

THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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Goodbyes and Hellos

By Marilyn Sandford, Principal

Another school year is about to pass into history and we would like to take the opportunity to thank the many of you who have helped to make Frances Kelsey a more successful school for its students.

In particular, plaudits go to the parents of grads who have worked to make graduation a memorable event. To those of you who, along with your students, are now leaving the school community, a special thank you for your support over the years.

A special thank you to our hardworking Grad Council for the many events they have sponsored for their fellow classmates. Our Grad Council members are Leanna Bakker, Marcie Callewaert, Rosie Child, Andrew Hayhurst, Teagan Jackel, Megan Kubica, Freeman Lewin, Sophie Lyle, Shelby Matthews and Alysha van Akker. Thank you all. Mr. Archer and I have once again enjoyed working with such a terrific group of grads.

The school looks forward to next September and the opportunity to meet new students and their families. To this end, a committee is at work looking for ways to ease the transition to Kelsey and make the start up an even simpler and more positive experience. You will learn the details in the information that will be mailed to you toward the end of August. As always, teachers will endeavour to look for ways to help students accept responsibility for their own learning.

Provincial exams will continue to be a fact of life for students enrolled in English 10, Math 10, Science 10, Social Studies 11, English 12 and Communications 12. In addition, fulfilling the Graduation Transitions requirements will continue to be a part of the program for all

grades. Staff already has this well in hand. Of a more general nature, the staff has been working very hard to ensure that all students will be exposed to a variety of forms of assessment and evaluation. However, the major goal of the school will continue to be to pay attention to all aspects of wellness. A major activity will be a Wellness Day planned for November 30, 2009.

Work will continue on our website (fkss.ca) to provide parents and students with current information about our school and specific details about procedures and course content. We are currently updating Netmarks twice a week so that you can monitor progress more closely.

We would like to recognize the efforts of the PAC executive and members for all the work they have done "to promote quality education for all students attending Frances Kelsey Secondary School."

Several staff are also graduating along with our Grade 12's. Mr. Roger Carr, our Drama teacher, Mr. Ken Sartini, our English and Social Studies teacher, and Ms. Leslie-Jo Stubbe, our Home Economics teacher, have been at Kelsey since the beginning. It has been an honour and privilege to work with these wonderful teachers. We also send our good wishes and thanks to Mrs. Trish Carder and Mrs. Tarina Lewis, two of our Education Assistants who will not be with us at Kelsey next year.

From all of us at Kelsey, best wishes to both our graduates and students who are leaving us. An enjoyable summer to all!



Kelsey Calendar

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 band and choir concert in theatre

Tues. June 2, 2009

7:00 p.m. Dance concert in theatre

June 2, 3 and 5, 2009

Dry Grad tickets for sale during lunch

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 concert in theatre

Wed. June 10, 2009

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Thurs. June 11, 2009

School Awards Ceremonies - 8:30 a.m. Grade 11 and 12 students/10:00 a.m. Grade 9 and 10 students

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

Tues. June 16, 2009

Last day of classes

June 17-25, 2009

Provincial Exams

Fri. June 19, 2009

Last day of service in Frances Kelsey Dining Room

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

Tues. September 8, 2009

School opens to Grade 10, 11 and 12 students

Wed. September 9, 2009

School opens to Grade 9 students

Thurs. September 10, 2009

First day of classes for all students

Wed. September 16, 2009

7:00 p.m. PAC Annual General Meeting in library

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

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Mike Martin, Vice-Principal

Frances Kelsey is having our Scholarship and Bursary Presentation night on Thursday, June 11th at 7 p.m. in the gym. The local scholarships and bursaries

will be presented that evening in a formal ceremony followed by a reception in the Dome with the award donors, students, parents and staff. We again want to congratulate all those graduating students who

applied for scholarships this year.

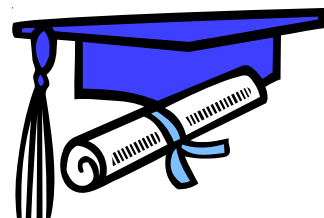
A reminder that some other scholarships are still being offered through www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca

Application forms for the following scholarships and bursaries, which have deadlines in June, July, August and September, 2009, are available in the library filing cabinet:

- Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists Foundation
- R.E.W.A.R.D.S. Foundation
- BC Cattlemen's Association – Brigadier W.N. Bostock Memorial Research Grant
- BCIT President's Entrance Awards and Entrance Awards
- Edmonton Rodeo Cowboy's Benevolent Foundation – Bill Kehler Memorial Awards
- Khalsa Credit Union
- Cerebral Palsy Association of BC

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



Dry Grad is a drug- and alcohol-free event organized by parents for our Grade 12 students, which includes fun activities and entertainment, good food, great prizes and memories which last forever. Since the inception of Dry Grad in 1989, there have been no fatalities on grad night in the Cowichan Valley.

Volunteers are still needed. This is your last chance to have a

Dry Grad 2008-2009

great time celebrating with and for these great students! If you can spare a couple of hours or so, the 'Information Bulletin' has been sent home and is also on the Frances Kelsey website. Any amount of your time is appreciated.

Tickets for Dry Grad will be on sale outside Kelsey's main office during lunch hour on June 2nd, 3rd and 5th, so get yours today! Tickets are only \$10 each.

Our last meeting is on Monday,

2008-2009 DRY GRAD MEETING

Monday, June 1
7:00 p.m. in the
Kelsey library
Everyone welcome
For more information
call (250)743-9440

June 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

A great big thank you goes out to all who planned and supported this year's Dry Grad event. It promises to be a fun-filled and memorable evening for all Grade 12 students.

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**

Filmmakers Strike Gold Again!

By Tom Geoghegan, Teacher

Frances Kelsey had four video teams competing in the recent Skills Canada Regionals for the South Island. Jacob Salmen-Hartley and Sky Richards captured the Gold Medal while Cam Harrison and



Jordan Venoit took the Bronze medal. These achievements earned Jacob and Sky a trip to the Skills Canada Provincial Championships held in Abbotsford April 22nd. Quite an accomplishment; congratulations all!

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our students insofar as our school equips students to overcome inevitable trials and obstacles throughout their high school years; clearly, we are extremely proud of our graduates.

Our final PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Please join us for a recap of our year's activities, our review of approved projects for completion and our discussion of future projects. We would also like to remind parents that the election of an Executive will take place at the Annual General Meeting on September 16th and to encourage parents to consider themselves as candidates. Positions to be filled are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, District PAC Representative, and School Planning Council Members (three positions).

By CJ Kubica, President
FKPAC

As the school year approaches the final few weeks, the PAC Executive would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, administration and parents for allowing us to share in life at Kelsey. It has truly been a pleasure and a joy to support Kelsey students and to observe their amazing resilience and accomplishments. Kelsey provides a unique opportunity for

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FKPAC

Please come and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, June 10 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library

To our departing students, parents and staff, we wish you exciting new friends; to our returning students, parents and staff, we wish you a safe and fun-filled summer. Finally, to our graduating students, we wish you a future of adventures and opportunities. Remember to look before you leap, but never be afraid to take the plunge!

Awards Assembly

This year's Awards Assembly is being held Thursday, June 11th during the day so our students can celebrate each others' successes together. The Grade 11 and 12 Assembly will begin at

8:30 a.m., while the Grade 9 and 10 Assembly will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Parents are invited to attend these events and will be contacted by

telephone if their son or daughter is winning a major award.

If you have a question, please contact your child's advisor.

Notes from the Library

By Sue Emblem, Teacher-Librarian

Although the year is winding down, new titles continue to arrive as they do all year long.

Our collection has grown significantly this year and we have enjoyed much positive feedback from our readers. Your suggestions are always welcome.

The winner of the Stellar Book Award for 2008-2009 is *The Droughtlanders* by Carrie Mac. Watch for the new list of nominees for 2009-2010. Enjoy a summer full of great reading!

Career Centre News

CAREER PLANNING



Encounters with Canada – Registrations now being accepted for the **2009/2010 season**.

Students should see Mrs. Munday in the

Career Centre for more information:

THEMES:

- Arts and Culture
- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Canada Remembers
- Ecology & Environment
- International Affairs
- Journalism & Communications
- Law
- Medicine & Health
- Politics in Canada
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Science & Technology
- Sports & Fitness

NEW Vimy: Canada's Coming of Age

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ARMY RESERVES – Offers employment to students finishing Grade 10 and up. Information and application forms available in the Career Centre.

Elderly lady needs students to help with housework and yard work. Information in the Career Centre.

Youth Services will be visiting FKSS in the Dome on June 3rd during lunch. The Youth Services worker, Alexandria Everitt, may be reached during the summer months at:

Service Canada Centre for Youth
211 Jubilee Street
Duncan BC V9L 1W8
Phone: 250 748-5231
Fax: 250 746-8794

POLICE CAMP PRESENTATION – June 8

By students who attended this year's Police Camp. **Saanich Police Officers will be in attendance to answer questions.**

Hear highlights of the student's experience and **how to apply next year** – students must attend session in order to attend next year's Police Camp.

STUDENTS SIGN UP IN THE CAREER CENTRE



SUMMER '09 Courses - \$300 Gift Certificates and 24 Tuition Scholarships Available. Information in CC.



ACE-IT and Secondary School Apprenticeship students:

ACE-IT Students

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| Cooking – SD 79 FKSS | Welding – Camosun |
| • Mitch MacDonald | • Evan Bright |
| • Vince Martin | • Bradley Fisher |
| • Ruxton Pitt | • Kyle Page |
| • Noah Rice | |

Electrical – Camosun

- Franco Fantillo
- Jesse Leech

SSA Students

STUDENT	TRADE	EMPLOYER
Caelum Ashton	Carpenter	Trevor Ashton
Trevor Beauregard	Dairy Production Technician	GT Farms
Ryan Chutka	Heavy Equipment Operator	G Truswell Excavating Landscape Ltd.
Jason Driese	Welder	Pete's Old School Restoration
Richard Fowler	Heavy Equipment Operator	G Truswell Excavating Landscape Ltd.
Hayden Jury	Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic	B&D Lift Truck Services
Darren Kolk	Machinist	Kolk Machine Shop
Chris Laszczyk	Dairy Production Technician	Glenview Farms
Grady Lindner	Construction Electrician (Electrician)	GP Systems Ltd.
Jarod Meservia	Electrician	Brentwood College
Chris Miller	Metal Fabricator (Fitter)	Island Stainless & Aluminum Design Ltd.
Robert Miller	Cook	Ocean Front Grand Resort & Marina Restaurant
Travis Morson	Joiner	T&C Cabinets Ltd.
Julian Obererlacher	Cook	Fairburn Farm Culinary Retreat Guest House
Kevin Parsons	Cook	Catrina's Grill
Ruxton Pitt	Cook	Cherry Point Bistro
Jordan Rogers	Plumber	JWD Rogers Holdings
Karlee Rolls-Henderson	Automotive Service Technician	Rolls-Restorations
Dallan Salmon	Carpenter	Salmon & Salmon Contracting
Lucas Truswell	Dairy Production Technician	GT Farms
Victor Van Akker	Carpenter	AKKurate Contracting