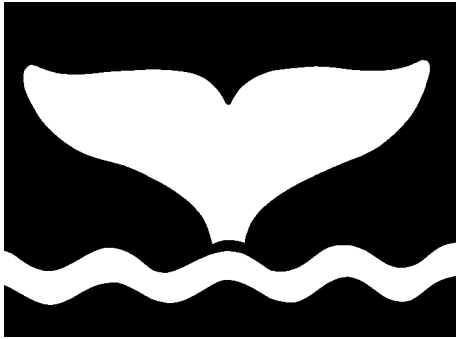


# THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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## Kelsey Plays the Province!

By Mark Jackson, Coach

This article was written on November 28<sup>th</sup> – prior to the “AAAA Provincial Tournament”.

The Kelsey Senior Girls Volleyball team recently won the AAAA Island Championships. This is the first time in the history of our school that we have reached this high a level of play in Senior Girls Volleyball and having done so now qualifies us for the “AAAA Provincials” which will be held at Handsworth and Argyle Secondary Schools in North Vancouver. The team will be travelling on Wednesday, November 29 to participate in the four day event. We are ranked 11<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams going into the tournament but we hope to place in the top five, and potentially win the entire event. The girls have worked particularly hard all season

and have shown great dedication and commitment to their team mates. A grueling schedule which has included 6:00 a.m. and after-school practices, 3 times a week, combined with many weekend tournaments, has helped to prepare the team very well. Despite the demanding schedule the team members have maintained academic standing and managed their time very well in order to represent the school at this Provincial level. The girls are great ambassadors in their community and have really put the school on the map in our province.



**NEWS UPDATE: Our team finished 4th in the Province!  
Well done, girls! We are very proud of you.**



### Kelsey Calendar

**Mon. December 4, 2006**  
Monthly report card issued with newsletter

**Sat. December 9, 2006**  
Grad bottle drive

**Tues. December 12, 2006**  
7:00 p.m. Dry Grad Parents' meeting in library

**Tues. December 19, 2006**  
6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Band concert in dome  
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Choir concert in theatre

**Wed. December 20, 2006**  
7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

**Fri. December 22, 2006**  
Last day of classes before Christmas

**Mon. January 8, 2007**  
First day of classes, 2007

**Wed. January 10, 2007**  
7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

**Sat. January 13-Sat. January 20, 2007**  
Grad portraits

**Mon. January 15, 2007**  
Monthly report card issued with newsletter

**Wed. January 17, 2007**  
1:05 p.m. dismissal. Professional Learning Community

**January 29-February 2, 2007**  
Grade 10 and 12 Provincial Exams

**Wed. January 31, 2007**  
Last day of term 1 classes



# Scholarships and Bursaries

By Jeff Rowan, Vice-Principal

· All Grade 12 students should be regularly checking the [www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca) website for updated scholarship and bursary information.

· Information sessions for local scholarships and bursaries, which are available only to Kelsey students, will be offered beginning in February.

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

- "Authors of Tomorrow" (Elder & Leemaar Publishers)
- Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation's Millennium Excellence Award Program
- University of Alberta Academic Excellence Scholarship Competition
- Burger King Scholars
- House of Commons Page Program for students attending a National Capital Region University in September, 2007
- Wendy's Classic Achiever Scholarship Program
- Certified Management Accountants Scholarship Competition
- Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program
- Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program
- University of Guelph President's Scholarships and the Lincoln Alexander Chancellor's Scholarships



## Our New Staff

We are pleased to announce that Educational Assistant Mrs. Bonnie Williams has joined the Frances Kelsey Secondary School staff. Welcome, Mrs. Williams!

## Red Cross Club

By Kirsten Gellein, Student

Happy Holidays from the Red Cross Club! At this moment, the Red Cross Club is holding our annual food drive, from November 20<sup>th</sup> to December 18<sup>th</sup>. All donations go to the Mill Bay Food Bank, which partly relies on our contributions to feed local people in need. The club has decided to donate one hundred dollars to the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) in order to buy mosquito nets for people who are

vulnerable to malaria in Sierra Leone. Malaria, which means "bad air", is a parasite that travels through female mosquitoes, which then breed and multiply, and continue to spread the disease. Its main victims are children, the elderly, and people with low immune systems. Once a person has contracted the parasite, they will show signs of a fever, shaking, trembling, and sweating. In Sierra Leone, two hundred fifty children will die out of one

thousand births, and thirty eight percent of these children die from malaria. Approximately sixty-nine thousand children's lives have been saved so far by the CRC, and hopefully our donation will help to raise that number. For an update, our sponsor child, Joseph Omega Oyoko, from Kenya, has greatly benefited from our donations as his health continues to improve.

Thanks for your support and have a good break!

## 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.



# Dry Grad

Dry Grad fundraising is heating up as we head into the cold season. Here's what we've got going on:

Next time you're at Frances Kelsey, check the **Grad Board** just inside the main entrance. You'll see a box attached to the board where you can donate **UPC labels** from all **Island Farms** products (we receive cash back for them), as well as **Canadian Tire** and **Sports Traders** money. These are easy ways to help our Grads, so please save those UPC labels and consider donating some of your store "cash."

We also have certificates

available from **Country Grocer**, and every time you use one, the store will donate a percentage back in cash to our Dry Grad fund. It costs you nothing! Call Karen Coward at 743-9895 to arrange to pick yours up.

**Attention**, all coffee drinkers! **Serious Coffee** roasts great varieties that make popular gifts (and don't forget yourself). See the forms at the back of the Whale's Tale and choose your favourite roasts. Maybe take a form to work or friends and family. They'll get superb coffee – with extra enjoyment in each cup, knowing they're sharing with the kids.

Our **Silent Auction & Garage Sale** will be held in the spring. If you or your business would like to

support Dry Grad by donating an item, or with a cash donation, please call Kelly Slade at 743-4747. Our school families include many talented craftspeople and business owners, and this is a wonderful way to support our kids. Thank you!

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 12th at 7 p.m.** in the Kelsey library. All parents of Grads are most welcome. Meetings end by 8 p.m.

**DRY GRAD**

Please come and join us at our next meeting on:  
**Tuesday**  
**December 12, 2006**  
**at 7:00 p.m.**  
**in the school library**

## Grad News

By **Skye Augustine, Student**

This year's Grad is off to a great start. "Gotcha!" was a successful spirit raising activity which ran from November 20-24 and we are looking at having another session in the spring. Student and parent volunteers are needed for the bottle drive on December 9. Participants can sign up on the Grad Board and bottles can be dropped off at the school between 10:30 am and 2:00 pm on that day. Our annual Grad Skate is on December 12 and is bound to be fun. For the first time ever, our school is offering Grad Rings. More information about the rings as well as other "Grad Gear" is upcoming. Make sure you check out the Grad Board regularly to stay up-to-date on Grad events.



## Self-Reporting Begins for Grade 12 Students

Beginning October 2, current Grade 12 students may self-report their final Grade 11 marks to the University of Victoria and potentially receive a conditional offer of admission for September 2007 as early as this fall.

Eligible students must apply for admission to UVic online at <http://registrar.uvic.ca>, then visit [www.uvic.ca/self-reporting](http://www.uvic.ca/self-reporting) to self-report their final Grade 11 marks. Marks must be submitted to UVic by December 15, 2006. Students whose final Grade 11 marks average between 85% and 89% (88% for writing students) will be offered conditional admission. Any student whose average is 90% or better will also be rewarded with a guaranteed scholarship of \$1,000.

## Clubs and Activities

Besides the Clubs and Activities listed in previous Whale's Tales, the following is also now being offered:

Jr and Sr co-ed ice hockey  
Practices: Wednesday 2:30 at Kerry Park Game schedule – see Mr. Wilkinson

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by CJ Kubica, President  
FKPAC

Our final PAC meeting of 2006 will be held on Wednesday,

December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library. We invite you to join us for cookies and coffee as we make a few necessary budget decisions.

As the holidays draw near we encourage you to enjoy time with your family and friends – traditions are borne through the actions of our children, sometimes without our realizing it has happened. Holiday concerts, programs and parties quickly fill our days but create memories to cherish. On behalf

**FKPAC**  
Please come and join us at our next meeting on:  
**Wednesday  
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in the school  
library**

of the PAC executive, we wish you happy holidays.

## Notes from the Dance Room

By Judy MacLeod, Teacher

Dance students get the irony of the title of this column. We are now the proud owners of six small CD players, two boom boxes and one MP3/IPOD converter. We have many notes coming from the dance room,

ALL AT THE SAME TIME!

Kelsey 2006 Grad, Dominique Chiasson, has been in to do two Hip-Hop sessions. She has choreographed a great number that we hope to perform en masse in January in the term end show. Both Lifts and Partnering

dances are finished and being polished. West Side Story music fills all the other waking hours.

If anyone has a dressmaker's dummy that we could borrow please call and leave a message for either Mr. Carr or Mrs. MacLeod. We need three of them for props in West Side.

## Career Centre News

### Career Planning:

- **VANCOUVER ISLAND CAREER FAIR - Dec 7 -** Grade 11's may sign up in the Career Centre. Details of the event are posted at [www.educationcareerfairs.com](http://www.educationcareerfairs.com) **Extra tickets are available for parents.**
- **PORTFOLIO PRESENTATIONS** – Dec 14 early presentation date. Sign up in the Career Centre. Next date is April 25, 2007.

### Student Work Experience Opportunities:

- **S.W.E.A.T. 2007** (Structured Work Experience and Training) – March 19 – 22, 2007. Mini courses in Entertainment Technology, Design, Media, Culinary Arts, and Fashion Design lead by Industry-Trained Professionals. Register before December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **SHAD VALLEY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM** – Application deadlines December 11, 2006 & January 15, 2007. An opportunity to network and be creative in business, sciences, and computers at a post secondary level. [www.shad.ca/](http://www.shad.ca/)

### Looking for a Christmas Gift Idea?

Munchies, the school store, has hoodies (\$40) and pants (\$35) for sale. Call Miss Coulthard at 743-6916, local 309, and that's another gift looked after!

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### WWWhale's Tale on the WWWeb

Students were recently asked if their home would prefer a paper or electronic copy of the monthly Whale's Tale. This month's copy, including back-issues, may be accessed through the school website, [www.fkss.ca](http://www.fkss.ca).