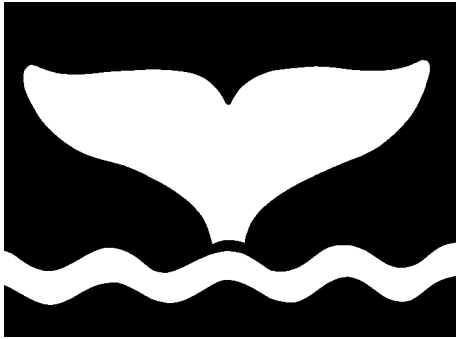


# THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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## Big E-Zee Youth "Open Mic" Night

**By Foster Richardson, Student**

Many of the students and teachers may have heard about the "Open Mic" for young people that is held bi-weekly at the Big E-Zee Coffee Shop in the Pioneer Square in Mill Bay. It began in September of 2004 when the owner of the coffee shop approached our RCMP liaison officer about providing a venue for teenagers in our community to showcase their talents. They came to Frances Kelsey school looking for students that were prepared to organise and promote this alcohol and drug free event. Stephanie James and Eve Richardson took on this job and it quickly became a great success, running every second Wednesday for the past year. When they graduated in 2005, I took over the job as it had become very popular and the owner, Ding Peterson, was happy to offer his coffee shop once again.

The "Open Mic" is a great place for young musicians and artists to perform as it is very supportive of those who are new or inexperienced and are getting up in front of a live audience for the first time. We have kept it an acoustic venue and encourage poetry readings and improvisations

as well as music. The friendly atmosphere encourages people from different crowds to socialize and the evenings often end up with a "jam session" in which many, even those without instruments, take part.

Since South Cowichan doesn't have a movie theatre or evening bus to town, this offers something fun and positive for local youth. This event has been running for over a year now without any problems to speak of. It has always been a safe and respectful place and we hope that parents will continue their support. Parents are also welcome to come in and check it out.

We are always looking for new performers. Just show up or you can e-mail [bigezee\\_openmic@hotmail.com](mailto:bigezee_openmic@hotmail.com) for more information. We postponed our "Open Mic" during February due to end of term work and exams. It now continues bi-weekly.

**For complete information about the school, visit our web site at [fkss.ca](http://fkss.ca).**



**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

**8:00 p.m.** Dry Grad Parents' Meeting in library (*note time change*)

**Fri. March 10, 2006**

Day in lieu (school not in session)

**March 13-17, 2006**

Spring Break

**Wed. March 22, 2006**

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

**Monday, April 3, 2006**

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

**Thursday, April 13, 2006**

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

**Friday, April 14, 2006**

Good Friday (school not in session)

**Monday, April 17, 2006**

Easter Monday (school not in session)

**April 20-21, 2006**

Provincial Exams

**Friday, April 21, 2006**

"Earn Your Wings" Assessment

**Wednesday, April 26, 2006**

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

**Saturday, April 29, 2006**

Dry Grad Silent Auction/Garage Sale

**Monday, April 3, 2006**

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

**Monday, May 1, 2006**

Monthly report issued with newsletter

**Friday, May 5, 2006**

Pro-D Day (school not in session)

**Thursday, May 11, 2006**

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

**Monday, May 22, 2006**

Victoria Day (school not in session)

**Wednesday, May 24, 2006**

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

**Monday, June 5, 2006**

Monthly report issued with newsletter

# Scholarships and Bursaries

by Jeff Rowan, Vice-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 your counsellor as soon as possible. Applications are being accepted **now**. Don't wait!

Any of our students going to Malaspina University-College or Camosun College should be aware of the Irving K. Barber Award for students who study close to their home at a college and transition to university after that.

As part of the CAPP 12 program, all grade 12's have attended one 'W' block workshop on Resumes/Scholarships/Bursaries. **Students at Kelsey have access to up to**

**\$120,000 of scholarships and bursaries offered from our community.** These workshops covered all local scholarships and bursaries.

Students can access the scholarships/bursaries any time at [www.fkss.ca](http://www.fkss.ca) (see Scholarship Info under Parents or Students tab) and begin the process of applying for local scholarships and bursaries, all of which are due to Ms. Wheeler in the Counselling Office by Friday, March 24. Students who require Ms. Wheeler to photocopy their package, please note that the photocopy deadline is March 21. 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 "Resumes, Scholarships, and Bursaries" booklet which all grade 12's have received. See Mr. Rowan if you were unable to attend one of these sessions.

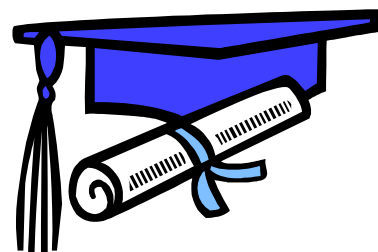
Do you need help? Resume help and assistance with your cover letter is available Thursdays, after school. See Mr. Rowan or Mrs. Munday.

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 Mr. Rowan. All dates should be checked at each source's site.

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

- University of Alberta Leadership Scholarship
- Coast Capital Savings Credit Union Scholarship
- Re/Max of Western Canada Quest for Excellence
- Malaspina University-College Entrance Scholarships & Awards
- Dalhousie University (Alumni, First Nations & Indigenous Black, Lockward Memorial, and Shatford Memorial Trust Scholarships)
- Guide Outfitters Association of BC Scholarship
- BC Soccer Association Scholarship
- BC Hydro Scholarship
- The Art Institute of Vancouver Scholarship
- University of British Columbia Waikiki Aekae Uniona Entrance Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences Scholarship
- Certified General Accountants Association of British Columbia Scholarship
- British Columbia Institute of Technology Entrance Awards
- British Columbia Cattlemen's Association (Gung Loy Jim Scholarship, Martin Riedemann Bursary, RBC Dominion Securities Criterion Capital Group Bursary, and BCCA Bursary)



Websites of interest:

- BC Colleges/Universities scholarships: [www.scholarships.canada.com](http://www.scholarships.canada.com); [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com); [www.bcawards.online.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.bcawards.online.sd61.bc.ca)
- Online applications in BC: [www.pas.bc.ca](http://www.pas.bc.ca)
- Canadian Universities and Colleges: [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)

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by Jane Morris, President  
FKPAC

## FKPAC EMAIL ADDRESS!

Yes, we have joined the techno generation and have our own

email address.

Thanks to the school district, we are now online and have been sending out information emails to the parents whose email addresses we have. We plan to use this tool for sending out bulletins of upcoming events of interest to parents, the minutes from the PAC meetings, and so on. We promise to try not to bombard you with things and will only send mass emails to 'undisclosed recipients' so addresses are not accessible. If you have not received any emails from us and would like to or have and would prefer not to, please send a note

## FKPAC

Please come and join us at our next meeting on:  
Wednesday  
March 22 at 7:00 p.m.  
in the school library

to [fkpac@sd79.bc.ca](mailto:fkpac@sd79.bc.ca). We need you to give us your email address and the name and grade of your student(s) so we can add you to the correct list.

The next PAC meeting is March 22, 2006 at 7:00 in the Library.

## "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 Linda O'Neil at 743-7866 or Counsellor Janice Rose at 743-6980 anonymously if they know of a student in need of our support.

The project has available a great selection of gowns for loan, free tuxedo rentals, hair and makeup services, and shoes.

This year there is a terrific opportunity for any young woman wanting to rent her dress from the "Prom Project" for a nominal fee instead of buying one.

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

## 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

## 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.



*Dry Grad date is set!.....Friday, June 30*

*What is it? ... Dry Grad is a safe and fun party for graduating students*

*When? ... It is held after the walk-up ceremony at Frances Kelsey*

*Who?... Parents host it*

*How are funds raised? ...*

**Fundraising events and local businesses' donations**

*What is Dry Grad's major fundraiser?....*

**Silent Auction and Garage Sale on Saturday, April 29 at Frances Kelsey Secondary**

Would you or your employer be willing to donate an item or service for sale at the Silent Auction? Even if half of the grad families donate to the Silent Auction, we would have over 100 items. What can you donate? Besides the obvious (merchandise or a gift certificate) why not pledge to do a half day of yard work, bake a birthday cake, do some sewing, mending, vehicle repair, babysitting, word processing, computer upgrading, or anything else for which you have a flare. Donate your talent! The Grads will run a car wash and food sale at the same time.

At the March 9<sup>th</sup> Parent-Teacher Conferences, we will be selling Country Grocer certificates which can be purchased for their face value, then applied towards purchases at any Country Grocer location. Country Grocer

**Dry Grad**

An invitation to parents of all 2005-2006 graduating students: please come and join us at our next meeting on Thursday, March 9 at **8:00 p.m.** in the school library  
*(note time change)*

donates a percentage of the certificates to the Dry Grad committee. (Cash sales only.) Please remember that we are collecting Island Farms UPC codes as well as Sports Trader and Canadian Tire coupons in the box on the Grad Board outside the Counselling Office.

For more information, call Frank Minchin, Dry Grad President, at 743-7490.



# FKSS Career Centre News

**March 2006**

**RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS**

- Lifetimer Boats - Welding
- S.P.C.A. - office assistance
- Cowichan Stn. School – Montessori Education
- Cobble Hill Veterinary Clinic – Vet & Assistant
- Day Sail – Navy Careers Mar 9

**ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP - March 2 - 5**

Madi Walter and Rebecca Gulliver are attending

**ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA in Ottawa**

Erika Friese - Science & Technology

**ART INSTITUTE OF VANCOUVER**

**S.W.E.A.T. PROGRAM (March 20-24)**

- Music Creation** Joel Collard and Jesse Elliott
- Fashion Design** Caroline Henriksen and Sara Yarwood

**CAMOSUN COLLEGE Open House: Apr 27**

**MALASPINA UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE INFO NIGHTS**

**Cowichan Campus - 7:00**

- March 15 - University Programs
- March 15 - Adult Upgrading

**Nanaimo Campus - 7:30**

- March 9 - Physical Education
- March 13 - Forest Resources Technology
- March 14 - Carpentry/Framer Technician
- March 16 - Aboriginal University-College

**POLICE CAMP**

Brandon Peltier and Jodi Shephard will attend

**SKILLS CANADA**

**Regionals: Mar 31 Camosun College**

- Teams are entered in the following competitions
- Jr. Gravity Car
- Graphics
- Welding
- Video

# FRANCES KELSEY SCHOOL DRY GRAD

## *ITEMS WANTED*

for  
**GARAGE SALE & SILENT AUCTION**  
on Saturday, April 29,  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Silent Auction items, new or as new
  - Garage Sale items including quality furniture & small appliances in good condition
  - NOT ACCEPTED: large appliances, suitcases, clothing, mattresses, computers, non-repairable items
- Suggested sale items include:
- Books, games, toys, CD's
  - Camping gear, sports equipment
  - Tools, hardware, quality furniture
  - Garden items, plants
  - Household items, small appliances

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**Please detach and return to the coupon box on the  
Grad Board outside the Counselling Office**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can help with set-up on Friday, April 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can help at the Garage Sale or Silent Auction on Saturday, April 29

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

**For more information, contact Kathy at 743-2228 or Nancy at 743-4166**