

# THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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## Leadership 2006-2007

**By Neelam Doman and Carla Peltier, Teachers**

Leadership is a year long, locally developed course, for students in Grades 10, 11 and 12. Our goal is to help students foster a better understanding of themselves and to create an understanding of the importance of leadership in today's society.

This year the students participated in a "Survivor" style event at Camp Pringle. The three day challenge, from April 25-April 27, 2007, involved competitions both mental and physical, which tested students' abilities to problem solve, demonstrate critical thinking, and to find the "leader within" themselves. The students were divided randomly into groups of

five or six the first night and were asked to create their team name, slogan, logo and cheer. Team names were T.N.T., Bursting Pumpkins, Flamin' Tsunamis, Kamikazi Krew, Hornets and Diversité.

On behalf of Frances Kelsey's Leadership 2006-07 class, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to the 2007 Camp Survivor Sponsors for their generous support and contributions. They have helped make this year's event a huge success. Thank you for helping make this opportunity available for our future leaders.



Photo by Mike Szaszik



### *Kelsey Calendar*

**Mon. May 7, 2007**

Monthly report issued with newsletter

**Tues. May 8, 2007**

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

**Wed. May 9, 2007**

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

**Thurs. May 10, 2007**

Final Portfolio Presentations by Grade 12 students

**Fri. May 11, 2007**

7:00-7:45 a.m. Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Mother Daughter Breakfast

**May 15-19, 2007**

2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Kelsey drama production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

**Mon. May 21, 2007**

Victoria Day (school not in session)

**Thurs. May 24, 2007**

7:00 p.m. Choir Concert

**Sat. May 26, 2007**

Grade 12 Formal Graduation Banquet

**Wed. May 30, 2007**

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

**Thurs. May 31, 2007**

7:00 p.m. "Build a School" Dessert Night in the dome

**Mon. June 4, 2007**

Monthly report issued with newsletter

**Wed. June 13, 2007**

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

**June 13 and 15, 2007**

7:00 p.m. Kelsey drama production of *The Rimers of Eldritch*

**Thurs. June 14, 2007**

7:00 p.m. Grade 12 Scholarship and Bursary Awards Evening and Reception

**Wed. June 20, 2007**

Last day of classes

**June 20-28, 2007**

Provincial Exams

**Fri. June 29, 2007**

6:30 p.m. Graduation Ceremony and Walk-Up with Dry Grad Party to follow

# Scholarships and Bursaries

By Jeff Rowan, Vice-Principal

The local Scholarship and Bursary application process is now complete and we are extremely pleased with the participation of our Grade 12 class with over half of our students applying for awards. One hundred and six awards are being offered and the selection process is now under way. Scholarships and Bursaries

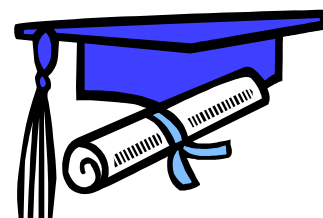
will be presented at an Awards Night on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Frances Kelsey School starting at 7 p.m. Congratulations to all who have applied for the local awards! I would encourage all Grade 12 students to continue to search for awards using [www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca/](http://www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca/) because there

are still many non-local scholarships and bursaries available.

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 May and June, 2007 are available in the library filing cabinet:

- RBC Royal Bank Financial Lifeskills Scholarships
- 2007 Apple Scholars Program
- Canadian Health Care Academy Inc.
- Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC Foundation
- United Steelworkers Education Fund
- David Ellis/United Steelworkers Scholarship



Websites of interest:

- BC Colleges/Universities scholarships: [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com), [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com), [www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.bcawardsonline.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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## Parents/Students - - - - HELP! HELP! HELP! RE: Textbooks and Library Books

Parents, we need your help! When you are doing your annual spring cleaning, painting, turning out of cupboards, drawers, sweeping out from under the beds and yearly major cleanup and upheaval, please check for any **school textbooks and library books**. Many of these go missing every year and the amount adds up to thousands of dollars.

*Did you know that the average costs of textbooks for students are:*

Grade 9	\$500.00
Grade 10	\$850.00
Grade 11	\$1,000.00
Grade 12	\$1,200.00

If a student at the senior level is taking senior sciences, math, English, Spanish, and English

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literature, the cost could be as high as \$1800.00. Each student will possibly use a total of up to 50 different textbooks while they are at Kelsey. This does not include the cost of any resource books, library books or videos, etc. As you can imagine, having 1200 students in the school taking up to nine courses a year out of the 350 courses offered, the number of textbooks and resources we have is stupendous.

The cost of most of our textbooks now averages \$100.00 per text with some of the senior science and humanities texts being as high as \$200.00 each. As well, many students require a graphing calculator in the Principles of Math courses at the



grades 10, 11 and 12 levels at the cost of \$150.00 each. The small deposit of \$25.00 per student for textbooks does not begin to cover the recovery replacement of lost texts.

If you already have students at the post secondary level you will know the very high cost of textbooks for this education. Please help us find as many of our lost textbooks as you can. **Drop them into the front office at any time from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily or send them with your students.**

Also, if you know of any parents

of students who have left Kelsey, could you please ask them to do a thorough check of

their home for any textbooks or other resources. It is never too late to return them. Thank you in

advance for any help you can give this urgent request.

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## Grad Year-End Activities "Who's in Charge?"

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By Marilyn Sandford, Principal

*Grad Banquet  
Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>*

This is organized exclusively by the student grad committee which works with its sponsors including an administrator. Teachers are invited by the grads, and several volunteer to act as chaperones.

*The above are the only activities associated with the school. Any other activities take place without sanction or permission from either the administration or staff.*

*Local Scholarship and Bursary  
Awards and Reception  
Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.*

Parents and guests of grads are invited to the presentation of Local Scholarships and Bursaries in the school gym, with a Reception following under the Dome

*Graduation Ceremony  
and Walk-Up*

*Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.*

The final and the most formal graduation event is organized exclusively by the administration with staff assistance.

*Dry Grad Evening*

Over the course of the year, a hard working committee of parents plans and prepares this activity which follows the Walk-Up. The committee liaises very closely with the administration and individual staff members as required.



### Dry Grad

Thank you to all those, including contributors and customers, who supported the **Dry Grad Garage Sale and Silent Auction** on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The dome was filled with a wonderful assortment of items that were adopted by new owners, and the Silent Auction was a huge success. Just under \$4500 was brought in between both events! The Grads also raised money toward their banquet by tirelessly washing cars the whole day, and by running a popular

burger grill.

**Dry Grad Raffle** ticket sales are over and the winners will be drawn in a few days. One happy student will be the new owner of the Grand Prize, a 1993 Daytona donated by Bow-Mel Chrysler. Other lucky ticket holders will win: 1<sup>st</sup> prize, 1 night stay & breakfast at Ocean Pointe Resort; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, framed Rick Hicks artwork from Heritage House Trophies; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, men's Lorus watch from Wright's

### 2006-2007 DRY GRAD MEETING

Tuesday, May 8  
7:00 p.m. in the  
Kelsey library  
Everyone welcome  
For more information  
please call 743-4747

Jewellers and Sensé beauty package from Vicky Thompson.

We welcome additional help for assistance with decorating and events, so come out to our next meeting in the Kelsey library on **Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** Meetings end by 8 p.m.

### 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.

# Dessert Night and Update for "Build a School"

By Foster Richardson and Janet Whitney-Brown, Students

The Grads are continuing their ongoing effort to raise \$6500 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.

On Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>, a benefit

concert was held to raise funds towards building a school in Sierra Leone. \$2000 was raised during an evening of entertainment - which is more than a quarter of the way to reaching the goal of \$6500.

The next event that will be held for the "Build a School" campaign is a **dessert night** which is scheduled for **Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** The evening will feature a delicious dessert buffet, auction items, and guest speaker Brittany

Morris, a former Kelsey student, who will give a presentation about her recent experiences teaching in Ghana. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at Kelsey starting on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

Lastly, we have nearly 50 grads who have agreed to walk up the Kelsey driveway prior to our Graduation Banquet, and pledge their limo money towards this campaign. Those of you who have signed up, thanks for supporting this cause. If you are interested but haven't signed up, see Foster Richardson. Please have your money in BEFORE the Graduation Banquet. This has the potential to bring us within reach of our goal!

## Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation

### Mother Daughter Breakfast

Friday, May 11 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Kelsey Library

There will be a short presentation about early detection and ways of decreasing a young woman's risk of developing breast cancer. A free light breakfast will be provided.

This is a great opportunity for all teen girls and their mothers!  
R.S.V.P. Frances Kelsey Counselling 743-6980

## Parents of Grads:

Be sure to read the Grad '07 Newsletter on the Kelsey website, [www.fkss.ca](http://www.fkss.ca)

## Our Sincere Thanks

Frances Kelsey Secondary School gratefully acknowledges the following businesses which so generously supported the 2007 Camp Survivor project undertaken by our 2006-07 Leadership Class:

A & W (Mill Bay)	O.K. Tire
Arbutus Ridge	Peter Baljet Chevrolet Pontiac
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Cobble Hill Firebase	Pharmasave (Mill Bay)
Cobblecino's Cafe	Prevost Veterinary Clinic
Columbia Ice and Fuels	Safeway
Dodd's Lumber	Save-On-Foods
Country Grocer (Beverly Corners)	Serious Coffee
Cowichan Search and Rescue	Sports Traders
Duncan Lanes	Staples
Eddy's Hockey Shop	Starbucks
Experience Cycling	Subway/Mill Bay
Fun Pacific Golf Centre	Thrifty Foods
Just Jake's	Tim Horton's
Kaleidoscope	Valley Health and Fitness
Malahat Lions Club	Van Isle Insurance
Matisse Day Spa Inc.	Wall Forestry
Mt. Sicker Logging	Wall Street
O'Hair's Styling Group	

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## FKPAC

Please come and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, May 9 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library

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# 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.**

## 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

## This Month at Kelsey

What an amazing **Community Service Month** it has been!

April 14<sup>th</sup> was the Dry Grad Parents' Garage Sale and Silent Auction, with the grads operating a car wash and hamburger sale.

On April 26<sup>th</sup> our Red Cross Club raised funds for BC Children's Hospital, which benefits children throughout the province, through the sale of Jean's Day Buttons.

Also on April 26<sup>th</sup>, our Global Issues Club raised \$2000 with its Build a School Benefit Concert organized by student Foster Richardson.

Our Fishing for Truth Club hosted the 30 Hour Famine on May 3<sup>rd</sup> where to date, an impressive \$6000 has been raised for famine relief.

Our grateful thanks to those students, staff, parents, and local businesses which contributed to these successful events and provided behind-the-scenes assistance.

# OPENING DOORS *for* YOU

OPEN HOUSE  
May 10, 4-7pm

Art Displays

Science experiments

Music

Poetry Readings

First Nations Carvings

Culinary Arts Demos

Samples & Espresso Bar

Carpentry Demo

**DRAWS  
AND  
PRIZES!**

