

THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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Leadership 2007-2008

By Neelam Doman and Carla Peltier, Teachers

Our Leadership class this year includes: Brooke Anderson, Giovan Arzoz, Leanna Bakker, Alan Beecroft, Aaron Campbell, Rosie Child, Emily Clark, Joshua Dares, Seth Diab, Melodie Fallah, Matthew Filgate, Taylor Filgate, Alison Gellein, Trevor Gicas, Jasmine Goreas, Brent Holness, Felix Huet, Emily Hydes, Torill Korven, Jennifer May, Joshua McAlorum, Christina Meschkat, Kate Milligan, Kyle Mockford, Wes Morris, Kimberly Myles, Mike Norbury, Adrian Paul, Brandon Peltier, Michelle Rensing, Matthew Schroepfer, Gordon Sutherland, Mwinyi Topping, Brittany Wallace, Jackson Wilson, Sullivan Young.

Leadership is a full year, locally developed course, for students in Grades 11 and 12. During the year students work toward improving group process skills and enhancing creative and critical thinking skills.

Students are required to provide service to the school such as scorekeeping, promotion of school events, recycling, student government, and planning for activities for the community. The students are encouraged to provide service where needed and to choose



Kelsey Calendar

Mon. May 5, 2008

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

May 9 & 10, 2008

Global Issues Club Peace Symposium

Mon. May 12, 2008

Presentation of Grade 12 Graduation Transitions during W Block

Wed. May 14, 2008

School Planning Council presentation of goals to District Team

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Mon. May 19, 2008

Victoria Day-school not in session

Tues. May 20, 2008

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

Thurs. May 22, 2008

6:30 p.m. School Dance

Wed. May 28, 2008

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

Sat. May 31, 2008

Grade 12 Formal Graduation Banquet

Mon. June 2, 2008

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

Wed. June 11, 2008

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Thurs. June 12, 2008

7:00 p.m. Scholarship & Bursary Presentation Evening

Tues. June 17, 2008

Last day of classes and last day to hand in work for final report card

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

June 18-26, 2008

Provincial Exams

Thurs. June 26, 2008

8:00 a.m. Final report cards issued

9:00 a.m. Buses return

Fri. June 27, 2008

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



Leadership Class 2008

Photo by Mrs. Brinkman

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

individual projects depending on their personal interests and strengths.

This year from April 29-May 2, 2008, the students participated in a "Survivor" style event at Camp Pringle. The four day challenge camp involved a variety of mental and physical activities based on leadership and teamwork.

On behalf of Frances Kelsey's

2007-2008 Leadership class, we would like to express our appreciation and thanks to our chaperones, Denis Huet and Beth Grady, and to the 38 sponsors: A & W, Arbutus Ridge, Cobble Hill Firebase, Columbia Ice and Fuels, Country Grocer (Beverly Corners), Cowichan Search and Rescue, Dodd's Lumber, Duncan Lanes, Eddy's Hockey Shop, Experience Cycling, Freestyle, Fun Pacific,

Just Jake's, Kaleidoscope, Malahat Lions Club, Mill Bay Pizza, Movie Gallery, Mt. Sicker Logging, O'Hair's Styling Group, O.K. Tire, Peter Baljet, Pharmasave, Rona, Safeway, Save-On-Foods, Serious Coffee, South Cowichan Eyecare, Sports Traders, Staples, Starbucks, Steeples, Subway, PlayGround, Thrifty Foods, Tim Horton's, Valley Health and Fitness, Wall Street, West Arm Grill.

Our New Staff

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Jennifer Stephen has joined our staff and is teaching English 10 and 11. Welcome to Kelsey, Mrs. Stephen!

Scholarships and Bursaries

by Liz Gamble, Vice-Principal

Congratulations to all who have applied for the local awards! Scholarships and Bursaries will be presented at an Awards Night on Thursday, June 12th at Frances Kelsey School starting at 7:00 p.m., and families of students are welcome to attend. I encourage

all Grade 12 students to continue to search for awards using www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca as many non-local scholarships and bursaries are still available.

If your son or daughter receives notification that they have won an Entrance Scholarship or any form of outside scholarship or

bursary, please advise Mrs. Gamble so that these winners may be recognized at the Graduation Walk-Up.

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 May and June, 2008 are available in the library filing cabinet:

- RBC Royal Bank Financial Lifeskills Scholarship
- Monsanto Canada Opportunity Scholarship
- Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers
- BC Moose Association Annual Bursary
- United Croats of Canada
- Avar Press Literary Essay Scholarship
- Dominion Institute Great Question Essay Competition
- Learning Matters Education Charity
- Aboriginal Health Careers Scholarship Awards
- Cerebral Palsy Association of BC Tanabe Bursary
- Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Great-West Life/London Life/Canada Life Scholarship Fund
- Brigadier W.N. Bostock Memorial Research Grant via BC Cattlemen's Association
- Tommy Douglas Scholarship

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



1st Shawnigan Lake All Sections Scout Registration

First registration period will be at Discovery School 27 May 2008 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Registration is for youth wishing to join the program for the 2008-2009 year and adult registration for those interested in becoming a Scout Leader.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Dry Grad Garage Sale and Silent Auction on April 26th, as contributors and customers. It was a great success. Between both events we brought in \$2,863.00. We have now successfully reached our fundraising goal to put on the event! Thank you everyone! We would also like to thank the Lion's Society for taking any leftovers.

Dry Grad

Dry Grad tickets will be on sale Tuesday, May 13-16 by the library over lunch. Cost is \$10.00 each. Students don't have to be walking up to attend the Dry Grad party. All Grade 12 students are welcome! It is important to come and celebrate with their peers even if they are coming back for another semester or two.

We are still in need of parents to help decorate the school the night before (Thursday, June 26th), as well as volunteers for the Dry Grad evening. Please email Sandy Kadar at soccerm2001@shaw.ca or Sherry Dougan at sadougan@shaw.ca

2007-2008 DRY GRAD MEETING

Tuesday, May 20
7:00 p.m. in the
Kelsey library
Everyone welcome

shaw.ca if you are able to help out for even a few hours.

Please try to come out to our next meeting on May 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the library and find out more about the Dry Grad event. It will be spectacular!! Meetings are always over by 8:00 p.m.

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

By Marilyn Sandford, Principal

Grad Banquet Saturday, May 31st

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 12th 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 27th 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.

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 Wins Regional Skills Canada Film & Television Competition

The Frances Kelsey Secondary School team of Matt Filgate and Cole Chisholm has won first place in the Skills Canada Film & Television competition. Teams of two were given a topic to cover

and were to complete the story, video, editing, and music within a 5 hour timeframe.

This year's topic was 'Freedom', and Matt and Cole's video used the

theme to tell a story about the inner struggle to find freedom in our society. Their story, written by Matt and directed by Cole, beat out all other competitors in the South Island Region and then went on to the Provincials in Abbotsford, BC on April 15th.

Matt and Cole had a great experience and did an excellent job in Abbotsford, but unfortunately, out of the ten teams competing, their submission was not selected as a winner. Nevertheless, we congratulate them for their achievement at the regional level and are proud of their participation in Abbotsford!



Cole Chisholm (left) and Matt Filgate

Photo by Mrs. Brinkman

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Climate Action Youth Dialogue

By Kyle Mockford and Caitlin Millwater, Students

On April 21st, we had the opportunity to attend a climate action youth dialogue in Vancouver, along with 150 students from all across BC. The Premier, Gordon Campbell was able to attend to look for youth ideas and perspectives. He shared his knowledge of the carbon tax and how it will potentially reduce the pollution, for a better environment.

After Mr. Campbell left, the conference filled with 30 students between Grades 10-12, as well as

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about 20 post secondary students. We brainstormed ideas on how youth can assist the province in meeting our greenhouse gas reduction targets which is to reduce 33% of pollution by 2020. As well, the group brainstormed ideas about how BC youth can achieve their climate action objectives.

Overall it was a great experience which included taking a sea plane over to Vancouver and it was great to meet students from all over BC who had excellent ideas on climate change and who wanted to do something about

it. It was also a good experience to meet Mr. Campbell.

I recommend anyone who is interested in wanting to help the environment to join the Environmental Club where we do lots of things in the school to make it more GREEN. So far, we have put environmental facts on the Newsbreaker, had an organic bake sale, as well as a power out day. We also sort and recycle cans and pop bottles every X block. If you are interested, come on out where we meet every Thursday in room 212, or sort and recycle cans in X block.

Kelsey Science Fair Success!

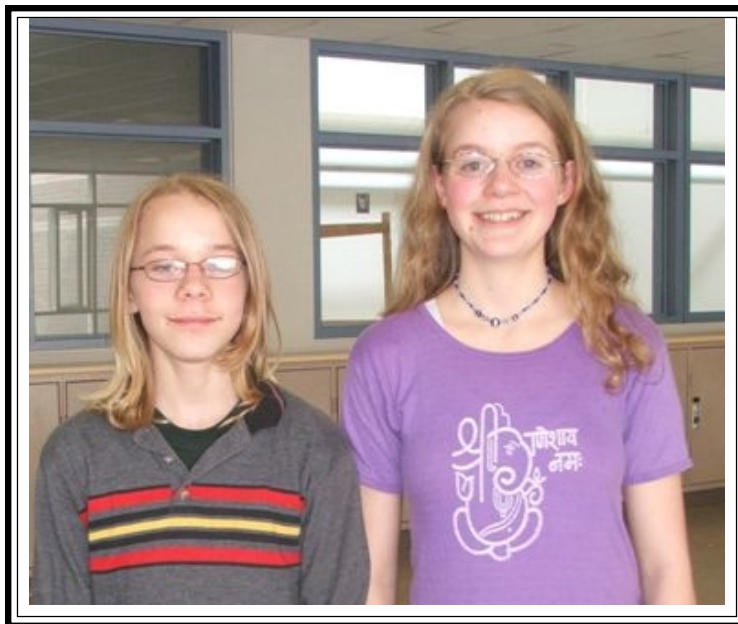
Congratulations to Grade 11 student, Alice Jourmel, and Grade 9 student, Oliver Jourmel, who represented Frances Kelsey Secondary School at the Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair held at the University of Victoria on April 6 and 7. Alice's project, "Dynamic Testing of Strength and Vibration Properties of Hardwoods", was judged to be first overall while Oliver's project, "Breaking the Carbon Bond", was judged to be sixth best overall. These standings advance both of them to the Canada Wide Science Fair in Ottawa from May 10 to 18, 2008.

Alice won a Gold Award from the Association of Professional Engineers

and Geoscientists, the University of Victoria Award, the Zonta Award, an Alexa Geminiano Award, a Division for Women in Science & Engineering Award, as well as a National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Recognition Award.

Oliver won a Chemical Institute of Canada Award, the Nathan Geminiano Award, and a National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Recognition Award.

Congratulations again, Alice and Oliver, and good luck in Ottawa!



Oliver (left) and Alice

Photo by Mrs. Brinkman

Red Cross Club

By Kyle Mockford, Student

Red Cross members would like to thank all of those who participated in "Jean's Day", by buying a button or pin to support BC Children's Hospital. It took place on Thursday, April 24, where people across the province proudly wore their label pins or buttons to show their support of BC Children's Hospital. "Jean's Day" gave places like hospitals and workplaces the opportunity to wear jeans and to donate to benefit BC Children's Hospital. Last year, over 150,000 British Columbians purchased "Jean's Day" lapel pins and buttons and helped to raise over \$1 million for the hospital.

Red Cross has already done great things so far this year from supporting ACCESS (African

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Canadian Continuing Education Society), to helping to give Africans (primarily Kenyans) access to better education, 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.

For members of the Red Cross Club we have a variety of opportunities for students here to get involved in and volunteer with. Examples are the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Shawnigan Lake Walk, and the Canadian Blood Services, etc.

New members are welcome to join the Club, which meets every Tuesday at lunch in room 132 (the Home Economics room).

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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 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.

Munchies-the School Store
Big sale - a great time to buy!
Music and Kelsey hoodies \$35.00 Yoga pants \$30.00
Available Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

FKPAC
Please come and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, May 14 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library

Career Centre News

GULF ISLANDS FILM & TELEVISION SCHOOL

- 2008 Scholarship and Bursary Program – Scholarship applications now being accepted online for Summer Youth Programs.
- Apply for \$300.00 Teacher's Award in the Career Centre. www.GIFTSfilms.com/scholarships

CANADA WORLD YOUTH

If you're between the ages of 17 and 24, Canada World Youth offers you the opportunity to become an active player in community development in Canada and overseas. www.canadaworldyouth.org

BAMFIELD MARINE SCIENCES CENTRE - Summer Youth Forums.

Opportunity for Grade 11 and 12 students who have a keen interest in the marine environment and its conservation.

- Marine Biological Conservation – July 23-28
- Marine Plants and Algae – August 6-11

EMILY CARR INSTITUTE – Summer Institute for Teens - a challenging and intensive experience for serious art, design, and media students in Grades 10, 11, & 12 - Vancouver July 7 to August 1, 2008 www.eciad.ca/cs

MALASPINA UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE - Advising Sessions for students accepted next year - Wednesday, May 7 (Day 3). Sign up in the Career Centre.

UVIC - Advising Sessions for students accepted into All Faculties next year – Wednesday, May 21 (Day 2). Sign up in the Career Centre.

CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF DEMOCRACY IN CANADA 250TH ANNIVERSARY

When: The week of September 7th – 13th, 2008

Where: HALIFAX, Nova Scotia

How much? Only \$625 for flight, food, lodging, and activities have
Who? For Canadian students between the ages of 15 – 17 who have never attended *Encounters with Canada* before (students may also attend another week later on in the year if they wish)

Mrs. Munday is taking applications for this or any other Encounters week for the 2008-09 school year. Apply ASAP – only 17 positions available in all of British Columbia! First come, first served.

FKSS had the following students participate in this amazing opportunity with Encounters this year:

Nick Adams, Emily Armour, Selina Boan, Paige Borrett, Kecia Bremner, Brian Brundige, Marcie Callewaert, Kevin Ianson, Sanae Mendoza, Kyle Mockford, Brandon Peltier, Vlad Portik, Gracie Ramsfield, Rebecca Walter

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Candy Stripers – Cowichan Hospital

Bench School Fun Fair – May 22, 5-8 pm,

MS Carnation Campaign – May 9 & May 10

Canadian Blood Services – Volunteer at the new Shawnigan Lake Clinics

North American Indigenous Games