group will have had its first meeting, which issues. Fundraising isn't a concern for our PAC - the grants we get from the government (via gambling, but that's a whole other philosophical issue!) are paid on a per-student basis, and as the largest

school around we're doing quite nicely! We regularly discuss what to spend it on though, and two of our biggest expenditures are donations to students, usually in education-related travel, and purchases for the school beyond what the district provides. Is your student going somewhere or doing something that they'd like to apply for a contribution towards? Please have them ask at the office for a form - it's rare that we turn down requests, and our guidelines are described on the application.

We also hear about what's been going on at Kelsey, from Ms. Sandford, Mr. Doyle, and Mr. Rowan, the administrators. They might talk about problems with start-up, what worked well, and how did we as parents find it? As well, we find out about the activities of the sports teams, what's happening in the arts departments, who's visiting Kelsey, who's won an award, and so on - in other words, more than you hear from your teenager! Then parents might bring up general input and concerns, and although it's not possible at a meeting to discuss an individual, you can be advised whom to go to, or meet parents who've 'been there'!

Studies show that the children of parents who attend such meetings benefit and do better, although it's not clear why. Perhaps an informed parent is better able to direct them through tough times, or perhaps the parents of stronger students feel more empowered to get involved! In one study, the university attendance and graduation rate was 27% higher for the students of involved parents than for other students. But of course, 'involvement' isn't just attending Wednesday meetings! Parents can participate in Dry Grad committee, band parent

fundraisers and Career Spotlight Sessions (arranged by the Career Centre, if you can volunteer to talk about your career). You can help your child be a successful student by attending parent/teacher interviews and responding to advisor emails; contacting teachers to offer help to support your student; seeing

your child has access to a good breakfast and lunch, and enough sleep and structure in his or her life. Keep informed about things like "Balance Day" in October and ask what the students found out, and maybe try at least one of the suggestions in your home.

Kelsey is a warm and friendly

school, and a golden opportunity for your child to blossom - and they do, you know! - into a responsible and happy adult under caring supervision. We wish you and your family every success as you support your child in this last stage of school life.

Balance Conference - What a Success!

By PAC Representatives, Wendy Thomas and CJ Kubica, and the Student Balance Committee

Wednesday, October 5th, 2005 was our Health and Wellness Conference for 2005. The intent of the Conference was to teach students that individual wellness is a balance of work and play, and how their personal choices CAN make a difference.

Health and Wellness is Frances Kelsey Secondary School's number one School Planning

Council goal and, with that in mind, the day was designed with students and faculty input. Students were able to choose three separate sessions from a variety of topics ranging from mental health, rock climbing, Argentine tango with a visiting guest instructor from Buenos Aires, and many topics of interest in between. Lunch was provided by the Culinary Arts

Department - thanks for looking after our nutritional needs.

Our keynote speaker for the day was Rob Dyke, the marathon swimmer who completed his swim around Vancouver Island on October 3, 2005. His talk motivated students to be determined to set goals and achieve them. He encouraged students to push through obstacles. He was an inspiration.



FKSS Career Centre News

Speakers & Trips - sign up in the Career Centre

Nov 8 Gr 12 Malaspina Post Secondary Visitation
Nov 21 University Liaison Visits Gr 11 & 12 sign up
TBA Armed Forces Reserves

Check out the FKSS Job Board daily!

- New postings are put up as they come in!
- **Student Tutors:** Are you really good in some subjects? Sign up in the Career Centre to be a tutor for any grade level.



Helpful Websites:

- Typefocus Personality & Learning Styles Profile: www.careers.typefocus.com password; fkss9320
- Career cruising: www.careercruising.com **NEW**
Username **fkss** Password **whales**
- Explore your secondary & post secondary options: www.educationplanner.bc.ca
- PASBC: Online applications for BC schools: www.pasbc.ca

Campus News:

Camosun College:

- Grade 12's can apply Sept 15, 2005 - Feb 28, 2006 for Fall 2006 entry.
- Information sessions - details at www.camosun.ca

Post Secondary Liaison Visits at FKSS --- Monday November 21, 2005

Info sessions are for current grade 11 & 12's



Dry Grad

The 2004-2005 committee would like to thank everyone for their effort and support. The Dry Grad Party was a great success and a memorable night. Everyone participated, many won prizes, and all received a large fleece blanket with the Kelsey crest embroidered on it. Some of the professional entertainers stressed how much they enjoyed coming to Kelsey because of the friendly and respectful students, and said

they look forward to coming back again next year. Andrew Frueh was the lucky winner of the car. Thanks again to Bow Mel Chrysler for their generous donation. Thanks to all the local businesses and individuals who donated so many goods and services towards all the fundraising events throughout the year. Of course we wouldn't have a Dry Grad night without the support of the school administration and School District

79 maintenance staff to make it work! Lastly, the committee would like to thank Kelly Slade for a truly outstanding job as Chairperson. She makes it seem so easy!

Good luck to the 2005-2006 Dry Grad committee.

2005-2006 DRY GRAD MEETING

Thursday, November 17
7:00 pm in the
Kelsey library
Everyone welcome
For more information
please call 743-7490

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme



By Phil Archer, teacher

Once again this year, an excellent 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 the "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. It 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 endeavor, 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 Program - 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.



Library Resource Centre Update

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

All of the online encyclopedias we subscribe to have home access. Students can pick up the passwords at the library circulation desk. Also, the database eLibrary (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 for where to start their searching. This page has been developed with the students' needs in mind.

Clubs and Activities

SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

Tuesdays: after school, Room tba
Sponsor: Shelagh Tiesu
(Open to all students with any or no experience)

JR GOLF

Begins in April (Home course Arbutus Ridge)
Sponsor: Mrs. Higbie

SR GOLF

(Second term)
Sponsor: Mr. Abbott

TENNIS CLUB

(Second term)
Sponsor: Mr. Bellis

JR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Practices and games as per posted schedule
Sponsor: Mr. Gergel

JR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Practices and games as per posted schedule
Sponsor: Mrs. Peltier

SQUASH CLUB

Mondays: 2:30 at Brentwood College
Sponsor: Mr. Bellis

MAGIC CARDS CLUB

Daily: Lunchtime, Room 208
Sponsor: Mrs. Higbie

CULTURE CLUB

Wednesdays: 11:15, Room 223
Sponsor: Mrs. Robinson

EXTRA CURRICULAR CHOIR

Wednesdays: 2:15 and Thursdays: 11:15
Sponsor: Mrs. Carmichael

LITERARY HELP

(Open to all English students)
Tuesdays: 2:15 and most days at lunch
Room 210 Sponsor: Mrs. Carmichael

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

During lunchtime, Room 212
Watch for announcements
Sponsors: Mr. Hart and Mr. vanderLinden

SR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Details to be announced
Sponsor: Mr. Kelly

JR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Practices and games as per posted schedule
Sponsor: Mr. Gergel

GEOCACHING Sponsors: Mr. Archer/Tollefson

JR BOYS BASKETBALL

Practices and games as per posted schedule
Sponsors: Mr. Abbott and Mr. Leslie

JR and SR GIRLS RUGBY

(Second term)
Details to be announced
Sponsor: Mr. Kelly

STUDENT COUNCIL

Wednesdays: 11:20, Room 118
Sponsors: Mr. Price and Mr. Doyle

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD PROGRAMME

Ongoing: 11:15, Room 158
Sponsor: Mr. Archer

S.A.D.D.

STUDENTS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

Thursdays: 11:15, Room 124
Sponsor: Mr. Rowan

GRAD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

Wednesdays: 11:15, Board Room
Sponsor: Ms. Sandford and Mr. Archer

JR and SR MIXED ICE HOCKEY

Wednesdays: 2:30, Kerry Park Recreation Centre
Sponsor: Mr. Wilkinson

QUIT SMOKING GROUP

Details to be announced Sponsor: Mrs. Rose

OUTDOOR CLUB

(Kayaking/West Coast Trail)
Details to be announced
Sponsor: Mr. Wilkinson

S.A.V.E.

STUDENTS AGAINST VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE

Mondays: 2:15, Room 118 Sponsor: Mrs. Rose

RED CROSS CLUB

Tuesdays: 11:15, Room 123
Sponsors: Ms. Ciofani and Mrs. Doman

MOST KIDS DON'T

(Tobacco prevention)
Details to be announced
Sponsor: Mrs. Rose

FLY FISHING CLUB

Ongoing
Sponsors: Mr. Archer and Mr. Tollefson

PEER SUPPORT SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

Block F: Portable 7
Sponsor: Mrs. Rose