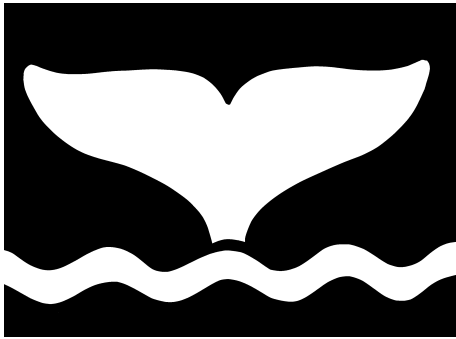


THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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Pink Shirt Day

By Arianna Augustine, Student

In 2007, a ninth grade boy attending Central Kings' Rural High School in Nova Scotia wore a pink shirt on the first day of school. The bullies at the school harassed the boy throughout the day, taunting him by repeatedly calling him a homosexual and threatening to beat him. David Shepherd and Travis Price, two twelfth graders, found out what was happening at their school and decided they needed to do something to change the attitudes and behaviours of bullies. After school that day, the boys purchased 50 pink shirts with a plan in mind. Later that evening, they went online and 'talked' to as many classmates as was possible, asking all to wear pink the following day. Students arrived at school the next morning only to discover a 'sea of pink'. Remarkably, numbers of students, in addition to those approached by Shepherd and Price, were wearing pink shirts. News of this amazing proactive anti-bullying campaign quickly spread, making headlines in the United States. That year, other schools starting making plans to hold their own annual 'Pink Day'. By the end of 2007, it was decided that Canada would establish a national anti-bullying day and now, every February, we celebrate 'Pink Shirt Day' by wearing pink as a peaceful protest against bullying.

Bullying has become a major problem in schools, the workplace and on the internet. Bullying is engaging in intimidating behaviours; it is when someone does or says something on one or more occasions to exert power and control over someone. It can be as simple as name-calling. There are numerous reasons why a person is a bully or why a person becomes a victim of bullying, but regardless of these reasons, bullying is not permissible. Although there are many strategies being put in place to prevent and deal with bullying, it is still important that everyone help to take a stand against bullying.

'Pink Shirt Day' took place on February 25th this year and Frances Kelsey's Peer Counsellors asked fellow students to participate in anti-bullying activities. They were amazed by the number of students who enthusiastically took a stand against bullying. The school wanted to remind everyone of the importance of 'Pink Shirt Day', so students were asked to wear pink. A small group of Peer Counsellors enriched the activity by deeming the school

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



Kelsey Calendar

Mon. March 9, 2009

Second formal report card issued with newsletter

Wed. March 11, 2009

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Thurs. March 12, 2009

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

March 16 - 20, 2009

Spring Break

Mon. March 23, 2009

School reopens (Day 1)

Wed. April 1, 2009

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

Fri. April 3, 2009

7:00 p.m. Talent Night in theatre sponsored by Current Global Issues Club

Sat. April 4, 2009

10:00 - 2:00 Drop off Dry Grad Garage Sale donations at Mill Bay Storage

Mon. April 6, 2009

Monthly report card issued with newsletter
7:00 p.m. Dry Grad parents meeting in library

Wed. April 8, 2009

7:00-8:30 p.m. Bonner Parent Night at Kelsey (watch for new PAC meeting date)

Fri. April 10, 2009

Good Friday (school not in session)

Mon. April 13, 2009

Easter Monday (school not in session)

April 16 - 17, 2009

Provincial Exams

Sat. April 18, 2009

9:00 - 2:00 Dry Grad Garage Sale and Silent Auction at FKSS

a 'bully-free zone'. They decorated the dome, sold anti-bullying tee-shirts, gave out pink ribbons and sold cupcakes with pink icing. The overall effect of

these activities was incredible! On that Wednesday, a person could go into any room in the school and witness at least one pink clad person. It was

overwhelming to see the school 'step up to the plate'. The Peer Counsellors would like to wholeheartedly thank all those who participated.

Hello Parents

By Marilyn Sandford, Principal

1. The March Formal Report Cards are being issued on Monday, March 9th rather than March 2nd. The Ministry of Education has advised that they will be releasing provincial marks early. By changing the date of the report cards, I will be able to download the provincial exam marks and the final marks so this

data will now appear on your son's or daughter's formal report card.

2. Parent Teacher Interviews are Thursday, March 12th. Interviews are set for 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. If you wish to sign up for appointments in advance, please return the appointment form included with the report card.

Parents are reminded to sign the agenda book that they have seen the report card.

3. If you are unable to attend the Parent Teacher Interviews, please contact the Advisor or subject teacher if you have a concern. Telephone extension numbers and emails are on pages 18 and 19 of the Agenda book.

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Mike Martin, Vice-Principal

Are you planning to attend UBC, UVIC, Simon Fraser University, Camosun College or Vancouver Island University 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 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 March 26th. Students should request their transcripts immediately and they will be available for pickup on March 26th. Students who require Ms. Wheeler to photocopy their package, please note that the photocopy deadline is March 16th. There will be a considerable queue 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" hand-out which all Grade 12's received at the workshop seminar.

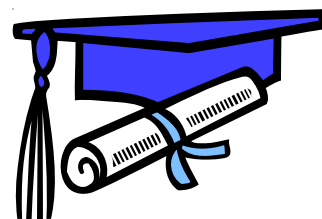
Do you need help? Resume help and assistance with your cover letter is available. See Mr. Martin or Mrs. Munday.

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 Mr. Martin. All dates should be checked at each source's site.

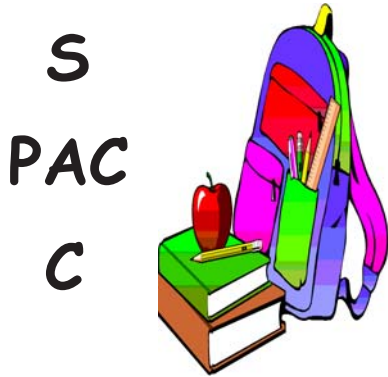
Application forms for the following scholarships and bursaries, which have deadlines in March and April, 2009, are available in the library filing cabinet:

- Simon Fraser University Entrance Award
- Re/Max Quest for Excellence School Bursary Program
- Miller Thomson Foundation
- University of Alberta Leadership Awards Program
- Talk About Canada Scholarship Quiz
- Garfield Weston Awards
- BC Association of Health-Care Auxiliaries Scholarship/Bursary
- Lakehead University Entrance Scholarships



- Victoria Diocesan Catholic Women's League Bursary
- Art Institute of Vancouver Scholarship
- Cowichan and Chemainus Valley's Sports Scholarship Form
- Vancouver Island University President's Entrance Scholarships
- Coastal Community Credit Union Scholarship
- Vancouver College of Art and Design

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**By CJ Kubica, President
FKPAC**

As part of the continuing saga in pursuit of additional sleep for Kelsey students, the PAC Executive and Kelsey Administration recently met with School Superintendent Dan Boudreault and several district staff members. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the feasibility of changing the start time at Kelsey from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. It was agreed the major obstacle is bussing. As it turns out, our request coincides with a recently acquired computer program which will allow the

District Transportation Department to review a much needed overhaul of bussing in the district. Although other concerns and ideas were discussed, it was determined bussing would need to be addressed first. Transportation will review the feasibility of combining Kelsey and Bonner bus runs to accommodate the requested time change. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for the first week of May to allow Transportation time to work with the new program.

The PAC Executive also met with Kelsey Administration recently to review procedures in place to address bullying. Cyberspace is a new arena for bullying and, although the school has no jurisdiction over internet sites, we are currently making arrangements to provide sessions on cyber bullying to all Kelsey students.

Spring Break is just around the corner and, consequently, students' energy and activities increase. Research has shown that

when parents are involved in student education, the students are more likely to perform better academically, attend school regularly, show improved behaviour and have better social skills. They adapt well to school life and beyond and are more likely to graduate and go on to post secondary education. Whether you choose to volunteer at the school, attend a PAC meeting or have a conversation at home about a student's day, we encourage you to be a part of your son's or daughter's life at Kelsey.

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library.

FKPAC

Please come and join us at
our next meeting on
Wednesday, March 11
7:00 p.m. in the
Kelsey library

Kelsey Math Team Victorious!

By Steve Gergel, Teacher

On Tuesday, February 24th, Mischa Amiri, Curtis Life, Connor Hux and Austin Wallace travelled to Chemainus Secondary to compete against Grade 9 students from other schools in the annual School District 79 Middle School Math Challenge. This competition consisted of 3 parts – an individual paper of 20 questions done without calculators, students working in pairs to solve 8 problems with the use of calculators, if necessary,

and 4 students working as a team to solve a specific problem. Our Frances Kelsey team did exceptionally well, winning top Grade 9 team and top team overall. Curtis Life won top individual Grade 9 student with a perfect score of 20/20 on the individual test. This is the first time in the history of the competition that a perfect score has been recorded. Well done, Curtis! Well done, Kelsey team!

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Dry Grad 2008-2009

please e-mail kelseydrygrad@gmail.com or contact Angie Stanta at (250)743-0456.

Start saving your quality 'used' spring cleaning treasures for the Dry Grad Garage Sale and Silent Auction planned for **Saturday, April 18th** from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Frances Kelsey School. Items may be dropped off in advance on Saturday, April 4th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Mill Bay Storage, 1185 Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road. If you have an item or would like to donate cash,

There are still Fireside Bricks available for sale from **Lael Gierc of Wescom Doors**. Please call **(250)748-5595** to place your order.

Tracy still has Thrifty Smile cards and Country Grocer certificates on hand, with a percentage going back to the grads. It costs you nothing! Please call her at

2008-2009 DRY GRAD MEETING

Monday, April 6
7:00 p.m. in the
Kelsey library
Everyone welcome
For more information
call (250)743-9440

(250)743-1868.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Meetings are over by 8:00 p.m. We still need more volunteers for this spectacular event in June. Please plan to attend.

Correction

Please note that **Wescom Doors** is the correct name of the business which supplies Fireside Bricks as a fundraiser to the Frances Kelsey Dry Grad committee, and that their telephone number is **(250)748-5595**. Orders may be placed by calling Lael Gierc at that number.

"The Prom Project" also known as "The Cinderella Project"

By Linda O'Neil, Parent

Every year 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 (250)743-7866 or Principal Marilyn Sandford at (250)743-

6916 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 he/she deserves.

Thank you,
Linda O'Neil (250)743-7866

A Toonie for a Tune

By Monica Whitney-Brown,
Student

This Valentine's Day the Current Global Issues Club was selling singing grams. For \$2, students

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and staff could purchase a song for someone at school and the Current Global Issues Club (with help from some Acting 12 students) would sing it to that person. At lunchtimes, in

and



cornered and sung to with great gusto, much to the amusement of their friends and classmates. Over

advisories in bus line-students were

30 different songs were learned by the singers and what some songs lacked in the way of words and tune, every song made up for with the enthusiasm with which they were performed. The singing

grams were a big success. Over 125 were sold, with all the money (\$250 plus) going to support Mammello English Medium School in Lesotho, Africa. Thanks to everyone who supported this

activity. Watch for the Current Global Issues Club's next events in the Newsbreaker or take a look at the CGIC board located just inside the math hallway. Happy Valentine's Day!

Community Options Society

is offering an evening course for parents of teens that will start Tuesday, March 24th and will run through to May 12th. The course will be Gordon Neufeld's video presentation of "Making Sense of Adolescence" and will be facilitated by Diane Dous. The course will run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. with the video presentation by Dr. Neufeld being followed by a group discussion. It is offered free to the community but pre-registration is required due to limited space.

Please call COS at (250)748-0232 to register.

Kelsey Dramatist Cashes In

Congratulations to Kelsey's debuting playwright, Larissa Barry-Thibodeau who secured a runner-up position with a cash prize of \$100.00 in the Kaleidoscope's 2009 Young

Playwrights Competition. Her script, entitled "Life Inside", placed in the top 6 of several plays submitted from high schools all over Vancouver Island and will be performed, under her direction, on

April 26, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Victoria High School in Victoria. The public is invited, so make certain to keep that date open!



From the Kelsey Library

Local author Joan Givner, who writes the *Ellen* series of novels, was recently welcomed to Frances Kelsey. She spoke to a group of students about her writing style and the inspiration for her ideas, then participated in a question and answer session.

Her novels have been nominated for several awards and are set in the seaside town of Partridge

Cove, which is actually Mill Bay.

The Kelsey library now owns *Ellen's Book of Life* and has ordered the remainder of the *Ellen*

series. We encourage our students to read one of them soon!



Gourmet Table d'Hote Luncheons



at the Frances Kelsey Dining Room
Wednesday - 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 Vancouver Island University'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

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.

We Need Your Help!

Satisfaction Survey 2008/09

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

The Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in Grades 10 and 12, their parents, and all school staff. *We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement.* The surveys contain standard questions from the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

How do I complete the Survey?

This year, the survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. **All that is required is a logon number that the school will provide to participants either on our Frances Kelsey Parent Interview Day on March 12th or the logon number will be sent home in a letter on March 23rd.** Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site, without a logon number.

The school will be open during our March 12th Parent Interviews between 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for parents who would like to participate but do not have access to a computer. The e-survey site will be open starting on March 9th and will stay open until April 24th.

If you have not received your logon number by March 23rd, please contact the school at (250)743-6916 extension 267 to speak with Mr. I. Grbavec who can provide you with a logon number.

Career Centre News

CAREER PLANNING



University of Victoria

Engineering and Computer Science Faculty

- **Webinar Information Session** – March 11 at 7:00 p.m. Reserve your spot by contacting Margaret Gwyn at mgwyn@uvic.ca
- **Lego Robotics Event** (Female students) – April 18 Lunch included. More information: www.engr.uvic.ca/25/women

Encounters with Canada - Applications accepted for the 2009/2010 season starting May 1, 2009.



Skills Canada Competition, BC – 2009

A forum to bring together students, educators and industry to advocate, promote and celebrate trade and technology skills.

Dates: Regional – March 27 (VIU)
Provincial – April 22 (Abbotsford)
National – May 20-23 (PEI)

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Virtual Competition at FKSS during February 23 to 27:

- **CAD - Architectural:** Nelli Calveley, Tyler Gunderson, Chris Moyse, Matt Denning, and Kent Burkitt
- **CAD - Mechanical:** Colin Owen-Flood
- **TV/Video Production:** Team 1 - Kris Carroll and Josh Grandage, Team 2 - Jordan Ollett and Chris McLachlan, Team 3 - Jacob Salmen-Hartley and Sky Richards, Team 4 - Jordan Venoit and Cam Harrison, Team 5 - Darcy Collins and Nolan Judge

Check out the website: www.skillscanada.bc.ca

SUMMER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION

Finding answers. For life.

HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION OF BC: High School Summer Research Program

Grade 11 students interested in cardiovascular research summer internship. More information available in the Career Centre or Science Dept

Deadline for applications is April 17.

Congratulations!

- **Evan Bright** and **Bradley Fisher** for being accepted to the Camosun College ACE IT Welding Program.
- **Jesse Leech** and **Franco Fantillo** for being accepted to the Camosun College ACE IT Electrical Program.
- **Jesse Leech, Miranda Mykyta, and Arran Ritchie** for being selected to attend the 2009 Greater Victoria Police Camp at Albert Head Camp in Victoria.
- The following students who have attended or will be attending Encounters with Canada in Ottawa this year:
 - **Larissa Barry-Thibodeau** - "Arts & Culture" -
 - **Nicole Yaremus** and **Christina Meschkat** - "Medicine & Health"
 - **Kirstin Blake, Brittany Sanford** and **Ashley Van Maanen** - "Medicine & Health"
 - **Kale Howe** and **Nadia Tepleski Maanen** - "Royal Canadian Mounted Police"
 - **Aaron Cotton** - "Politics in Canada"
 - **Haley Carfantan** - "Sports & Fitness"