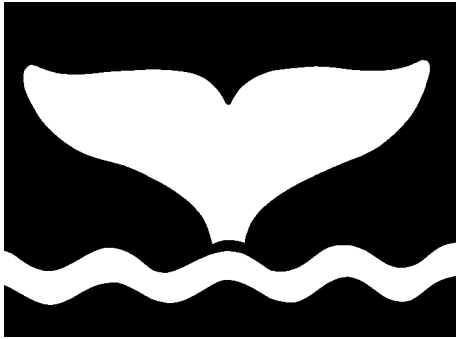


# THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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## Balance Day 2006/2007

If you are like some parents you possibly read the Kelsey sign last week or you had your child come home with a story of what they did at "Balance Day" and wondered what it was all about. This year Kelsey students and staff attended our Second Annual Balance Day on Wednesday, February 21st.

Our Balance Day grew from our School Planning Council (SPC) #1 goal: *To increase student performance by improving WELLNESS (physical, emotional and social health.)* A committee of four parents CJ Kubica, Anne Marie Thornton, Nola Beecroft and Wendy Thomas began meeting late last fall with the student Balance Committee under the guidance of Jeff Rowan, vice-principal. Through community contact from the previous Balance Day in October 2005, people we know in the community, and people who approached us, we were able to put together an amazing selection of health topics. Student choices included session topics ranging from such things as resume writing, job interview skills, psycho-cybernetics, wheelchair basketball, money management, chiropractic, hair and skin care and Nordic walking. There were over 50 sessions students could choose from in 3 different breakaway sessions and a choice of 2 different keynote

speakers.

Keynote sessions were delivered by Brenda Taylor, 2 time Olympic Gold medalist in 4's and 8's in rowing in 1992 in Barcelona. She shared with all who attended, a viewing of her 4's race and her Olympic Gold Medal. The energy in the large gym was amazing as the students watched the race and the medal presentation and heard "Oh Canada" being played again. Even though every single one of us in that room knew the outcome of the race, we all still cheered. She spoke perfectly to the theme of the day in finding a "balance" in your life. She shared the balance she needed to obtain for her training schedule during her Olympic year, a mixture of friends, family, different training styles and even food choices. Her main message to the kids was to find something you truly love to do and do it.

Our second keynote was by Joseph Borkovic, who is a local environmentalist and entrepreneur. He shared his rags to riches story with the students, hoping to motivate all who attended to do



### *Kelsey Calendar*

**Mon. March 5, 2007**

Second formal report issued with newsletter

**Fri. March 9, 2007**

FKSS hosts Family Fun Literacy Night 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Duncan Mall

**Tues. March 13, 2007**

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

**Wed. March 14, 2007**

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

**Thurs. March 15, 2007**

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

**Fri. March 16, 2007**

Day in lieu (school not in session)

**March 19 - 23, 2007**

Spring Break

**Wed. March 28, 2007**

1:05 p.m. dismissal. Professional Learning Community

**Mon. April 2, 2007**

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

**Fri. April 6, 2007**

Good Friday (school not in session)

**Mon. April 9, 2007**

Easter Monday (school not in session)

**Wed. April 11, 2007**

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

**Sat. April 14, 2007**

Dry Grad Silent Auction/Garage Sale

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

something to help save our planet.

The students left the day having been fed with a bag lunch, receiving an FKSS pen and waterbottle generously supplied by PAC raised funds.

The parent organizing committee would like to extend a huge thank you to all who supported the event either by attending, by presenting or doing some of the necessary background work. Our event would not have been nearly as successful if it wasn't for you and all your hard work. Thank you and merci from the parent organizing committee: CJ

Kubica, Anne Marie Thornton, Nola Beecroft and Wendy Thomas.

Our next PAC meeting will be in the Kelsey library at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14.

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*On behalf of the school, I would like to acknowledge all those who contributed to our recent Balance Day. The success of this event was made possible by the commitment of teachers, clerical, EA's, parents, students, and janitorial. The school members of the Balance Committee are Max Amos, Megan Baker, Alan Beecroft,*

*Marcie Callewaert, Justin Morrison, Theo Prentice, Erica Swain, Jeff Rowan and Ian Grbavec. The parent organizing committee of CJ Kubica, Anne Marie Thornton, Nola Beecroft and Wendy Thomas all made the commitment of time and energy to make Kelsey's Second Balance Day such a resounding success. This day was a tremendous experience for Kelsey's students and staff as well as for those people from the community who were involved. The duo of "wellness and balance" is a critical need in every person's daily life.*

*Marilyn Sandford, Principal*

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## New Staff

We are pleased to announce that Ken Savard has joined our staff as our new Aboriginal Support Worker. Welcome to Kelsey, Ken.

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## 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? Please see your counsellor as soon as possible. Applications are being accepted **now**. Don't wait!!

At this time, all Grade 12's should have attended one of the workshop seminars 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 these 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 Wednesday, March 28. Students who require Ms. Wheeler to photocopy their package, please note that the photocopy deadline is March 26. 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. 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, 2007, are available in the library filing cabinet:

- University of Alberta Leadership Scholarships
- Malaspina University-College Entrance Scholarships and Awards
- Vancouver Film School
- Coast Capital Savings Credit Union Citizenship Awards and Standing Tall Awards

- Irving K. Barber Scholarship Program
- BC Amateur Hockey Association Scholarships
- BC Hydro Scholarships
- Art Institute of Vancouver



Websites of interest:

BC Colleges/Universities scholarships: [www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca) , [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)  
[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

Online applications in BC: [www.pas.bc.ca](http://www.pas.bc.ca)

Canadian Universities and Colleges: [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)



*It's officially Spring Cleaning time!* Please save your clear-out specials for our Dry Grad Silent Auction & Garage Sale, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We want your fun, useful and "interesting" items, including: furniture and small appliances in good condition, books, games, toys, CD's, videos, camping gear, sports equipment, tools, hardware, garden items, plants, gifts you've received that just aren't "you" but would be treasured by someone... and more. (We cannot accept large appliances, mattresses, clothing, suitcases, dinosaur computers, or anything that doesn't work.)

So mark April 14<sup>th</sup> on your calendars, for a fun day of bargain hunting, along with a car wash and food too! The April 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Dry Grad

Whale's Tale will give the date and place to drop off your items, or call Kelly Slade at 743-4747.

If you have an item for the Silent Auction or would like to donate cash, please call coordinator Betty Wood at 743-2300 or email [bettywood@shaw.ca](mailto:bettywood@shaw.ca)

The **Dry Grad Raffle** will be also coming up soon. The **Grand Prize** this year is a **1993 Daytona** donated by Bow-Mel Chrysler! Watch for info on where to get your tickets...

We have certificates available from **Country Grocer** and Smile Cards from **Thrifty Foods**. Every time you use one, they'll donate a percentage back to our Dry Grad fund. It costs you nothing! Call Karen Coward at 743-9895 to arrange to pick yours up. We also collect Canadian Tire money and

### 2006-2007 DRY GRAD MEETING

Tuesday, March 13  
 7:00 p.m. in the  
 Kelsey library  
 Everyone welcome  
 For more information  
 please call 743-4747

Island Farms UPC codes in the Dry Grad box on the Grad Board located to the right of the main entrance – painless!

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. (in the Kelsey library). Come on out and have fun helping our grads! Meetings end by 8 p.m.

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### 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.

## Summer School Announcement

This advance notice is to advise that there is a strong possibility that summer school will not be offered by the School District this year. This tentative decision is based on the Supreme Court ruling that no fees may be charged for any course work leading towards graduation credits.

If there should be a change in legislation on course fees around summer school, we will inform students immediately. However, at this point, Summer School will not be offered in School District #79 this year.

## "Keep on Your Toes for Kelsey's West Side Story!"

### By Paige Erickson, Student

*West Side Story* was written by Arthur Laurents and set in New York City during the 1950's. Frances Kelsey's production, which ran from February 13<sup>th</sup> to February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 was masterfully directed by Roger Carr and delightfully choreographed by Judy MacLeod and Heather Campbell.

There was a perfect blend of talent, dance, and song that carried Kelsey's first production of this modern day rendition of *Romeo and Juliet*. The student performers would not be brought down by flu season or by exams, and their dedication to each character and to the group was flawless. In this 1950's interpretation of Shakespeare's tragedy, the Montagues and Capulets were seen as two New York City gangs, the American Jets and Puerto Rican Sharks. One gang was as stubborn as the other and both of them were fighting

for the same cause which was a neighbourhood to call their own.

The dynamic lead duo was played by Foster Richardson (Tony) and Brooke Anderson (Maria). Tony, the contemporary Romeo, was the leader and co-founder of the Jets gang. He fell in love at first sight with Maria, the pure and naïve Juliet, who is also the younger sister of Bernardo, the leader of the rival Sharks gang. The two young lovers meet at a dance and are instantly drawn to each other, being the only ones wearing white.

The intimate details that were put into each setting were constant throughout the performance. The changes from one scene to the next were smooth and seemed effortless. The sets, though simple, were beautifully crafted and thoroughly thought out. The large groups adapted to each setting seamlessly.

### FKPAC

Please come and join us at our next meeting on  
Wednesday, March 14  
7:00 p.m. in the  
Kelsey library

The rare male-heavy cast was well balanced by their female counterpart with a large crew involved of almost 100 students working on the play; the chemistry between the two groups was fun loving and perfectly juvenile. Even small roles within the gangs brought heavy talent. The Puerto Rican girls' musical number, "I Like to be in America" was a delight. The flamboyant young women flounced around the stage, ruffling their dresses as they yelped and mamboed across the floor. The exquisitely cast Puerto Rican couple of Bernardo, played by Garry Garneau, and Anita, played by Leslie Whittaker, had a number of steamy and playful dances together that were some of the most captivating moments of the show.

One of the themes of this tragic love story, "gaining knowledge through tragedy", was illustrated flawlessly through this harmonious cast.

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**The Cowichan Adult Learning Centre** is now offering an evening program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. Courses include Math 12, English 12, Biology 12 and electives. For more info please call 746-0277.

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## School Bus Registration for 2007/08

As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 all Parents/Guardians with children currently registered for school bus transportation for 2006/07 will have received a pre-printed form with information the Transportation Department has on file for your child. The reverse of this form will have instructions and information for school bus registration for the 2007/

08 school year.

If you do not receive a pre-printed form by April 15<sup>th</sup>, or you have a child who does not currently ride the bus but will require busing for September 2007, please pick up a registration form from your school office.

These forms should be returned to

your school **no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>**, as we are currently working on 2007/08 busing and early registration will assist us in determining school bus routes and requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Heather at the Transportation office at 748-1066, extension 272.