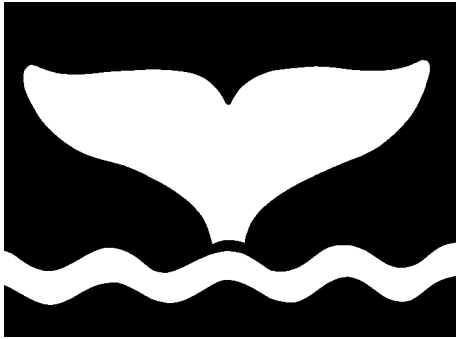


# THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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## Students Against Violence Everywhere

**By S.A.V.E. Members**

The general student population is bombarded by an average of 3000 advertisements per day, and these images often generate negative stereotypes. In turn, these stereotypes can cause people to forget that what is on the inside of a person is what matters. Nine years ago, a student named Heather Turnquist was tired of experiencing and was tired of seeing bullying, which was often caused by superficial judgements. Heather decided to start a club to promote acceptance and respect within the student body.

S.A.V.E. is a student led club (with the help of Mrs. Rose) which works in the community to promote non-violence and bullying prevention. Our group is made up of 17 individuals, from Grades 9-12. Members visit a variety of schools and participate in community events, and while doing so, promote a strong message of self-confidence, non-violence, respect, and acceptance. Members divide the material into three presentations that are age appropriate for Grades 4, 6 and 8. The presentations include games, personal stories, skits, and discussions. Each week the club meets after school to discuss issues

that are going on within our community and prepare for future presentations.

S.A.V.E. wouldn't be as strong as it is if the members didn't have such a wide diversity and strong friendships. Right now, we are getting ready to start our Grade 4 workshops which start on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year, S.A.V.E. is hoping to continue to spread the message of anti-violence and peaceful interactions throughout the community. The group will be facilitating a discussion in May on interpersonal peace and conflict resolution for the Current Global Issues Club's Peace symposium on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.



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



### ***Kelsey Calendar***

**Mon. March 3, 2008**

Second formal report card issued with newsletter

PAC parents meet with students to create wish list during W block

**Thurs. March 6, 2008**

PAC parents meet with students to create wish list at lunch in the library

7:00 p.m. Grad Fashion Show in dome

**Fri. March 7, 2008**

Grad Banquet deposits due

7:00 p.m. Global Issues "Build a School" fundraiser - Dessert Night and Silent Auction

**Tues. March 11, 2008**

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

**Wed. March 12, 2008**

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

**Thurs. March 13, 2008**

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

**Fri. March 14, 2008**

Day in lieu (school not in session)

**March 17-25, 2008**

Spring Break and Easter

**Wed. March 26, 2008**

School reopens (Day 4)

**Wed. April 2, 2008**

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

**Mon. April 7, 2008**

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

# Our New Staff

We are pleased to announce the following teachers have joined our staff for Term Two: Ms. Sabina Reska who is teaching Math and Science and Ms. Amanda Hallet who is teaching Dance, English and Social Studies. Welcome to you both!

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## Scholarships and Bursaries

**by Liz Gamble, 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) on the opening page of our website and begin the process of applying for local scholarships and bursaries, all of which are due to Ms. Wheeler in the Counselling Office by Thursday, March 13. Students should request their transcripts immediately and they will be available for pickup on March 10 during X block. Students who require Ms. Wheeler to photocopy their package, please note that the photocopy deadline is March 5. 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.

Do you need help? Resume help and assistance with your cover letter is available. See Mrs. Gamble 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 Mrs. Gamble. 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, 2008, are available in the library filing cabinet:

- Dalhousie University Entrance Scholarships and Bursaries
- Vancouver Film School
- University of Alberta Scholastic Distinction
- RE/MAX Quest for Excellence Bursary
- BC Moose Association Bursary
- The Leonard Foundation
- University of Alberta Entrance Leadership Award
- Malaspina University-College Accessing Targeted Awards and Entrance Scholarships
- The Miller Thomson Foundation
- BC School Superintendents Association
- Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges
- Retail BC Scholarship
- Victoria Diocesan Catholic Women's League Bursary
- Girl Guides of Canada Scholarship
- Envision Financial Education Award
- David Mason Educational Fund
- BC Hockey Scholarship Award



### 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. 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.



## Dry Grad

April 19 and Friday night, April 25 at the school.

The **Mill Bay Liquor Store** will also be holding a fundraiser for Dry Grad the beginning of March.

A big thank you goes out to **Lael and Tom Gierc of Wescon Doors** for raising **\$1225** for us during their **Fireside Brick** fundraiser.

We have certificates from **Country Grocer** and Smile Cards from **Thrifty Foods** still available. Every time you use one, the businesses donate a percentage back to our Dry Grad fund. It costs you

## 2007-2008 DRY GRAD MEETING

Tuesday, March 11  
7:00 p.m. in the  
Kelsey library  
Everyone welcome

Plans are being formulated and the fundraising is on track for the annual **Dry Grad** night on **June 27**. This very popular all night event provides a safe celebration for our grads.

Start saving your spring cleaning cast offs and treasures for the **Dry Grad Garage Sale** and **Silent Auction** that will be held on **Saturday, April 26** at the school. Drop off times will be Saturday,

nothing! Call Sandy Kadar at 743-0380 to arrange to pick yours up.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m.** in the Kelsey library. Come on out and learn about what is planned! 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 743-7866 or Counsellor Janice Rose at 743-6980 anonymously if they know of a student who is in need of our support.

The project has a great selection of gowns available for loan, access to free tuxedo rentals, as well as reduced hair and makeup services, and a variety of shoes available.

There is one further opportunity

for Grad this year! Any young woman may 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 Grad festivities with pride and the wonderful sense of accomplishment that they deserve.

Thank you,  
Linda O'Neil 743-7866

## Powersmart Students

**By Alison Gellein and Rosie Child, Students**

The Frances Kelsey Environmental Club is involved with Powersmart, a work experience program developed by BC Hydro to identify opportunities to reduce the amount of energy consumed in our school district. So far we have had the pleasure of working with our School District 79 mentor

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Brian Branting, as well as Barry Fergusson, who is a BC Hydro representative. We have conducted an energy audit of our school and plan to conduct similar audits for Discovery Elementary School and Cobble Hill Elementary School as well. In the end, our goal is to make a presentation to the school board, where we will discuss what we have learned and what we have accomplished. We also plan



to make recommendations that should result in a reduced amount of energy being used in these three schools. All of us in the Environmental Club hope that this program is a success and that our school district will work together to become a more power smart community!

# Red Cross Club

**By Gracie Ramsfield, Student**

The Red Cross Club has recently been involved in supporting ACCES (African Canadian Continuing Education Society). It is a non-profit organization helping to give Africans (primarily Kenyans) access to better education in order to improve their lives and their society. ACCES has built nine primary schools in Africa, helped to sponsor over 1000 people to study in universities, colleges and training colleges, presented thousands with HIV/AIDS

information, and established a small business training and microcredit program. If you would like to know more, you can email [info@acceskenya.org](mailto:info@acceskenya.org), or ask the Red Cross Club for information. We are also currently sponsoring a foster child in Kenya named Joseph, who will soon be turning ten years old. Any money donated towards Joseph would be greatly appreciated, as we give \$400 each year to help support him. See Mrs. Thompson if you would like to donate. Thank you to everyone who has come to the

## FKPAC

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

Red Cross bake sales. The money earned is very important in our contributions to charities. As always, new members are welcome to join the club, which meets every Tuesday at lunch, in room 132 (the Home Economics room). In addition, If you have a cause or organization you would like to advocate for, the Red Cross would be happy to help!

# Grad Global Issues



**By Maxine Smith, Teacher**

Shakespeare once said, "if music be the food of love, play on".

A handful of talented Grad Global Issues students were very active over the week of February

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> attempting to express the ephemeral emotion of love! Staff and students ordered music-grams, which were then valiantly presented by a Grad-choir to the shocked victim/recipient during morning advisor block. Valentine love

messages sung in an oh-so-sappy, yet charming way - there was no better way to help raise money for the "build-a-school" in Sri Lanka campaign than this! Over \$200 was raised!

# My Top Speed: 110 Kilometers per Hour!

**By Kelsi Francisty, Student**

My name is Kelsi Francisty and I attend Frances Kelsey Secondary. I'm an alpine ski racer with the Mt. Washington Ski Club and travelled to Austria this past October to train. I've also been able to travel to Quebec, Whistler, and other ski resorts in B.C.

In January I was at Apex Mountain near Rossland for a downhill race against 80 to 100 girls. It was a tough competition. All racers clocked between 95 and 114 kilometers per hour - my top speed was 110 kilometers per hour. While on the course I do get

scared, but by the time I finish and cross the finish line, I want to go again!

Frances Kelsey is a great school for me to attend and because of the self-paced, self-directed system I'm able to maintain my school work - even though I've missed 40 days of school I'm still (almost) on track. Keeping up with school is hard work, but I know that it will all be worth it in the end. Last year I ranked fourth in B.C. for my age group. I'm thankful that a school like Frances Kelsey exists because it allows me to continue to ski competitively.

# Library News

The Stellar Book Awards program began at Kelsey in September, 2007. Under the direction of Mrs. Emblem, our Teacher-Librarian, students may read and critique books by a selection of Canadian authors. The Stellar Club members are reviewing at least five, if not more, of the books selected by students as great Canadian teen writing. Voting occurs on-line in April.

We invite students to come in and check on our new fiction and non-fiction titles. We have added at least 500 new titles so far this year.

Students going on the West Coast Trail trip should check out our books on this topic, currently featured on the window sill.

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**by CJ Kubica, President  
FKPAC**

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The first of three Student Roundtable sessions was held Monday, February 25. Parents visited students during long advisor to ask for student input in creating a "wish list" for PAC funding. A second session of advisor visits will be held on Monday, March 3, with a final open session on Thursday, March 6. Students have great ideas and we enjoy the opportunity for their input. Any parents wishing to be involved should contact CJ Kubica or Marilyn Sandford.

A Trades Night is currently being planned for April. This will be an evening meeting for parents and students interested in learning more about the trades and apprenticeship programs available to secondary students. We will be joined by representatives from Camosun College and Malaspina University-College, who can answer all your questions and provide valuable information about a future in the trades. The meeting date and time will be announced to students and parents once it is confirmed.

Dan Boudreault, Superintendent of School District 79, will be joining us at our next PAC meeting on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.

in the school library. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet Mr. Boudreault and share ideas about Kelsey, our self-directed learning style and the education of our students.

Anyone with specific questions or concerns that they would like addressed at the meeting should contact CJ Kubica at riverrockranch@shaw.ca .

The Parent Advisory Council would like to remind parents that meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. Please mark your calendars and join us in sharing ideas and views concerning our students at Kelsey.



# ATTENTION GRAD PARENTS

IS YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER IN GRADE 12 AND WANTING TO GO TO THE GRAD BANQUET? IF SO, \$50 DEPOSITS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>. AFTER THE DEADLINE WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING MORE DEPOSITS.

DEADLINE MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>

CONTACT MR. ARCHER @ 743-6916, EXTENSION 264

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## GRAD FASHION SHOW

COME AND WATCH YOUR GRADS ENTERTAIN AT THE FASHION SHOW HOSTED BY KELSEY'S GRADS! EVERYONE IS WELCOME - FROM GRADE 9's TO PARENTS!

Where: Kelsey's Dome

When: Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$5.00 students/\$7.00 adults

Refreshments are available

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