

THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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The Importance of Choosing Courses Wisely For Students Entering Grades 10 and 12

By Janice Rose, Counsellor

Well, here we go again! It's almost time for course selection for the 2007/2008 school year and there are many important decisions to be made. With so many options to choose from, just where does one begin?

We try to encourage our students to talk to teachers to find out just what the various courses have to offer, what they entail, and how they may be of help in the future.

The first consideration, of course, is choosing the courses that are required for graduation. Students entering Grade 10, 11, and 12 are on the Graduation Program which is well-explained in our course selection booklet.

It is usually at this time that students ask, "Do I have to take a second language as one of my electives?" A second language to the Grade 11 level is a requirement if a student intends to go directly from secondary school to certain faculties at some universities. It is

not required if a student attends a university/college (i.e. Malaspina) before going to a university. However, there are many other jobs or training facilities which require *specific* languages. The Canadian Coast Guard, for example, requires that their trainees have French 12. Counsellors are able to provide students with up to date information regarding language requirements.

The program a student takes should be considered as a package of courses designed to meet the requirements of the student's post-secondary choice. This requires a good deal of research and all students are asked to meet with their counsellors to ensure that they are "covering their bases", so to speak.

It should also be mentioned that Grade 10 students are well informed as to the variety

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Kelsey Calendar

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)

Tues. April 10, 2007

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

Wed. April 11, 2007

"Women in Politics" presentation by MP Jean Crowder during Z block

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Sat. April 14, 2007

Dry Grad Silent Auction/Garage Sale
Grad Car Wash/Barbeque

April 19 & 20, 2007

Grade 10 and 12 Provincial Exams

Sun. April 22, 2007

Grad Bottle Drive 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Wed. April 25, 2007

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

Thurs. April 26, 2007

7:00 p.m. "Brick by Brick" Benefit Concert in theatre

Fri. May 4, 2007

Pro-D Day (school not in session)

Mon. May 7, 2007

Monthly report issued with newsletter

Tues. May 8, 2007

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

of options available through a course called Planning 10. Specifically, this course is designed to assist students in choosing their pathway through secondary school.

It is crucial that students make informed choices when selecting courses. A good rule of thumb is to choose those in the student's area of interest. Researching and finding out as much as possible about the various programs available avoids wasting time and having to change timetables mid-way through the year.

As we all know, students often change their minds about their priorities and so it is essential that they take responsibility for finding out the particular requirements of any post-secondary programs that may be of interest. These requirements vary from institution to institution and often

change frequently with little lead time. It is essential that students keep up with post-secondary information and we expect to see our senior students in our career centre on a regular basis, using the internet and post-secondary calendars for information. Grade 10 students should also introduce themselves to the Career Centre and parents are always welcome as well.

In order to be accepted at some universities or to be considered for certain scholarships, applicants often need specific courses. Once again the students must be proactive and diligent in seeking the information necessary to ensure that they are not disappointed upon graduation. High marks are extremely important in considering university entrance and students must also take this fact into account.

For Bonner students coming to Kelsey we provide an excellent transition program during which they have the opportunity to attend a presentation on **Tuesday, April 3**. Included is a general introduction by teacher advisors, followed by tours of the school with the help of peer counsellors. We often hear parents on those nights express the sentiment, "Gosh, I wish I were able to go to school now because there are so many wonderful courses to choose from!" That is, however, one factor that makes the process of choosing courses so difficult.

It is important to know that teachers and counsellors are always available for help with course selections. Both students and parents are encouraged to take advantage of this service.

Contact the Counselling office at 743-6980 for further information.

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Jeff Rowan, Vice-Principal

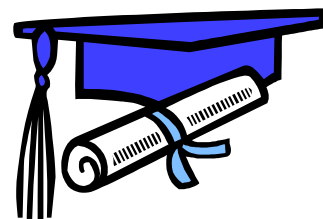
By now all Grade 12's should have completed the process of applying for local scholarships and bursaries, which were due to Ms. Wheeler in the Counselling Office on Wednesday, March 28th for photocopying. Transcripts

should have been ordered by students by Wednesday, March 28th and will be available on Friday, April 13th. The final deadline for submitting completed packages to Ms. Wheeler is Monday, April 16th and the monies will be awarded in June.

If parents and students have not yet viewed the BC Awards website, they should do so now. Use bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca. 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 April and May, 2007 are available in the library filing cabinet:

- BC Hydro Scholarships
- Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges
- BC School Trustees Association
- 5 Bursaries and Scholarships from the BC Cattlemen's Association
- Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity
- Art Institute of Vancouver
- RBC Royal Bank Financial Lifeskills Scholarships



Websites of interest:

- BC Colleges/Universities scholarships: www.scholarshipscanada.com, www.studentawards.com, www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca
- Online applications in BC: www.pas.bc.ca
- Canadian Universities and Colleges: www.schoolfinder.com

New Staff

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Skipper Sorenson has joined the Malaspina Culinary Arts Program as Instructional Assistant to Chef Aikman. Welcome to Kelsey, Skipper.



Less than two weeks to go until the **Dry Grad Silent Auction & Garage Sale** which will be on **Saturday, April 14** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring your old treasures and spring cleaning cast-offs to the school on **Thursday, April 5** between 6:30 and 8 p.m. or **Friday, April 13** between 6 and 8 p.m.

We welcome all useful and interesting items, including: furniture and small appliances in good condition, books, games, toys, CDs, videos, camping gear, sports equipment, tools, hardware, garden items, plants, gifts you've received that aren't "you" but would be appreciated by someone... and more. (We cannot accept large appliances, mattresses, clothing, suitcases,

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outdated computers, or anything that doesn't work.)

Then come to Kelsey on April 14 for a great day of bargain hunting, complete with a car wash and refreshments!

And if you have something suitable for our Silent Auction or would prefer to donate cash, please call coordinator Betty Wood at 743-2300 or email bettywood@shaw.ca

The **Dry Grad Raffle** will also be 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 still have certificates available from **Country Grocer** and Smile Cards from **Thrifty Foods**. Every time you use them,

2006-2007 DRY GRAD MEETING

Tuesday, April 10
7:00 p.m. in the
Kelsey library
Everyone welcome
For more information
please call 743-4747

these community-minded stores donate a percentage to our Dry Grad fund. Call Karen Coward at 743-9895 to arrange to pick yours up. We continue to collect **Canadian Tire** money and **Island Farms** UPC codes in the Dry Grad box on the Grad Board located to the right of the main entrance.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 10** at 7 p.m. (in the Kelsey library). Come on out and have fun helping our grads! Meetings end by 8 p.m.



"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
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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

Kelsey Cares

By Maxine Smith, Teacher

Over the first week in March, a group of Kelsey students showed their altruistic nature by participating in two fundraising activities. Janet Whitney-Brown, who is a member of the Global Issues Club organized a "No Chair" afternoon in order to raise funds for an orphanage in Swaziland established and operated by a man named **Sipho Mamba**. The monies raised will allow the orphanage to buy

furniture for the children's use.

A "No Speaking" day was also organized, to raise funds to help **Agnes Pareyio** educate Kenyans of human rights in their country. Over 100 students took part in each of these activities and raised approximately \$2200. These young altruists are to be commended for both their actions and the seriousness with which they applied themselves to the events. Congratulations to all who involved themselves. Further information on the charities mentioned can be found at www.solidsaltspring.com/C2C2.html#african

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Please come and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 11 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library

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Author Visit

By Sue Emblem, Teacher-Librarian

Recently, local author Dede Crane visited Kelsey to read from her teen novel "The 25 Pains of Kennedy Bains". Many students enjoyed this reading which was followed by a writers' workshop.

Dede has also written "Sympathy", a novel that focusses on a controversial new therapy for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder victims. Both of these works are available in the Kelsey library.

Student Art Show at "The Loft Gallery"

The show will feature silk paintings, watercolours and pencil crayon drawings.

Opens March 30th and runs for three weeks.

Come and support our visual arts department.



Build a School "Brick by Brick" Benefit Concert Kelsey Theatre - April 26th - 7:00 p.m.

By Foster Richardson, Student

This concert will be held as part of an ongoing effort to raise \$6,500 to fund the construction of a school in Sierra Leone. The "Free The Children" organization created in 1995 by Canadian child activist Craig Kielburger is going to sponsor our fundraising campaign. It is based on the concept that by building schools "brick by brick" and providing education, the cycle of

poverty and exploitation of children can be broken. This international network is both funded and driven by youth and through their actions more than 400 schools have already been built and over 35,000 children have received an education. Our goal is to both raise awareness and raise funds to build a school in impoverished Sierra Leone.

The concert will feature a variety of musical performances by Frances Kelsey students and all proceeds will be donated to the "Build a School" campaign. Please come out to enjoy the show and support this campaign.

Advance tickets (\$10) on sale in the dome starting next week.

Frances Kelsey Yearbook Pre-order

Don't be disappointed in June - reserve your copy of the yearbook now!

Fill out the order form below (one per student, please) and bring it and your \$30 to **Room 229** to place your order. **Orders will not be accepted at Munchies.** Make cheques payable to Frances Kelsey Secondary.

Name: _____ Advisor Name/No: _____ Cash

Please reserve my copy of the 2006-2007 yearbook at the cost of \$30.00

Cheque No. _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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2007 Frances Kelsey Yearbook Receipt

Payment received \$30.

Date: _____ Name: _____

Received by: _____

Retain this receipt (or your cancelled cheque) as proof of purchase. If you are paying with cash, please retain receipt until book distribution in June.

Trades - Your Future

PARENTS: Is Your Student Undecided About His Future? Might She be Interested in the World of Trades?

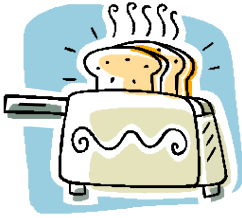
Learn about Trades, Apprenticeship, Work Experience opportunities and "Dual Credits" at the next PAC meeting on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the school library. Mrs. Dianne Munday, Kelsey's Career Centre Facilitator, will be in attendance to provide exciting information and to answer your questions. Also in attendance will be some of our Kelsey Apprenticeship students who will give first-hand accounts of their experiences. Occupations range from Health 110 and Culinary Arts to Carpentry Framing Technician, Heating, Ventilating, Air-Conditioning/Refrigeration, Machinist, Shipwright/Joiner, Electrician, Pipefitter, Welding, Sheet Metal, and Automotive.

Mark your calendar - you won't want to miss this presentation.

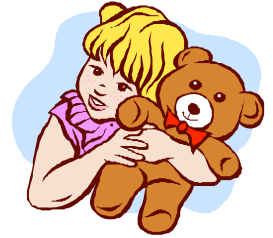
Library Resource Centre Update

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.



Frances Kelsey Dry Grad



Garage Sale & Silent Auction

Saturday, April 14 from 9 – 3

Car Wash!

Refreshments!

WANTED:

Your Old Treasures & Cast-offs!

Suggested Items:

books & games
toys, dolls & bears
household items
tools & hardware
small appliances
electrical items

videos & CDs
camping gear
sports equipment
quality furniture
crafts, fun hats, jewellery
garden items & plants

We cannot accept:

clothing
suitcases & mattresses
large appliances

dinosaur computers
unfixable things



**Drop-off Thurs. April 5, 6:30–8 pm behind school at Portable #7
or Friday, April 13, 6–8 pm at front entrance,
Frances Kelsey Secondary School, Shawnigan–Mill Bay Road**



FKSS Career Centre News

Career Planning:

- **CAMOSUN COLLEGE FIELD TRIP** – April 26. All students may sign up in Career Centre.
- **MALASPINA UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE TOUR Grade 10's** – May 16. Students get Planning 10, LG 14 credit. Students may sign up in Career Centre.

**LEARN ABOUT TRADE, APPRENTICESHIP,
AND WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR OUR STUDENTS
at the next PAC Meeting on April 11 at
7 p.m. in the School Library**

Camosun College South Island School Districts Partnership Programs 2007-2008

Camosun Programs	Program Requirements	Dates	Apply Deadline
Health 110 (1 evening/week over 14 weeks) at Lansdowne	To Enter: Proof of enrollment in English 12	Jan 2008 To Apr 2008	Nov 1
ACE IT Welding Level C (7 months fulltime)	To Enter: English 10, Math 10 P or A, Math 11, or assessment Work Experience	July 4 - Jan Or Feb - Aug & Monthly intakes	May 30 Dec 15
Entry Level Trades Training programs • Sheet metal • Cook • Framing Technician	Register as an ACE IT student. To Enter: Math and English requirements depending on program. See www.camosun.bc.ca website for more details on entry requirements	Sept 5 - Feb 28	June 30
ACE IT Automotive (Level 1) Cowichan Secondary & Automotive ELT at Interurban	Register as an ACE IT student. Successful completion of designated Auto courses and achieve at least 70% on level 1 exam Eng 11, Math 11 P or A	Start at Cow Sec. After Auto Tech 12 July & Aug at Camosun All at Camosun	See your Coun- sellor

Dual Credit Programs

With SD 79 & Malaspina

Programs start Sept 2007

Students can earn at least 16 Grade 12 credits towards graduation and their Level 1 Apprenticeship training.

- **Carpentry Framer Technician**
 - 30 weeks, Sept - Feb
 - Mon - Thurs, 8-3
 - Location: Roberts Road, Duncan
- **Culinary Arts**
 - 10 months, Sept - June
 - Tues - Fri, 7 - 2
 - Location: Frances Kelsey, Mill Bay
- **Heating, Ventilating, Air-Conditioning/Refrigeration**
 - 10 months, Sept - June
 - Mon - Thurs, 8 - 3
 - Location: Cowichan Secondary Duncan

Any student in Grade 10 or 11 this year, who is interested in any of these programs, see Mrs. Munday in the Career Centre.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE SECONDARY SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Grade 10, 11, & 12 students

MACHINIST SHIPWRIGHT/JOINER
ELECTRICIAN PIPEFITTER

Includes training, tools, and salary. Work during spring break and during the summer.
Deadline to apply: April 13, 2007

Student Work Experience Opportunities

Bamberton Historical Society – Volunteers needed.
Bench Fun Fair – Volunteers needed.
SS Apprenticeships in Small motors & Heavy duty at Friesen's Equipment



Youth Empowerment Forum: May 4 (Pro D Day). Interactive sessions will include Antidiscrimination First Aid, Violence/Abuse Prevention, Suicide Prevention, Relationships, Healthy Boundaries, Leadership, and Getting Active.

Does this sound like something that you would like to help plan? Come join the Cowichan Centre Youth Action Krew! Wednesdays @ CC Social Lounge!

Youth Dance: Friday, April 20 & June 8: 7-10 p.m. at the Cowichan Centre Heritage Hall, 10-15 yrs. Tickets on sale in advance and at the door.

BCRPA High Five Training: Do you work with Youth? Are you planning to? **Join us Saturday June 23:** This highly recognized quality assurance program is designed to help recreation and sport leaders promote healthy development of children, nurture safe environments and build relationships that foster child development and self-esteem. Learn how to design an activity plan. **More and more employers list HIGH FIVE as an employment prerequisite.**

Leaders In Training Program Sat. May 26 & June 2: Designed for youth who want to gain valuable skills and experience in recreation programs and special events.

For more information please contact Kristy Martin or Leah Rogerson (250) 746-0420 youthoutreach@cvrd.bc.ca

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by CJ Kubica, President
FKPAC

Just when we think we're getting a handle on what the Ministry decides regarding student education, everything changes!

Several items have come up
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relating to Bill 20 that have been discussed at recent School Board meetings. These include approval of specific student fees and the introduction of four new provincial "superintendents of achievement" to be appointed by Education Minister Shirley Bond. There is also discussion at the Board level concerning a publicly funded driver education program to be taught in the secondary schools in the Cowichan Valley. These topics will have an impact on us as parents and the Board is interested in our feedback.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the library. Participating in

PAC meetings gives parents the opportunity to respond to district and provincial issues as well as make decisions about how PAC money is spent. Recently, funds were approved for a mural for the gym wall, artwork depicting the school logo for the front entry and a dedication to Frances Kelsey. In addition, we have recently learned that our Bingo application has been approved once again for the next three years. This will allow us to provide additional funding in various ways.

Please join us at the meeting. We encourage your input and ideas.

