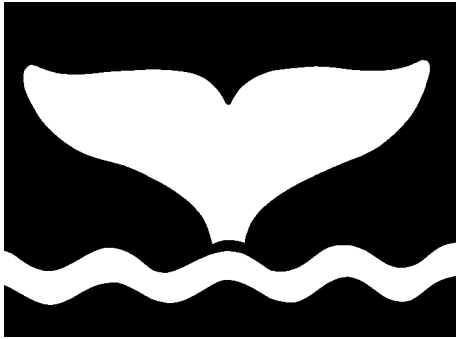


# THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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## Balance Day 2007/2008

by Wendy Thomas, Parent

Monday, November 26, 2007 marked the Frances Kelsey Secondary School Third Annual Balance Day.

Our Balance Day grew from our School Planning Council (SPC) #1 goal which is *"to increase student performance by improving WELLNESS (physical, emotional and social health)"*. A committee of four parents (CJ Kubica, Judy Eburne, Sharleen Impett and Wendy Thomas) began meeting early in the fall under the guidance of Jeff Rowan, vice-principal. Through community contact from the previous Balance Day in February 2006, people we know in the community, and from people who approached us, we were able to put together an amazing selection of various health and career related topics. Student choices included session topics ranging from such things as photography, physiotherapy, psycocybernetics, money management, preparing for an audition, hair and skin care, and personal training. There was even a session for those who just wanted to do their school work. There were over 40 sessions students could choose from during the two afternoon breakaway sessions. Students received a Learning Guide credit for their attendance.

This year we combined the day with Post-Secondary Liaison Day. Grade 11 and 12 students were able to choose from a variety of these sessions. Grade 9 and 10 students saw presentations from Justice Theatre and went to Kerry Park for a skating event.

The students left the day having been fed with a pizza and fruit lunch, and having received a FKSS pen and locker magnet which were all 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. A special thank you to Heather Quayle, school secretary and Judy Eburne, parent for spending an entire day organizing handouts and packages. Thank you and merci.



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



### *Kelsey Calendar*

**Mon. December 3, 2007**

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

**Wed. December 12, 2007**

6:30-10:00 p.m. School Dance in gym  
7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

**Tues. December 18, 2007**

7:00 p.m. "We've Come So Far" - Term 1 Dance Performance in theatre  
**PLEASE NOTE:** Dry Grad Parents' meeting has been cancelled

**Wed. December 19, 2007**

11:15 a.m. Kelsey Kafé Hot Turkey Lunch for students (limited tickets in advance from cashier)  
7:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Concert in Frances Kelsey theatre

**Fri. December 21, 2007**

Last day of classes before Christmas Break

**Mon. January 7, 2008**

First day of classes after Christmas Break

**Wed. January 9, 2008**

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

**Mon. January 14, 2008**

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

**Tues. January 15, 2008**

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

**January 15-26, 2008**

"Seussical the Musical!" by Performing Arts students in Kelsey theatre

**Wed. January 16, 2008**

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

# Our New Staff

We are pleased to announce Mr. Gary Johnny has joined the staff of Frances Kelsey Secondary as our Aboriginal Support Worker until the end of June. We are also pleased to announce Mrs. Trish Carder and Mrs. Diane Kennedy, Education Assistants, have joined our staff. Welcome to you all!

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## Scholarships and Bursaries

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by Liz Gamble, 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:

- Certified Management Accountants Society of BC Scholarship Competition
- Washington and Lee University (Lexington, Virginia)
- University of Alberta Academic Excellence Scholarship Competition
- Studentawards.com and Scotiabank
- BC Institute of Technology
- Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program
- BC Innovation Council/TRIUMF High School Fellowship
- York University Awards of Distinction and Entrance Scholarships



## Dry Grad

Thank you to Mary Brinkman for volunteering to organize the photography!

We still have some **Thrifty Smile** cards available as well as **Country Grocer** gift certificates. Every time you use one, the stores will donate a percentage back to our Dry Grad fund. It costs you nothing!! Call Sandy Kadar at 743-0380 to arrange to pick up yours.

Please note that our December meeting has been cancelled. Our

**PLEASE NOTE: The December Dry Grad meeting has been cancelled. Our next meeting is:**

Tuesday, January 15  
7:00 p.m. in the  
Kelsey library  
Everyone welcome  
For more information  
please call 743-0380

next meeting will be Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Kelsey library. Meetings end around 8 p.m.

See you there!

If you have a child graduating this year, come out to our monthly meetings and find out about the exciting plans that are underway for this coming year's event. We have many committee members, but are still looking for 1-2 people to oversee the spring **Garage Sale**, as well as someone to **coordinate a clean up crew** for the end of the night.

## 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 Christmas Concert

By Irwin Tollefson, Music Director

This year the Frances Kelsey Christmas Concert will be on December 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Frances Kelsey Theatre. The Spring concert last year was so successful in that venue that we are going to continue to hold our music events there. The Grade 9 Band as well as the Frances Kelsey Concert Band will be performing some of the music that they have been working on from the beginning of the school year as well as a number of small



ensembles, featuring Andrew Russell, Emily Armour, and many more. We look forward to having parents, teachers, administrators, and district personnel in attendance when we showcase the progress that these incredible students have made in four short months.

Looking forward to seeing you at the concert!

## FKPAC

Please come and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, December 12 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library

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## A Reminder Regarding "Snow Days" . . .

According to Board Policy 3500, we have been asked to remind you that in the event of inclement weather, the Superintendent may decide that schools should be

closed. Announcements will be made over radio stations SUN-FM 89.7 Duncan, CKKQ 100.3 Victoria, and CKWV 102.3 Nanaimo. In the event of a power

failure during school hours, the Superintendent may close the school and request buses take students home early.

## 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

### Attention Parents:

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, our Kelsey Kafé will be serving students a hot turkey lunch, with all the trimmings, and dessert too! Limited tickets are available now at the cashier for \$5.00

## Calling All Baseball and Softball Players

### BOYS AND GIRLS

FINAL Registration for Duncan Jr ball is

Jan. 13, 2008 Sun. 10:00 - 4:00

Moose Lodge 2244 Moose Road Duncan

For more information

E-mail [duncanball@islandnet.com](mailto:duncanball@islandnet.com) or [www.duncanball.ca](http://www.duncanball.ca)

LEAGUES AVAILABLE FOR BOYS BORN 1990-2003

AND GIRLS BORN 1989-2003

Must bring birth certificate, care card and 2 blank cheques.

Come Out And Have Some Fun!

COACHES REQUIRED FOR ALL LEAGUES



# FKSS Career Centre News

## Career Planning:

### Student Work Experience Opportunities:

- **VANCOUVER ISLAND CAREER FAIR** – Dec 6.  
**Grades 10, 11, 12.** At Victoria Conference Centre. Many businesses and Universities will be in attendance. Parents wanting to attend can pick up complementary tickets from the Career Centre.
- **UBC PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY “WELCOME ORIENTATION FOR WOMEN”** – female students in Grade 11 or 12 – Thurs, Jan 10, 11:00 – 4:00  
[www.phas.ubc.ca/wow](http://www.phas.ubc.ca/wow)
- **SKILLS CANADA**  
Regionals: Feb 29  
at Camosun College  
[www.skillscanada.bc.ca](http://www.skillscanada.bc.ca)  
Students participate in the following areas:
  - Jr. Gravity Car Race (gr 9/10)
  - Cooking
  - Graphics
  - Film
  - Architectural/Mechanical CAD
  - Carpentry, Joinery, Welding
  - 3-d animation



ALBERTA COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN

Pre-college Program – July 7 to August 1, 2008 in Calgary. Students experience college learning and receive College-credit. Accomodation available for out-of-town guests.  
[www.acad.ab.ca](http://www.acad.ab.ca)

### RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

- Freestyle Salon
- Mill Bay Vet
- Acacia Ty Mawr

### TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

A huge thank you goes out to all the businesses that supported our Grade 9's and allowed them to spend the day experiencing the working world

We had over 160 students participate that day. If students & parents still want to participate, then complete the forms and submit to the Career Centre

**Secondary School Apprenticeship – (SSA)** is a career program that gives you the opportunity to begin an apprenticeship while still in high school, and to earn 16 high school credits for doing so. See Mrs. Munday  
[www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca)

### Cook Training – ACE– IT Program Term 2 @ FKSS Mon – Thurs

- Do you want to have your Level 1 training **paid for AND get 16 - 20 credits** towards your grade 12 graduation?

### SD 79 Carpenter – ACE– IT Program Term 2

For Grade 11 or 12's-- Math 11 must be completed.....

- career trade as a **Carpenter**
- Level 1 training **paid for AND get 16 - 20 credits** towards grade 12 graduation.

This program is offered in Term 2, Feb 2008 – June 2008 at Chemainus Secondary. Students will attend 4 days a week.

**See Mrs. Munday in the Career Centre for more information about these programs**

## Camosun - South Island School Districts Partnership Programs 2008-2009

Earn 16 – 24 credits for graduation

Programs	Program requirements	Dates	Apply Deadline
Health 110 (1 evening/week over 14 weeks) at Lansdowne	To Enter: Proof of enrollment in English 12 * 4 credits for grad	Jan 2008  To  Apr 2008	<b>Nov 1</b>
ACE IT Welding Level C (7 months fulltime)	To Enter: English 10 Math 10 P or AMath 11 or assessment Work Experience	Feb - Aug & Monthly intakes	<b>Dec 15</b>
Entry Level Trades Training programs • Sheet metal • Cook Training • Framing Technician • Electrical	Register as an ACE IT student. To Enter: Math and English requirements depending on program, see <a href="http://www.camosun.bc.ca">www.camosun.bc.ca</a> website for more details on entry requirements	Feb – Jul  Sept 5 – Feb 28	<b>Dec 15</b>  <b>June 30</b>
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, A or P Math11	Start at Cow Sec. After Auto Tech 12 - July & Aug at Camosun  All at Camosun	<b>See your Coun-seller</b>