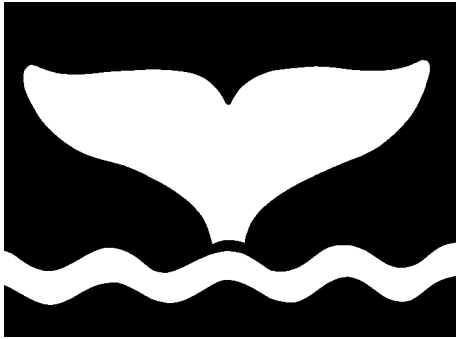


THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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2005 Senior Girls' Volleyball Provincial Championship

By Mark Jackson, Coach

Frances Kelsey Secondary hosted the Senior Girls' Volleyball Provincial Tournament on December 1st-3rd. Months of preparation went into this event by many people at our school. First, Denise Slade's mother, Kelly Slade, accepted the position of tournament chairperson, which was the beginning of hundreds of hours of work that she put in organizing and overseeing all areas of the tournament. Miss Coulthard and the marketing class solicited sponsorship and worked on the concession among other things. Graham Jones spent countless hours in putting together the programme and the website. Steve Nixon was instrumental in putting together the concession and making sure it ran smoothly. Mr. Tollefson and the band put on a great show at the opening ceremonies by playing a marching number and "O Canada". Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Emblem, and Ms. Stubbe helped out with the coaches' room by providing coffee and baked goods. Mr. Aris helped put together a great team banner and some cowboy decorations to fit in with the tournament's western theme. Mr. Martin, Mr. Gergel, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Abbott, and Mr. Gibson

made the tournament a success as gym coordinators. Mr. Gillespie was the tournament's Master of Ceremonies. Brentwood College was also a major contributor to the tournament by providing the use of their gym and for allowing Tanya Shec, Bonnie Griffiths, and Tony Medina to be site coordinators. Mike Minkler, a Kelsey grad, printed our draw charts in the Brentwood computer department. Parents of the players also put together gift bags and helped in the set up and take down of the gym. The school administration, Ms. Sandford, Mr. Doyle, and Mr. Rowan, were unfaltering in their support of the tournament. Major sponsors for the tournament included Spank-It Volleywear, Northern Athletic, Shell, Trenholme Jackson and Eade Accountants, Al's Diner, and Thrifty Foods. Many thanks to all.

On Wednesday, November 30th, 15 teams arrived and filled all hotels in the Valley to

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PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT NEW DATES:

Mon. January 9, 2006

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

Thurs. January 12, 2006

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

Wed. January 25, 2006

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Wed. February 1, 2006

Last day of classes for term 1

Thurs. February 2, 2006

Turnaround Day (school not in session)

Fri. February 3, 2006

Turnaround Day (school not in session)

February 6 - 10, 2006

Provincial exams

Mon. February 6, 2006

First day of classes for term 2

Monthly report issued with newsletter

Thurs. February 9, 2006

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

Fri. February 10, 2006

Pro-D Day (school not in session)

Thurs. February 16, 2006

1:05 p.m. District-wide early dismissal

Tues. February 21, 2006

"Earn Your Wings" Assessment

Wed. February 22, 2006

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Mon. March 6, 2006

Second formal report issued with newsletter

Thurs. March 9, 2006

1:05 p.m. District-wide early dismissal

1:30-4:30 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

capacity and provided business to many stores in our area. The tournament began that evening with a speed spike contest and coaches' meeting. Each team entered their two best spikers and their hard hits were recorded by Constable Sabri Diab with his trusty radar gun. Andrea Dougan and Dannie Richards were the entrants for Frances Kelsey. Both girls hit well and Dannie Richards received honorable mention for her hit of 69 km/h. The top hit was recorded at a blistering 73 km/h. The first

day of competition began with the opening ceremonies. Visiting teams were marched into the school gym by our tournament hosts (student volunteers), to a march played by the school band. After "O Canada", welcoming remarks were made by the District Director of Secondary Instruction, Miss Betty Milne. With the tournament now officially open, the matches got underway. The first match in the Kelsey main gym featured the host team against last year's defending champions, Prince George Secondary. This was nearly the upset of the tournament, as fifteenth ranked FKSS had match point to defeat them in the third and deciding game, but they were unable to capitalize on the moment and the victory slipped away. FKSS lost two more close matches to Semiahmoo and Handsworth, finishing fourth in their pool. The tournament banquet was

held on Thursday evening at the Silver Bridge Inn in Duncan. This proved to be a fun-filled event with all the teams dressed in western clothing including cowboy hats. The girls from Vanier Secondary won the prize

final match of the tournament at 3p.m., the Breakers defeated Mount Baker Secondary from Cranbrook in the third game of a tight match to put them in 15th place. The gym was filled for the 6 p.m. gold medal match between Pine Tree Secondary and



for the best dressed team and our very own Denise Slade was the best dressed individual. Graham Jones put on an excellent slide show that highlighted some of the day's action. The players were treated to some excellent guest speakers, including ex-national team member Rae-Anne Mitchell. Lots of draw prizes and some great music added to the fun!

In their first playoff match on Friday morning, the Breakers lost a hotly contested match against Charles Best Secondary. The girls then went on to play Argyle Secondary dropping 21-25 & 22-25. The next match on Saturday morning was against arch rivals Carhi High from Campbell River. Hopes were high for a win in this match as the Breakers had beaten them the last time they played. Carhi High came out fired up and overcame the Breakers 23-25 & 24-26. In their

Semiahmoo Secondary. Vic Lindal did an excellent job as commentator for the match. Heavily favoured Pine Tree Secondary was defeated 3-0 by Semiahmoo. The closing ceremonies began immediately at the conclusion of the final game. The event began with assistant coach of the Breakers, Mark Lindal, singing "O Canada". Awards were presented to the following teams: 1st - Semiahmoo; 2nd - Pinetree; 3rd - Charles Best; 4th -Riverside; 5th -Penticton; 6th-New Westminster; 7th-Handsworth; 8th-Rick Hansen; 9th-Prince George; 10th-Walnut Grove; 11th-Argyle; 12th-Kelowna; 13th-Carihi; 14th-Vanier; 15th-Frances Kelsey; 16th-Mt. Baker.

The Breakers volleyball team was very competitive in all matches, especially considering that 6 out of the 10 players were only in grade 10. The team consists of team captain Kelsey Diab, Julie Bereczki, Kristin Tilbury, Denise Slade, Andrea Dougan, Alissa Fugitt, Sam Hembroff, Sarah Jackson, Stephanie Lindal, and Dannie Richards. The future looks very bright for this talented young team!

Scholarships and Bursaries

by Jeff Rowan, Vice-Principal

Application forms for the following scholarships and bursaries, which have deadlines in January and February, 2006, are available in the library filing cabinet:

Top20Under20
Millennium Scholarships
BC Innovation Council
Queen's University
Toyota Earth Day

University of Victoria
University of British Columbia



Websites of interest:

BC Colleges/Universities scholarships: www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.studentawards.com

Online applications in BC: www.pas.bc.ca

Canadian Universities and Colleges: www.schoolfinder.com



Dry Grad

What is Dry Grad? Dry Grad is a fun, safe and well-supervised, all-night party supported by staff and local businesses, and hosted by parents, for graduating students. The night is filled with great activities, professional entertainment, food, and prizes - including a car! Dry Grad follows the walk-up ceremony at the end of the school year.

How many students 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' talents, ideas, and fundraising efforts.

What is the cost of Dry Grad? For students, the cost is absolutely minimal. The intent is to encourage as many students as possible to participate in Dry Grad. The cost of putting on Dry Grad - several thousand dollars - is generated through

Dry Grad

Please come and join us at our next meeting on:
Thursday, January 12 at
7:00 p.m. in the school library

fundraising activities.

What are some of the Dry Grad fundraising activities?

Upcoming fundraisers are a garage sale and silent auction in the spring.

Ongoing fundraisers include collection of Canadian Tire dollars, Sports Trader Bucks, and UPC codes from Island Farms.

Please plan on attending our next meeting. New faces are always welcome! Meetings are guaranteed to be short and sweet!



Attention Grads!

Grad portraits will be taken from January 23 to February 3 in Portable 7. All grads should make an appointment on the schedule on the Grad Board. A whole grad class photo will be taken on January 25 at 11:15 in the large gym. Please attend this fun event!

A special **thank you** to the community for your generosity in helping raise \$1185.80 for the first grad bottle drive. The following students and parents should be commended for participating: Dan Slade, Blair Doward, Rachelle Carey, Jac McGaw, Keely Stenberg, Scott Bonner, Rachel Paish, Mr. Schroepfer, Nick Schroepfer, Gierc family, Madelaine Gierc, Mrs. Turin, Jessica Turin, Vicky Gamble, Catherine Baird, Amber Minchin, Sam Schroeder, Jenelle Schwazer, Melissa Yeaman, Maddy Eagen, and Ms. Sandford.

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by Jane Morris, President FKPAC

FKPAC

Please come and join us at
our next meeting on:
Wednesday
January 25 at 7:00 p.m.
in the school library

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
Re-opens January 11, 2006

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.

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 as to where to start their searching. This page has been developed with the students' needs in mind.

More Clubs and Activities

(Continued from November and December issues)

CIPHER COLLECTIVE CLUB

(Incoding/Decoding)

Fridays at lunch, room 137

Sponsor: Mr. Geoghegan

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Career Centre News

Recent Work Experience Placements:

- Discovery Elementary School
- Pacific Energy Fireplace
- Al's Diner
- Mill Bay Veterinary Hospital

Bamfield Marine Biodiversity Youth Forum: March 14th-18th for grade 11 and 12 Science students.

Portfolio Access: Mrs Jones is available last block each day in Portables 2 & 4.

Camosun College reps will be here on January 11th for all grade 11 & 12 students to gather information on programs offered at their two campuses.

Encounters with Canada:

- Kendra Carfantan has been accepted to attend in April. Seven other students have their applications in to attend this year.