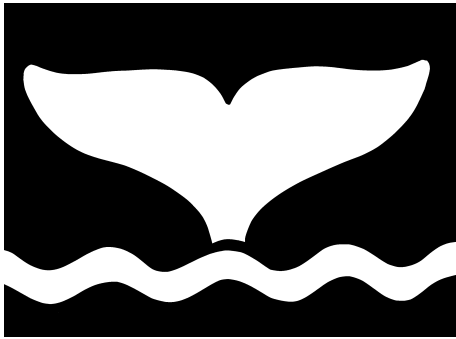


THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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Leadership 2008-2009

By Neelam Doman and Carla Peltier, Teachers

Our Leadership class this year includes: Blaise Abbott, Brooke Anderson, Giovan Arzoz, Megan Barrett, Brooklyn Belanger, Evan Brown, Adam Buchanan, Lindsey Butler, Emily Clark, Liam Diab, Seth Diab, Haydn Doucet, Taylor Filgate, Katie Fitzpatrick, Alison Gellein, Janele Gicas, Ian Haig, Kelyn Hieb, Kale Howe, Felix Huet, Taylor Kits, Joseph Kueber, Carley Lawless, Freeman Lewin, Shaun Lymer, Jennifer May, Nickolas McCabe, Kaylea McNeill, Christina Meschkat, Jake Newman, Cole Peterson, Vlad Portik, Gordon Robb, Bronte Robinson-Pike, Riley Taiji, Brittany Wallace, Elissa Wright and 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 such as the Terry Fox Run and planning for activities for the community. The students are encouraged to provide service where needed and to choose individual projects depending on their personal interests and strengths.

This year from April 28 - May 1, 2009, 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 2008-2009 Leadership class, we would like to express our appreciation and thanks to our chaperones, Denis Huet and Beth Grady, and to the 39 sponsors: A & W, Arbutus Ridge, Baytown Restaurant, Cobble Hill Firebase, Columbia Ice and Fuels, Country Grocer, Cowichan Search and Rescue, Dodd's Lumber, Duncan Lanes, Eddy's Hockey Shop, Experience Cycling, FKSS PAC, Freestyle, Fun Pacific, Just Jake's, Kaleidoscope, Mill Bay Lions Club, Mill Bay Pizza, Mill Bay Shell, Movement Unlimited, Mt. Sicker Logging, O'Hairs Styling Group, O.K. Tire, Pharmasave, Rona, Safeway, Serious Coffee, Shawnigan Lake Spa and Wellness, Silvercity Victoria, South Cowichan Eyecare, Sports Traders, Staples, Steeples, Subway, PlayGround, Thrifty



Kelsey Calendar

Mon. May 4, 2009

Monthly report card issued with newsletter.
7:00 p.m. Dry Grad parents meeting in library
May 8 & 9, 2009

Current Global Issues Club Peace Symposium

Wed. May 13, 2009

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Fri. May 15, 2009

Day in Lieu (school not in session)

Mon. May 18, 2009

Victoria Day (school not in session)

May 20 & 21, 2008

7:00 p.m. "Rimers of Eldritch" in Kelsey theatre

Fri. May 22, 2009

11:00-2:00 FKSS District Scholarship Presentation

Wed. May 27, 2009

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

Sat. May 30, 2009

Grade 12 Formal Graduation Banquet

Mon. June 1, 2009

Monthly report card issued with newsletter.
7:00 p.m. Dry Grad parents meeting in library
7:00 p.m. Year end music concert in theatre

Tues. June 2, 2009

7:00 p.m. Dance Recital in theatre

Wed. June 3, 2009

7:00 p.m. Current Global Issues Club Build a School Dessert Night

Thurs. June 4, 2009

7:00 p.m. Dance Recital in theatre

Wed. June 10, 2009

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Thurs. June 11, 2009

Daytime School Awards Ceremonies - a.m. junior students/p.m. senior students
7:00 p.m. Scholarship & Bursary Presentation Evening

Tues. June 16, 2009

Last day of classes

June 17-25, 2009

Provincial Exams

Thurs. June 25, 2009

8:00 a.m. Final report cards issued

9:00 a.m. Buses return

Fri. June 26, 2009

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

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

New Staff

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Lisa Lindsay has joined our office secretarial staff.
Welcome, Mrs. Lindsay!

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Mike Martin, 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 11th at Frances Kelsey School starting at 7:00 p.m. and families of students are welcome to attend.

District Scholarship applications are now available through the teaching staff. Application

packages are due on Friday, May 8th at noon.

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 he/she has won

an Entrance Scholarship or any form of outside scholarship or bursary, please advise Mr. Martin so that these winners may be recognized at the Graduation Walk-Up.

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 May and June, 2009, are available in the library filing cabinet:

- Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society/BC Aboriginal Student Award
- Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists Foundation
- R.E.W.A.R.D.S. Program
- BC Cattlemen's Association

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



The Dry Grad Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the Garage Sale, Silent Auction and Bottle Drive on April 25th. They were terrific successes. The total raised was over \$4,000. Great job to everyone involved!

We have certificates from **Country Grocer** and Smile Cards

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Dry Grad 2008-2009

from **Thrifty Foods** still available. Every time you use one, the businesses donate a percentage back to our Dry Grad fund. It costs you nothing! Call Tracy at (250)743-1868 to arrange to pick up yours.

Dry Grad tickets for students will be on sale next month for \$10. Don't miss your chance to enjoy a wonderful evening! All Grade 12 students welcome!

2008-2009 DRY GRAD MEETING

Monday, May 4
7:00 p.m. in the
Kelsey library
Everyone welcome
For more information
call (250)743-9440

The Information Bulletin has gone out by e-mail to all parents of Grade 12 students and can be viewed on the Frances Kelsey website, as well. If you can spare a couple of hours or so the night

before to help set up the decorations, on the Friday evening of the event, or if you wish to come and help clean up

the following morning, there is a volunteer contact information sheet at the end of the bulletin. Any amount of your time is appreciated.

Our next meeting is on Monday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Meetings are always over by 8:00 p.m. Spread the word and bring a friend!

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

By Marilyn Sandford, Principal

*Grad Banquet
Saturday, May 30th*

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 11th 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 26th 6:30 p.m.*

This is the final and most formal graduation event, which 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 maintains a close liaison with the administration and individual staff members as required.

Using Our Kelsey RoadSense

With graduation just around the corner, school hallways are abuzz with anticipation. The last thing on a student's mind is the sobering fact that car crashes are still the number one killer of youth between the ages of 13 and 21.

To drive home this reality, RoadSense speaker Kevin Brooks recently shared his story and the consequences of speeding and impaired driving with students at Frances Kelsey. He gave a compelling and emotionally-

charged presentation to remind students to drive responsibly. To learn more about Kevin, visit icbc.com/youth/pdf/ts378j.pdf

To see videos with tips to prevent impaired driving or high-risk driving behaviours, visit icbc.com/licensing/drivingtips/tips_index.asp and to learn more about how to talk to your kids about the RoadSense presentation and road safety, visit icbc.com/youth/youth_new_parents.asp

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FKPAC

Please come and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, May 13 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library

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 Last day of service this school year: June 19

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.

\$1,800.00. Each student will possibly use a total of up to 50 different textbooks while he/she is at Kelsey. This does not include the cost of any resource books, library books or videos, etc. As you can imagine, having 1100 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.

begin to cover the recovery replacement of lost texts.

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

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

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 that 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.

If a student at the senior level is taking Sciences, Math, English, Spanish, and English Literature, the cost could be as high as

Music Notes

By Mr. Evans, Music Director

Concert Choir

Term Two saw the return of Concert Choir to Frances Kelsey School. We have an enthusiastic group of singers rehearsing a variety of musical selections with Ian Searle accompanying them on the piano. Look forward to their upcoming performance at the year-end concert at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1st in the Kelsey Theatre.



Concert Band

On March 25th, the FKSS Concert Band travelled to George Bonner Middle School and performed a varied program. The band looked and sounded great and was very well received. The audience's favourite selection was *You've Got A Friend* from Toy Story. Many of the performers

clearly enjoyed visiting their former school. (Editor's note – we'll bet Mr. Evans enjoyed returning to his former Junior Secondary School too!!)

On Friday, April 3rd, the Frances Kelsey Concert Band attended the **Vancouver Island Concert Band Festival** in Port Alberni. This was the regional festival for MusicFest Canada with distinguished adjudicators. Our Concert Band played a program of three contrasting selections exceptionally well. The group scored an "excellent-minus" grade and received compliments, encouragement and pointers from the adjudicators who heard the band. The students played well and represented the school well. Also, they were interested in the other performing groups they heard and were

attentive to the workshop coaching given. Entirely, it was a memorable day. Special thanks are extended to PAC for helping with the costs of attending the festival.

Jazz Band

The Frances Kelsey Jazz Band has been busy lately. The band made a trip to George Bonner on April 8th to share a lunchtime concert with the GBMS Jazz Band. Both

bands played a short program on their own and then combined forces for an energetic rendition of *Tuxedo Junction*. The two-storey atrium was a fun venue to perform in!

Later that same day, the Jazz Band performed again under the dome at FKSS for incoming Grade nine students and their parents. The band looked and sounded great and set a classy tone for the evening as guests entered the

building.

Year End Concert

The Choir, Concert Band and Jazz Band will present a varied program of music at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1st in the Kelsey Theatre. Admission is by donation to the FKSS Music Program. Be sure to mark your calendar!

Peace Symposium 2009

Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th

By Janet Whitney-Brown, Student

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has"
Margaret Mead, Anthropologist

The Current Global Issues Club is pleased to present Peace Symposium 2009! The Peace Symposium is an opportunity for students with a common desire to explore and discuss peace to get together and do just that. The Symposium begins Friday evening with a potluck dinner and lasts 'til about 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Students who wish to will be sleeping overnight in the library.

Through workshops, yoga, movies and presentations, we will be exploring all aspects of peace, from inner peace practices to international peace efforts. This year's key-note speaker is Trevor Greene from Nanaimo. Trevor Greene is a retired officer in the Canadian military. As part of his mission to Afghanistan in 2006, he was meeting with village elders in a remote village. He took off his helmet as a sign of respect. In the middle of the meeting, a young man came up behind him and brought an axe down upon his head. Mr. Greene's physical recovery has been incredible. And with that recovery, he has embodied some of the principles of peace discussed in this symposium: inner peace - as he has worked to

find new meaning in his life, interpersonal peace - as he has reflected on the event that nearly cost him his life, and international peace - as he was trying to support in Afghanistan.

The event has no cost, although donations will be accepted to cover transportation costs of our guests. Registration forms and brochures are located on the CGIC Newsboard. Any adults interested in supervising/attending this awesome event should contact Janet Whitney-Brown ASAP.

Forms are due Wednesday, May 6th.

From the Kelsey Library

By Mrs. Emblem, Teacher-Librarian

The Stellar Book Club is now winding down for the school year. Our small group of keen readers have read and reviewed many of the selections online. It will be interesting to see which title and Canadian author is selected as the winner by the

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teens of BC.

We are closely approaching our goal of 12,000 items this year and have been featuring our seventeen magazine subscriptions recently.

Please encourage your student to use the library website page and complete his/her research from World Book Online. The "purple

password paper" is available at the circulation desk.

Read, renew and return as many books and materials as possible in the next few weeks.



Kelsey's Connection to Lesotho

By Julia Pakstas, Student

When my mother and I were planning our trip to South Africa, we had a four week time slot that could be filled with whatever we wanted. So when I realized how easily we could travel to Lesotho, I decided that we would visit Mamello English Medium, a school that the Current Global Issues Club has been supporting for two years. I had seen the pictures, and even heard Mamello speak at Kelsey three years previous, but that barely scratched the surface. Not only was Lesotho one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen, splendoured with spectacular mountainous landscapes with rivers and canyons scattered

about, but the school itself had its own magnificence. At age twenty-two, Mamello started the school. Her target students were disabled children, as she herself suffered from a disability as a child, but she soon hosted an assortment of orphans, disabled students, and children without learning challenges. Mamello, her husband, and her brother have worked to create a primary school, a high school, residences for the orphans, and a small health clinic that is now used by the surrounding communities. These services all make up Phelisanong. Now twenty-nine, Mamello is still working tirelessly and frequently takes new orphans into the project.

Currently, the Global Issues Club is trying to raise around \$5,000 to easily cover the cost of a new high-school there, as what they're using now is inappropriate for an optimum learning environment, especially in their climate. It is our hope that, as we in the community continue to raise money for Phelisanong over the coming years, larger residences for the orphans can be built, the clinic can expand, and Mamello's visions for the project can slowly turn into a reality.

The Current Global Issues Club will be holding a Dessert Night in June, as well as other events throughout the spring, and all money will be going to reach our goal of \$5000.

The current Mamello English Medium School operates from a shipping container



Photo by Julia Pakstas

Career Centre News

Katimavik



CAREER PLANNING **NEW PROGRAM OFFERINGS**

Choose between six and nine month programs. Open to all young Canadians between the ages of 17 to 21 – funded by the Government of Canada

Three new program tracks:

- “Cultural Discovery and Civic Engagement”
- “Eco-Citizenship and Active Living”
- “Second Language and Cultural Diversity”

www.katimavik.org

SUMMER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



DIGITAL ARTS DISCOVERY BOOTCAMP

July 6-31 or August 4-28

Visit: bcit.ca/mdia0888 to register

BCIT FORENSIC SUMMER STUDENT ACADEMY – CSI BURNABY July 6 – 10 for Grade 10, 11 & 12 students More info: www.bcitforensics.ca

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**



Information on the volunteer board in the Career Centre.

FUN FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT **“Honouring Moms & Grandmas”**

For children 18 months to 8 years and their families – Friday, May 8, 2009 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

15TH ANNUAL COWICHAN VALLEY GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, June 14, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Prepare and sell hot dogs and hamburgers

- Fun
- Free Lunch
- Help your community

All proceeds go to Cowichan Family Life Association.