

THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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Welcome

by Marilyn Sandford, Principal

Each September presents a new beginning: an opportunity for students to make a renewed commitment to do as much as they can, as well as they can, as quickly as they can, each and every day.

In addition to those from Bonner, students have come to us from other schools both in the district and province. We also have students from other provinces in Canada and other parts of the world including England, the United States, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Turkey, and Switzerland. Welcome to all!

Our present population includes 1178 students, 56.5 teachers and twenty-one support staff.

We continue to be proud of the accomplishments of last year's grads. As a result of their marks on provincial exams, fifteen students have received provincial scholarships. Of the 196 Graduates this June, 160 received Honours graduation certificates - all B's or better in all of their Grade 11 and 12 subjects. We are proud of all our graduates.

To those parents whose students are new to the school, we urge you to read the student handbook section at the beginning of their

agenda books and check their daily planning. A handbook for parents is also available from the counselling department. Please encourage your sons and daughters to take the responsibility necessary for success and work with their advisors to make this happen.

Finally, we want you to know that we will work hard to make this the best school year possible. If at any time you have questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the main office at 743-6916 or the counselling office at 743-6980. All parents are invited to meet with PAC Executive and the Administrators to a "Coffee and Chat" on Thursday, November 15 at 1:00 p.m. Bring your questions or concerns - we look forward to meeting you!



Kelsey Calendar

Mon. October 1, 2007

First monthly report card issued with newsletter

Mon. October 8, 2007

Thanksgiving Day - no classes

Wed. October 10, 2007

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Thurs. October 11, 2007

1:05 p.m. District-wide Early Dismissal

Tues. October 16, 2007

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

Fri. October 19, 2007

Pro-D Day (school not in session)

October 20 & 21, 2007

Dry Grad Firewood Sale

Mon. October 22, 2007

Photo re-take day

Wed. October 24, 2007

1:05 p.m. dismissal. PLC workshop.

Sat. October 27, 2007

Dry Grad Firewood Sale

Mon. November 5, 2007

Formal report card issued with newsletter

Wed. November 7, 2007

Grade 9 "Take Your Kids to Work" Day

Thurs. November 8, 2007

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

Fri. November 9, 2007

Day in lieu (school not in session)

For complete information about the school, visit our web site at fkss.ca.

Our New Staff

We are pleased to announce the following staff have joined Frances Kelsey Secondary.
Welcome to you all!

Administration: Mrs. Gamble – Vice-Principal

Education Assistants: Ms. Braun, Mrs. MacGregor, Mrs. Niziol, Ms. Salmon, Mrs. Williams

Teaching Staff: Mr. Boersen – Social Studies, Mr. Brewer – Math, Physics, Information Technology, Ms. Brown – English and Communications, Mrs. Charles – Math, Science, P.E., Ms. Hryniuk – Science and Biology.

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Liz Gamble, Vice-Principal

The year starts early for our graduating students as they must now start thinking about University, College or other post-secondary choices for next year. Costs are a very important consideration when making these future plans. I will be working with the Grade 12 students this year to help them understand and to help them access all of the money that is available in the form of scholarships and bursaries.

In late October, I will host the first of several scholarship and bursary preparation nights. During these meetings, I will present information on available scholarships and bursaries and how Grads should prepare their package. Dates for these evenings will be posted on the Kelsey website.

Scholarships are already being sent to school and these will be available at all times in the Scholarship/Bursary filing cabinet which is located at the rear of the library. We will be advertising these opportunities on the daily “NewsBreaker” announcements or TV monitors as well as posting notices on the scholarship board outside of the library.

Another great source to search

through is a fantastic website www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca/ A link to this website will be found on the Kelsey homepage in the near future. Use the “Awards Listing” link or search by “Awards Deadline Date”. Start searching now because there are scholarships listed that have application due dates as early as October.

I am very excited about the opportunities for our students and look forward to working with them this year!



Last June, our Graduates won over \$166,000 in scholarships and bursaries. Many of our students received Entrance Scholarships from the following universities and colleges across Canada: **Malaspina University-College:** Kendra Carfantan (\$500); Kimberley Phillips (\$2,000); **Queen’s University:** Hannah Lishman (\$2,500); **Simon Fraser University:** Kirsten Gellein (\$4,000); Bobby MacDonald (\$4000); **University of BC:** Elizabeth Carney (\$500);

Amanda Daemmig (\$2,000); Jason Hwang (\$3,000); Kurtis Morrison (\$1,000); Mary Vasey (\$1,000); **University of Victoria:** Skye Augustine (\$2,500); Jasmin Parmar (\$2,000); Cai Robinson (\$2,000); Arthur Taylor (\$5,000); Andrea Williams (\$2,500).

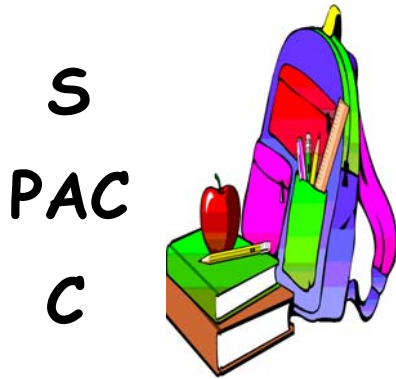
Of the 196 Graduates this June, 160 students received Honours graduation certificates – which means that all students received a letter grade of B or better in all of their Grade 11 and 12 subjects.

School District #79 presented 38 scholarships of \$1,000 each, 19 of these scholarships were awarded to the following Kelsey graduates: Sean Cage, Kendra Carfantan, Jesse Elliott, Paul Jackson, Rebecca Joy, Shaylene Kuhnert, Andrea Larsen, Nikki Lowery, Hannah Lishman, Michael Morris, Laura Nessman, Alexandra Pask, Mischa Partridge, Kimberley Phillips, Brianna Stewart, Dana Wacker, Leslie Whittaker, Dana Wood, and Sara Yarwood. Provincial Scholarship winners received \$1,000 each for their excellent results on the Grade 12 government examinations and each student had to excel on at least three of these examinations. They are Kyrstin Bain, Amanda Daemmig, Kirsten Gellein, Mavourneen Hourigan, Jason Hwang, John Kinsley, Hannah Lishman, Hendrik Maaz, Glenn Mathieson, Nathan McLean,

Vanessa Meier, Kurtis Morrison, Foster Richardson, Natalie Stewart, and Leslie Whittaker. The 2007 Science Achievement Award presented by the Innovation and Science Council of BC was awarded to Jason Hwang.

Other notable Scholarship and Bursary recipients were: Rebecca Bowen (\$4,000); Nick Coward (\$2,750); Andrea Larsen (\$2,400); Leslie Whittaker (\$2,100); Sterling Travers (\$2,000). Adam Bishop won the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award of \$28,000 over four years.

All of us at Frances Kelsey Secondary School wish to sincerely thank all of our local donors for their generosity and hard work. Without your contributions many students would not have the opportunity to pursue their careers at this time.



by CJ Kubica, President
FKPAC

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is extremely pleased to have sponsored and helped to fund several projects which were completed over the summer. You may have noticed the new Sport Court as you enter the school grounds. A huge thank you is extended to the school administration, the parent committee lead by John Thomas, and all those who were involved in the planning and funding of this great addition to our school. Special thanks to the South Cowichan Rotary, Mill Bay Lions Club, Malahat Legion and the Cowichan Valley Regional

District (Shawnigan Area) for their financial contributions.

Funding is still necessary in order to line the court and satisfy outstanding invoices. Anyone interested in contributing to this project or with ideas for additional fundraising should contact the PAC executive or the school administration.

If you have not had an opportunity to visit the school gym this year, please stop by and take a look at our second summer project. The gym mural was a vision shared by the administration and many others for our school. Along with our wonderful art teachers, Mark Jackson, Dave Aris, and Maxine Smith, a parent committee lead by Linda O'Neil helped to make the project happen. Dean Lauze, who owns D'Arts Studio in Vancouver, did our magnificent mural. The PAC would like to thank Dean Lauze, Lauren Robb (one of our students who helped the artist for the entire week he was here), Walt Deelman (owner of Island Hi-Ranch Equipment Ltd, who donated the

scissor lift), Marilyn Sandford for her vision and support and all those involved in the vision.

The first PAC meeting and Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on September 12th. Elections were held for both PAC Executive and School Planning Council (SPC) members for the 2007- 2008 school year. We are still in need of a Secretary, so if you are interested in serving on the Executive, please contact the school office or join us on October 10th at our next meeting. Elections results: CJ Kubica, President; Wendy Thomas, Vice President; Patti Carfantan, Treasurer; Susan Stacey, District PAC Representative; Wendy Thomas (PAC Rep), Sharleen Impett, and Judy Eburne; SPC Members.

Regular PAC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Kelsey Library. We invite you to join us - bring your ideas and concerns. For more information about PAC, please visit our website www.fkss.ca/PAC

Abstract Thinking

A very important reminder to any parent who may be driving Kelsey students for sports events or any school function: The School Board requires we have a copy of your driver's licence, your current auto insurance showing \$1,000,000 third party liability, and a driver's abstract. **New abstracts must be obtained each year as we do not keep previous year's information on file.** It is

appreciated by the office staff and the teacher sponsors if this information is in place well in advance of the event.

When renewing your vehicle insurance throughout the school year, please remember to bring your new documentation to us for photocopying.

We also want to clarify that

students may not drive other student participants to any school-related event.

Red Cross Food Drive

ending October 5th. Drop non perishable items in front of the counselling office.



Dry Grad 2006-2007

Dry Grad 2007 was one terrific party! An exciting "underwater" theme featured a coral entrance arch, scuba diver and mermaid. The tarot card readers and tattoo artists were in high demand, and sumo wrestling was "huge" even when petite young women took on some big guys! A new event, the "Obstacle Course of Life", was very popular. With all the activities and good food, the wee hours passed swiftly, ending with a magician who amazed and amused.

Everyone attending received a fleece Kelsey blanket, and many students went home with great prizes too. Jodi Shephard won the '93 Daytona, kindly donated by Bow-Mel Chrysler.

We couldn't put on a show like this without the help of the entire community. Many businesses contributed products, services or cash donations, and dozens of volunteers and grads pitched in with time and labour. Kelly Slade acted as chair of the 2006-2007 Dry Grad Committee, and her organizational skills, along with the help of all the parents on the

committee, ensured a successful, fun and safe party for our kids. Thank you, Kelly!

If your child is graduating in 2008, we'd highly encourage you to get involved - this is one of the most rewarding ways you can share in your Grad's final year.

<p>2007-2008 DRY GRAD MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday, October 16 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library Everyone welcome For more information please call 743-0380</p>
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Dry Grad 2007-2008 Planning Committee

Dry Grad is a safe, all-night party which is organized by parents, for our graduating students. The students love their big night, which includes fun activities and entertainment, good food, and great prizes.

Is your child graduating this year? If so, you can help celebrate their achievement! This event requires a group effort by parents, so please join the committee to make Dry Grad 2008 a wonderful

memory for our Grade 12s.

Our first fundraising activity will be our firewood sale on October 20th, 21st and 27th. In past years, this has been a very successful fundraiser. See the notice at the back of the *Whale's Tale* - be sure to get your firewood order in early to avoid missing out, and help to support a great cause at the same time. To place an order, please call Linda O'Neil at 743-7866.

We also will need parents and Grade 12s to help cut, split, and deliver wood. If you're able to help, please call Sandy at 743-0380.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library. All parents of Grads are welcome, so bring a friend and your ideas! Meetings end by 8:00 p.m.

Grad Council 2007-2008

By Phil Archer, Teacher

The 2007 / 2008 Grad Council is, once again, up and running and ready to take on the responsibility and the goal of making this year the best year ever for our graduating students. The Grad Council Executive meets every Wednesday at lunch, and oversees the work of our six sub-committees: Banquet, Events, Fundraising, Communications, Video, Grad Gear. The students

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working on these committees are very committed to succeeding in reaching their goal.

Any Grade 12 student is welcome to attend any of the sub-committee meetings, and is strongly encouraged to find out when and where by consulting the Grad Board located outside of the DOS lab in the foyer of the school. The information on the grad board is constantly changing, and will be the first place to look to find out what's

going on.

The students have great plans. They will work hard to make sure that those plans are put into place. But . . . they need your support. If you are a Grade 12 student, please support them. Come out and enjoy the activities and help make the memories that you will take with you after graduation. This year will pass quickly. Don't miss out.



News from the Library

By Sue Emblem, Teacher-Librarian

We are about to begin the Stellar Book Awards program. This is a B.C. teen readers choice award. A selection of books for 2007-2008 have been selected by a group of teens in book clubs in Vancouver, North Vancouver, and Maple

Ridge. These books are written by Canadian authors.

In order to review and to vote a student must read at least five titles and be between the age of 13 - 19.

As a library, we will facilitate access to the titles and meet

regularly to discuss them. Each student will register and vote directly to the website at www.stellaraward.ca. We hope that many students will take advantage of this program.

New books are arriving daily. Come and check them out.

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: 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.

Wanted: Yearbook Photos

By Mary Brinkman, Teacher

How many photos do you think it takes to make a yearbook? The answer: Lots and lots of photos!

Calling all you aspiring photographers! The yearbook class needs YOUR help! Send us photos of you and your friends involved in school activities, clubs, sports or classes. Photos

should include the names of everyone pictured and a caption that tells us what you and your friends are doing. The more photos we receive, the greater the number of students we can feature in the book.

Now the details: Must be a high resolution, full size image (3 megapixel or greater camera - unfortunately those handy little



cell phones do not produce photos with enough resolution). JPEG or TIFF format if digital, actual film photos we can scan in and will return promptly. E-mail photos and any questions to Mrs. Brinkman at mbrinkma@sd79.bc.ca.

Thank you

to "Just Sew Embroidery Ltd." for our lovely Senior Girls' Island Volleyball Championship Banner!!!!



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According to School District Policy 2405 and Bill 10 of the Provincial Government,

the use of tobacco, or holding lighted tobacco in or on school property is now prohibited. This applies to all students, school district employees, parents and community members.

For Parents of Students with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)

AN EVENING PRESENTATION ON COPING, SUPPORT, AND STRATEGIES

Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Frances Kelsey Library

Given by Tania Rowland,

Canadian Mental Health Association

For more information, please telephone Mrs. Janice Rose, FKSS Counsellor at 743-6980

Clubs and Activities

INTERACT CLUB

(International Action), a service club for youth sponsored by the Rotary Club
Monday: 11:15 in room 135
Sponsors: Mr. Gergel and Mrs. Munday

KUNG FU CLUB

Thursday: 2:15 in Mezzanine
Sponsor: Mr. Foster

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING CLUB

Schedule tba
Sponsor: Ms. Brown

JR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday at 2:15
Sponsor: Mrs. Peltier

SR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Refer to schedule
Sponsor: Mr. Jackson

ANIME CLUB

Tuesday: 11:15 in room 123
Sponsor: Mr. Foster

GLOBAL ISSUES CLUB

Wednesday: 11:15 in room 127
Sponsor: Mrs. Smith

TAI CHI CLUB

Monday: 2:30 in Mezzanine
Sponsor: Mr. Foster

RED CROSS CLUB

Tuesday: 11:15 in room 132
Sponsor: Mrs. Thompson

STUDENT COUNCIL

Wednesday: 11:15 in room 118
Sponsor: Mr. Price, Mrs. Gamble

DISTRICT STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

1ST Wednesday of each month at School Board Office
Sponsor: Mr. Rowan

LANGUAGE HELP

Monday: 11:15 in room 123 - Ms. Dayton
Tuesday: 11:15 in room 127 - Ms. Roueche
Wednesday: 11:15 in room 123 - Ms. Ciofani

AFTER-SCHOOL MATH HELP

Monday through Thursday:
2:30-4:00 in room 136
Grade 12 only - Thursday: 6:30-9:00 in room 136

GOLF TEAM

Sponsor: Mr. Abbott
Watch for details after Spring Break

STUDENTS AGAINST VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE

S.A.V.E.
Wednesday: 2:15 in room 118
Sponsor: Mrs. Rose
Now accepting new members-applications in Counselling

SR GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Monday, Tuesday or Thursday:
2:30 on lower field or John Ferreira Field
Sponsor: Ms. W. Erickson

STUDENTS AGAINST DRINKING & DRIVING S.A.D.D.

Thursday: 11:15 in room 118
Sponsor: Mr. Rowan

GEOCACHING CLUB

Occasional lunchtime meetings
Most club activity takes place out of school time
Sponsors: Mr. Archer, Mr. Tollefson and Mr. Hall

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG CANADIANS

Meets as required - ongoing
Sponsor: Mr. Archer

SR BOYS SOCCER

Practices/games as per schedule
Sponsor: Mr. B. Johnson

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Thursday: 11:20 in room 212
Sponsors: Mr. Hart and Mr. van der Linden

GRAD EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday: 11:20 in Boardroom
Sponsor: Mr. Archer, Ms. Sandford

GRAD COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES

(Banquet, Events, Fundraising, Communications, Video, Grad Gear)
Check Grad Board for dates and times
Sponsor: Mr. Archer

BALANCE CLUB (Health & Wellness)

Afternoon Block F in Boardroom
Sponsor: Mr. Rowan, Mrs. Gamble

SR GIRLS/SR BOYS BASKETBALL

Schedule tba Sponsor: Mr. Kelly

Global Issues Update

By Janet Whitney-Brown,
Student

What is the classiest way to arrive to your Grad Banquet? A limo? A tractor? A moped? All good answers, but I think that I would have to go with walking. That's what a number of Frances Kelsey Graduates did last year. They gave up the limos, tractors, and mopeds and walked the length of the driveway. The money that they saved was donated to building a primary school in Sierra Leone.

Sierra Leone was rated by the United Nations as one of the worst places in the world to live. An 11-year civil war shredded much of the country's

infrastructure. As of 1996, 70% of children were not receiving any formal education (for more information, see http://www.freethechildren.org/programs/schoolbuilding/schoolbuilding_buildingin_sierraleone.htm)

Foster Richardson, who was a 2007 Kelsey graduate, was concerned about the amount of money spent on the Grad festivities and realized that a much more meaningful way to celebrate would be to give kids in Sierra Leone a chance to start their own educational journey. The organization *Free The Children* set a goal of \$6,500 in order to build a school. This does not include the infrastructure such as furnishings,

teachers or supplies. But it is most definitely a welcome start.

A series of events were organized by "The Global Issues Club" and the Grads, which included a Benefit Concert, a Dessert Night and the "Build-a-School" walk up the driveway. Our goal of \$6,500 was exceeded by about \$200! All involved would like to thank the community's incredible generosity and inspiration.

And now, on behalf of the Global Issues Club, I challenge this year's Grad class. It's a tough act to follow, I know, but I think that you are up to it. What does graduation mean to you? How will you do your classy entrance?

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme



By Phil Archer, Teacher

Once again this year, an opportunity for students to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme is available through Frances Kelsey Secondary School. The programme is coordinated by Mr. Archer through Gifted Education /Catalyst Programme but is open to any student in Grades 9 through 12.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Young Canadian's Challenge is the most prestigious achievement

award for young Canadians. It is a challenge to all young people between the ages of 14 and 25. It offers an opportunity to broaden interests and experience under adult guidance and assessment. This is achieved through participation in a balanced programme of practical, cultural, and adventurous activities chosen to suit individual aptitudes and related to local needs and conditions. Participation in the Award programme represents a personal commitment to

constructive endeavor, promoting qualities of self-discipline, self-help, and self-reliance.

Students who complete Bronze, Silver or Gold Levels receive External Course Credit at the Grade 10, 11 and 12 levels. The programme will be conducted outside of school time, although many of the requirements may be fulfilled during a student's regular course of study at school

The Duke of Edinburgh's Program - Challenge for Young Canadians can be started at any time. If you are interested in learning more about it, please feel free to contact Mr. Archer at 743-6916 (ext. 264) for more information.

Interact Club Now Established at Kelsey!

Interact stands for International Action. It is a Rotary sponsored service club for young people that allows members to participate in fun, meaningful service projects, both locally and internationally. With clubs in over 114 countries, there are plenty of opportunities

to make connections worldwide.

From helping the SPCA, to giving financial assistance to a third world school, to incorporating tacky flamingos into a fundraiser, our brainstorming has already led to many ideas that will be both fun

and rewarding. Established members of the South Cowichan Rotary Club are there to mentor, support and guide us, however the projects are all thought of and run by students.

Meetings are held on Mondays

at lunch in room 135. Interested, prospective members are welcome to show up or, if you

have more questions, contact kelseyinteract@hotmail.com. All Grades are welcome, and Grades

9-11 are especially encouraged to insure the continuing success of this club!

Children and Teens with Epilepsy Get Homework Help

The following program is now full, but families interested in placing their names on the waiting list should telephone VEPC at 250-475-6677.

This school year, senior-level University of Victoria education students will be giving children and teens with epilepsy a helping hand with their schoolwork. There are still some spots open for elementary, middle and high school students to sign up. For the second year, the Epilepsy Tutoring Program, a partnership between UVic and the Victoria Epilepsy and Parkinson's Centre (VEPC), connects UVic education

students trained in special needs education with local students who face challenges because of epilepsy. The program is funded by grants from the United Way and the Queen Alexandra Foundation. Gina Harrison, a faculty member in the faculty of education and area advisor in special education, is a consultant to the program. Parents interested in registering their children for this free tutoring

program should call VEPC at 250-475-6677 before Sept. 11, as space is limited. For more information, visit vepc.bc.ca and click on "Epilepsy Tutoring Program".

Contacts: Sandra Bitz (Victoria Epilepsy & Parkinson's Centre) at 250-475-6677 or sbitz@vepc.bc.ca
Gina Harrison (UVic Educational Psychology and Leadership Studies) at 250-721-7783 or harrison@uvic.ca

Cowichan Centre's Youth Corner, a Drop-In Centre upstairs in the Maple Room!

Come play foosball, video games, get involved in community projects, or just chill out with friends.
Mon-Wed 3 to 6p.m., Thurs-Fri 3 to 9p.m. and Sat 5-9p.m.

FREE

Breakout Recreation Ages 12 to 18

Fed up with the same tired routine? Then break out!!! A neutral place for youth to hangout, shoot hoops, play soccer, or invent an entirely new game. Opportunities for free play as well as some organized activities in a supervised venue. Participants do not have to be a student at Bench.

Tuesdays, Sept 25 to Nov 27
5p.m. to 7p.m.

Meet at Bench Elementary School Gym

Applications are now being accepted for casual Noon Hour Supervisor positions. Noon Hour Supervisors work one hour per day when school is in session, at various schools throughout the district.

Applicants for On Call Noon Hour Supervisor must have a minimum of Grade 12 or a

combination of Grade 11 and at least one relevant vocational program, and be in possession of a current St. John Ambulance "Level 1 First Aid" certificate or equivalent.

Please submit a resume and a copy of your first aid certificate, along with the names and contact information of three

references. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis and should be forwarded to:

Lynn McKenna, Human Resources Officer
School District No. 79
(Cowichan Valley)
2557 Beverly Street
Duncan, BC V9L 2X3

Gourmet A la Carte Luncheons

at The Malaspina Room (formerly the 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



Frances Kelsey Dry Grad

FIREWOOD SALE

October 20th, 21st, and 27th

Place your order early to avoid disappointment.

Cost per Load:

If you pick up:

\$70 for a North American pickup truckload

\$60 for an import-sized truckload

If we deliver:

\$20 additional per load

All proceeds help fund Frances Kelsey's Dry Grad project for a fun, safe night for our grads.

Warm your home doubly this winter, knowing that you've also supported a great cause!

**To place your order or for more info,
call Linda O'Neil at 743-7866**

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 79 ROUND TABLE FORUMS

COWICHAN VALLEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parents

In 2000, there were 10,792 students in Cowichan Valley schools. By 2004, that number had dropped to 9,781. This year we have 8,705 students. Government projections for 2009 are for 7,854 students.

As enrollment drops, so does the total funding we receive. This is because the provincial government funds us on a per student basis. We have worked diligently to cut costs. For example, we have consolidated schools and made minimal cuts to bus routes.

Still, we struggle to provide programs, especially at the senior level. At the same time, we strive to increase and enhance programs to improve the success of all our students.

**If our goal is success for ALL students, here are some of the questions we have to ask our community.
We need to make some really tough decisions.**

Can we afford to keep the buses running for schools of choice?

Can we afford to have our libraries open full-time?

Can we keep the computers in our schools technically up-to-date?

Can we maintain a variety of senior courses at our smaller secondary schools?

How can we enhance the successes of our Aboriginal students?

How can we maintain and increase Trades Training?

How can we maintain important support for our Special Needs students?

How can we afford all this and keep all our schools open?

Please come to the forum in your zone

Be prepared to participate in round table discussion

Monday, October 22 at Chemainus Secondary School

Tuesday, October 23 at Quamichan Middle School

Wednesday, October 24 at Lake Cowichan Secondary School

Monday, November 5 at George Bonner Middle School

All meetings: 6:30 – 8:30 pm