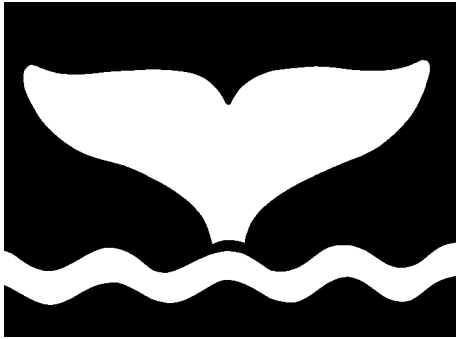


THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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Kelsey Hosts Provincial AAAA Volleyball Senior Girls' Provincial Championship December 1 - 3, 2005



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



Kelsey Calendar

Mon. December 5, 2005

First formal report card issued with newsletter

Tues. December 6, 2005

6:30 p.m. Grad Variety Night

Thurs. December 8, 2005

6:30 p.m. "Let it Snow" school dance

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

Mon. December 12, 2005

7:00 p.m. Band Concert under Dome

Tues. December 13, 2005

9:00-11:15 am Grad Skate at Kerry Park

Wed. December 14, 2005

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Thurs. December 15, 2005

7:00 p.m. Choir Concert in theatre

Fri. December 16, 2005

Last day of classes before Christmas break

Tues. January 3, 2006

First day of classes

Mon. January 9, 2006

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

Hot Off the Presses!

(Update to article on page 2)

It has just been announced that **Andy McGrath** and **Erik Horn** who produced, edited, and directed the film, "In Confidence", have won the gold medal for the ZOOMFEST Film Festival. The prize for that win is a Vancouver Film School Scholarship of \$17,500 plus an additional \$7,500 to attend a program of their choice. As well, **Bryce Warnes** has won the Best Screenplay Award and a \$5,000 scholarship from the Art Institute in Vancouver. Congratulations to you all!

Global Issues

By Andi Morris, Hannah Lishman, and Evan Henneberry, students

On November 10, the three of us woke up at 4:00 am to catch a bus onto the ferry and head to Port Moody for the 21st Annual Global Issues Youth Symposium. 97 B.C. youth attended this four-day event, to be educated about current issues plaguing the world. The theme "Unleashing Humanity: Overcoming the Consequences of Conflict" covered topics including HIV/AIDS, poverty, refugees, landmines, fair trade, human rights, food security, and taking action. We were there to listen, learn, and meet other youth who want to make a difference. Yet the workshops that we attended

were not simply lectures, they were interactive discussions, activities, and simulations. We were also privileged to be visited by three refugees from Sudan, Burundi, and Iran, all of whom were some of the most inspiring people we had ever listened to. We think it is safe to say that we came home on Sunday night as different people. After all that we had learned and experienced, we had come back with a passion to make change. The Symposium inspired us by its effectiveness, giving us all an experience of a lifetime, and motivating us to "be the change you want to see in the world"

(Gandhi, 1869-1948).

Global Issues Websites:

www.maketradeair.com

www.controlarms.org

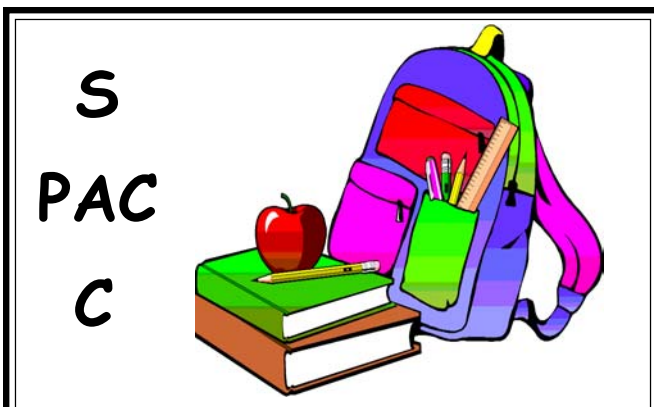
www.amnesty.ca/resource_centre/

www.makepovertyhistory.ca/

www.minesactioncanada.org/

www.nomorelandmines.com

We strongly encourage everyone to participate in this incredible event, and to learn more about global issues. If anyone is interested in getting involved, or to find more information, don't hesitate to come speak with one of us.



by Jane Morris, President FKPAC

- PAC Meeting - Christmas Social on Wednesday December 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Library: Come out and meet PETER PORTE, our new Superintendent, and have some goodies!
- Funding Requests: PAC has money to help fund events such as trips involving our Red Cross Club, the Bamfield Marine Station, the "Encounters With Canada" programme, and the fine and performing arts. See your sponsor teacher for a request form.
- DPAC Rep: Trisha Daniell is our DPAC representative for the 05/06 year. Thanks Trisha!

Kelsey Film-Makers

By Tom Geoghegan, Teacher

Imagine you have only 48 hours to plan, shoot, and edit a complete movie. Now throw in a theme, "You can't judge a book by its cover", and a prop, a clock, and away you go. Two groups of budding film-makers from Kelsey took the ZOOMFEST 6 challenge. We are now waiting for the judges to adjudicate all the films entered from across the province. The contest took place from Friday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m. to Sunday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. Erik Horn and Andy McGrath headed up the team that included Jenny Keucks, Sophie Palmer, Terry Broughton, Sean Edmunds, and Bryce Warnes. Victoria Pearson and Erin Rooke directed the other film production with the help of Spencer Pearson. Considering the extreme time constraints, both crews produced works that they can be proud of!

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Red Cross Club

By Madelaine Gierc, student

On behalf of the Red Cross Club, I would like to say a huge "Thank You!" to everybody who contributed to Operation Christmas Child in early November. In less than four school days, the students and staff of Kelsey managed to collect forty-two boxes - and all the boxes were filled to the bursting point!!!

The shoeboxes are already on their way to needy children around the world; each year, Operation Christmas Child sends over seven million boxes to over ninety-five countries. The gifts and items in the boxes are sometimes what a child (and his/her family) needs to make it through the next year:

clothing, school supplies, toys, and a bit of happiness and hope.

This month, the Red Cross Club is turning its attention to the local scene. We are organizing the Christmas Food Drive, **on now until December 16th** (the last day before holidays). We ask that only non-perishable items such as canned and dried foods be donated. All the food raised will be going locally to the Mill Bay food bank. Last year, over 2,000 cans of food were brought in; this year we hope to beat that!

The Food Drive is always a very competitive event - the winning advisor group is awarded a pizza lunch and eternal glory. This year,

it sounds like many advisors are set on winning the title. Just remember to keep it clean, and don't throw cans of soup at rival advisor groups between classes! Best of luck to all!

Any students who are interested in the Red Cross Club are more than welcome - just come to Room 123 every Tuesday at lunch! Also, check out the Red Cross Board, just outside of Room 118, if you are interested in knowing what our club is up to!

To everybody, have a very happy Christmas, and thank you again!

Clubs and Activities

Besides the 29 Clubs and Activities listed in the November Whale's Tale, the following are also being offered:

YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY

On-going: Room 208
Sponsor: Mr. Bellis

BALANCE COMMITTEE

Block Z: Board Room
Sponsor: Mrs. Rose

SR BOYS' RUGBY

Sign up in January
Practices: First Tues & Thurs in February
Season starts: March
Sponsor: Mr. Loutet

KNITTING CLUB

Wednesday: 2:15
Sponsors: Mrs. Emblem,
Ms. Stubbe

SR AND JR GIRLS' RUGBY

Wednesdays: 2:15
Sponsor: Mr. Kelly

Abstract Thinking

A very important reminder to any parent who may be driving Kelsey students for sports events or any school function: The School Board requires we have a copy of your driver's licence, your current auto insurance showing \$1,000,000 third party liability, and a driver's abstract. *New abstracts must be obtained each year as we do not keep previous year's information on file.* It is appreciated by the office staff and the teacher sponsors if this information is in place well in advance of the event.

When renewing your vehicle insurance throughout the school year, please remember to bring your new documentation to us for photocopying.

We also want to clarify that students may not drive other student participants to any school-related event.

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Gourmet A la Carte Luncheons

at Frances Kelsey Dining Room
Tuesday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

Reservations recommended - call 250 743-0548



Dry Grad

Parents of students graduating in 2006 are invited to the next DRY GRAD meeting on Thursday, December 8, at 7 p.m. in the FKSS Library.

What is Dry Grad? Dry Grad is a fun, safe and well-supervised, all-night party put on by parents for graduating students. The night is filled with great activities, food, and prizes. Dry Grad follows the walk-up ceremony at the end of the school year.

Who is Eligible to go to Dry Grad? Any grade 12 student, or any student who would have had 2006 as their graduating year, is entitled to attend Dry Grad. Over the last few years over 95% of eligible graduates have attended Dry Grad.

Why does Dry Grad need parents' help? The Dry Grad committee welcomes parents. We need your talents, your ideas, and

your help with fundraising.

What is the cost of Dry Grad? For students, the admission cost is absolutely minimal. The intent is to encourage as many students as possible to join Dry Grad. The cost of putting on Dry Grad, which costs several thousand dollars, is generated through fundraising activities.

What are some of the Dry Grad fundraising activities? Fundraisers include the recent firewood sale, as well as a garage sale and silent auction in the spring. Ongoing fundraisers include the collection of Canadian Tire dollars, Sports Trader Bucks, and UPC codes from Island Farms.

Won't you come to our next meeting? New faces are always welcome! Meetings are guaranteed to last only an hour!

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.

Looking for a Christmas Gift Idea?

Munchies, the school store, has hoods (\$40.00) and pants (\$33.00) for sale. Call Miss Coulthard at 743-6916, local 309. Have a Nice Holiday!

Career Centre News

A great big "Thank You" goes out to all the parents and businesses who supported our "Take Our Kids To Work Day" on November 2nd. We had over 120 grade 9 students take part in this yearly event that gives students a chance to see what their parents do to earn a living.

Representatives from ten post-Secondary Institutions came to Kelsey on November 21st to give our grade 11 and 12 students a chance to learn about their education options. We are grateful to B.C.I.T., Royal Military College, Emily Carr Institute of

Technology, Malaspina University-College, North Island College, Simon Fraser University, U.B.C., University of Northern B.C., University of Victoria, and Thompson Rivers University. Camosun College was unable to attend, but we hope to have them out to our school soon.

On November 25, we also had a visit from the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, which has many programs available for First Nations students. On November 28th, Brentwood College invited our students to attend a McGill University

presentation.

On December 8th, the Victoria Conference Centre is hosting the "Education & Career Fair". We have many free tickets available for parents and students to attend this very informative event which runs from 9:00 a.m until 7:00 p.m. Please pick up your tickets in the Career Centre. They are \$7.00 at the door.

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA
We are still accepting applications for week-long sessions throughout the year in Ottawa.