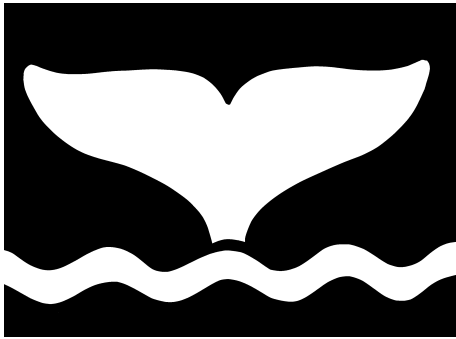


THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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Kelsey Cancer Campaign

By Eryn Beattie, Student

It started as just two classes. What it would turn out to be was so much more! This year marked the first ever "Kelsey Cancer Campaign". Every previous year, the Leadership and Peer Counselling classes have each held separate campaigns, for separate causes. This year we combined those causes to raise money, as a whole, and then split the proceeds. The Kelsey Cancer Campaign was a great success with the help of all the students.

The Terry Fox Foundation and Tour de Rock, Cops for Cancer are both great organizations that provide hope for many people. Both focus on beating cancer and raise a lot of money every year. In the past, the Peer Counselling class has raised money for Tour de Rock and the Leadership class has raised money for Terry Fox. It's hard to choose which great organization to donate your money to, so this year the two classes worked collectively to form one big campaign. The money was to be split by both classes and then given to each organization. Overall this year's campaign was a huge success.

The campaign kicked off with the Leadership class visiting each advisory and supplying details about the final Kelsey Cancer

Campaign day. It was announced that money would be collected in the dome at lunch by energetic students. Posters were made for the school to inform everyone of what was taking place. A bake sale was organized and many students from the Peer Counselling class used their skills in the kitchen to fill the tummys of fellow students and to raise funds for the cause. Some students had their hair shaved off for the cause and, consequently, were finding the air a bit colder, but it was worth it. The campaign ran smoothly and soon the final day had come.

September 30th started off with a moving video provided by students from the Peer Counselling class. This video featured stories from teachers and students alike, and after viewing it, members of the Kelsey community had shared an intimate look at the effects of cancer. We were in awe of the speakers because of the courage they had showed in recounting their tales. The video was a great project to showcase what cancer can do and to emphasize how important it is for us to try and raise funds to make life easier for people affected by cancer.

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Kelsey Calendar

Mon. November 2, 2009
Formal report card issued with newsletter

Thurs. November 5, 2009
1:10 p.m. dismissal. Parent/Teacher/Student conferences 1:30-4:30 & 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Fri. November 6, 2009
Day in Lieu - no classes

Tues. November 10, 2009
10:00 a.m. Remembrance Day Assembly
Parents welcome.

Wed. November 11, 2009
Remembrance Day - no classes

November 12-13, 2009
Provincial Exams

Thurs. November 12, 2009
7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Mon. November 16, 2009
Term 1 Midpoint

November 23-27, December 1 & 2
Formal Grad Portraits at FKSS - see Grad Board for details

Wed. November 25, 2009
1:00 p.m. dismissal. Professional Learning Community

Mon. November 30, 2009
College/University and Career Day for all students

Mon. December 7, 2009
Monthly report card issued with newsletter

Wed. December 9, 2009
7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library

Thurs. December 10, 2009
7:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Concert featuring Kelsey Choir, Concert Band and Jazz Band

Fri. December 18, 2009
Last day of classes before Christmas Break

Mon. January 4, 2010
First day of classes

Mon. January 11, 2009
Monthly report card issued with newsletter

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

Next, the Leadership class set up for the Terry Fox Run. Hot dogs were cooked, tattoos were applied, and everyone was ready for yet another successful run. Aaron Campbell, a Kelsey graduate from the class of 2009, gave a great speech about his battle with cancer the previous year and it was great to have him back at the school for a morning. Finally, the runners were off and almost as soon as we turned around, there were committed people running to the finish line.

Meanwhile, the Peer Counselling class was heading to Mill Bay to cheer on the cops riding for Tour de Rock. The class provided support for the riders and one of the students, Ryan Knowles, presented the Tour de Rock riders with the money raised by the class. A large portion of that money, a whopping \$2,500, was raised by Ryan alone in the support of his best friend's grandfather. As the riders proceeded on their trek, the Kelsey Cancer Campaign was

finished up with one last cheer.

Frances Kelsey has always been dedicated to raising money for such great causes, and with the first year of the Kelsey Cancer Campaign, success was achieved. Both Classes would like to thank everyone for their support and participation. Without the generous support of staff and students, funds raised would have fallen short of expectations. We are proud to announce that the grand total raised was \$3,376.73. So all in all, THANK YOU!

Our New Staff

We are pleased to announce the following staff have joined Frances Kelsey Secondary.
Welcome to you all!

Teaching Staff: Mr. Tyler Bate – Math, Directing and Scriptwriting, Theatre Production; Acting; Mr. Byron Ellingson – Science, Physics, Science and Technology; Mrs. Karen Kloske – Teacher of International Students

Education Assistants: Mr. Richard Bocking; Ms. Moira Mercer; Ms. Alfreda Modeste, Mrs. Marilyn Pugh, Ms. Karen Schogel

Secretarial Staff: Ms. Theresa Matthews

Noon Hour Supervisory Staff: Ms. Michelle Young

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Mike Martin, Vice-Principal

In October, Grade 12 students attended a Scholarship and Bursary Information Session. Grade 12's should now be preparing academic resumes, cover letters, and applications for scholarships and bursaries which are open to students throughout BC and Canada. Examples of applications are available in the scholarship filing cabinet found in the library. Students should be aware that academic resumes are different from employment resumes. Graduates presenting high quality packages are often successful in obtaining post secondary funding; therefore, students requiring help should seek assistance as soon as possible.

By now all Grade 12's have met with their counsellors to review their Ministry transcripts.

We are starting to receive scholarship application forms. Please be aware that many of these are specific and the competition for them is intense. For large scholarships, a student is often in competition with students across Canada. Sometimes the competition runs throughout North America. See www.scholarshipscanada.com and www.studentawards.com for more details.

What should Grade 12's be doing now?

By using the Career Centre, college and university calendars,

internet sites, and visiting the college personnel, students should be:

- deciding on which programme of study they wish to take next year
- deciding on which college/university they wish to attend next year
- finding out about application deadlines, residence deadlines, and scholarship deadlines
- finding out about any unions, groups or affiliates to organizations that their parents and grandparents have belonged to
- requesting reference letters

Applications now available
Vancouver Island University, BCIT, and most Vancouver

College applications are now available. Camosun College applications and applications for universities in BC are due in February.

- Key websites for graduates
- Graduation program: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation
 - Career planning and post-secondary options in BC: www.educationplanner.bc.ca, www.careercruising.com
 - Your guide to post-secondary education programs and institutions in BC - offers students and parents information on post-

- secondary education, careers and the workforce: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers
- Student financial aid - your online guide to information about financial assistance programs including grants, loans and interest relief: www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentsservices/
 - Provincial examinations Frequently Asked Questions: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exam_faqs.htm
 - Exams, transcripts and scholarships: data management and student certification: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/

- departments/rdda/
- BC colleges/universities scholarships: www.scholarships.canada.com, www.studentsawards.com
 - Online applications in BC: www.pas.bc.ca
 - Canadian universities and colleges: www.schoolfinder.com

For more information about any scholarship or bursary, please see Mr. Martin. Further websites can be found through the school website.

Application forms for the following scholarships and bursaries, which have deadlines in November and December, are available in the library filing cabinet:

- University of Alberta Academic Excellence Scholarship Competition
- BCIT Entrance Awards



June Scholarship Update

After our June graduation ceremony, we received confirmation of the following Scholarships and Bursaries in addition to those we were aware of at the time:

From Cornell University: Riley Taiji-\$36,412 US funds for four

years; from University of Victoria: Nikki Beecroft-\$1,000; Paige Borrett-\$2,500; Rosie Child-\$2,000; Emily Clark-\$1,000; Jarod Crockett-\$3,500; Darcy Dunstan-\$1,000; Jennifer Fitzgerald-\$2,000; Bryce Fraser-\$3,000; Cole Funk-\$2,000; Katie Gustafson-\$1,000; Geoffrey Hill-\$3,500; Jennifer

Jackson-\$3,500; Alex Pollock-\$3,500; Troy Serson-\$1,000; Sebastien Tremblay-Johnston-\$4,000; Brittany Wallace-\$2,000; and Liam Workman-\$1,000.

This now increases the total monies won by our 2009 Graduates to over \$440,000. Congratulations to all!

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By Sharleen Impett, President FKPAC

The Frances Kelsey Parent Advisory Council (FKPAC) is dedicated to promoting quality education for all students

attending Frances Kelsey Secondary School. The objectives of the PAC are (1) to enhance communication between parents, students, school staff and administration, and the local community; (2) to review, discuss and make recommendations on policy and procedures, programs and services, facilities and equipment, parent/community education and learning resources; (3) to promote cooperation between the home and the school in providing for the education of children and (4) to contribute to the effectiveness of the school by promoting positive involvement of parents and other community

FKPAC

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

members.

Parent involvement is an integral part of successful student education and the PAC is a simple way to get involved and keep track of what is going on in your child's school. Our school has over 1000 students and yet most of the decisions

made by the PAC are decided by only a handful of parents. We would love to have your participation.

PAC will once again be sponsoring our Balance Day on

Monday, November 30th. Anyone interested in helping or wishing to offer a workshop please call Sharleen Impett at 743-3184.

Our next PAC meeting will be

held on THURSDAY, November 12th (note the day change as Wednesday is a holiday) at 7:00 p.m. in the library. We encourage you to come out and share your input and ideas.

Staff Recognition

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Jane Kirby recently received a Pin of Recognition from the Teachers of Home Economics

Specialist Association in appreciation of her long time support and service to Home Economics Education. Mrs. Kirby

has taught Home Economics in this District for 32 years.

Congratulations, Mrs. Kirby!

A Reminder Regarding "Snow Days" . . .

According to Board Policy 3500, we have been asked to remind you that in the event of inclement weather, the Superintendent may decide that schools will be closed.

Announcements will be made over radio stations SUN-FM 89.7, Duncan; CKKQ 100.3, Victoria, and CKWV 102.3, Nanaimo. In the event of a

power failure during school hours, the Superintendent may close the school and request buses take students home early.

Balance Day 2009/2010

If you are new to FKSS, you may be wondering what on earth is Balance Day? Our first Balance Day was October 2005 and it has now become an annual event. Balance Day grew from our School Planning Council (SPC) #1 goal: *To increase student performance by improving WELLNESS (physical, emotional and social health.)*

All students are given Learning Guide credit for attending all day. The staff at Frances Kelsey Secondary School has chosen Monday, November 30th as this year's Sixth Annual Health and Wellness Balance Day.

This year we will continue with the conference style, workshop approach. The morning sessions will include presentations by many of the Universities, Colleges and Art Colleges in the Province

to promote secondary education facilities to our Grade 11 and 12 students. Grade 9's and 10's will be participating in a Kelsey Drama presentation, a keynote speaker or skating at Kerry Park.



Our parent committee, under the guidance of Mike Martin, Vice-Principal, will be busy inviting professionals from all over Vancouver Island and the Mainland to come and talk to our students about their choice of

profession. We hope to include a number of guest speakers ranging from doctors to photographers, hairdressers to chiropractors, and everything in between. It should shape up to be a great day!

The parent organizing committee is currently looking for volunteers to help in planning the day for the students. We are also looking for volunteer guest speakers to do one and/or two sessions from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. We do have a small honorarium available upon request. If you or someone you know would like to be part of our day, please contact Sharleen at (250)743-3184 or CJ at riverrockranch@shaw.ca

FKSS Parent's Advisory Council generously supports the day by providing lunch for all in attendance that day.

Let's Go Green!

An Important Message: In order to save paper, Frances Kelsey Secondary's monthly newsletter, the Whale's Tale, will now be

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forwarded to all parents and guardians who have provided us with their email addresses. If you do not receive the November

issue electronically but have an email address, please provide it to the office so that future issues may be sent this way.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme



By Phil Archer, Counsellor

Once again this year, an opportunity for students to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme is available through Frances Kelsey Secondary School. The programme is coordinated by Mr. Archer through the Gifted Education /Catalyst Programme but is open to any student in Grades 9 through 12.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Young Canadian's Challenge is the most prestigious achievement award for young Canadians. It is a challenge to all young people

between the ages of 14 and 25. It offers an opportunity to broaden interests and gain valuable experiences under adult guidance and assessment. This is achieved through participation in a balanced programme of practical, cultural, and adventurous activities chosen to suit individual aptitudes and related to local needs and conditions. Participation in the Award programme represents a personal commitment to constructive endeavors, promoting qualities of self-discipline, self-help, and self-reliance.

Students who complete Bronze, Silver or Gold Levels receive

External Course Credit at the Grade 10, 11 and 12 levels. The programme will be conducted outside of school time, although many of the requirements may be fulfilled during a student's regular course of study at school.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Program – Challenge for Young Canadians can be started at any time. If you are interested in learning more about it, please feel free to contact Mr. Archer at (250)743-6916 (ext. 230) for more information.

From the Library

By Sue Emblem, Teacher-Librarian

The Kelsey Library is back in full swing with the ongoing addition of new books. Our collection is well over 12,000 titles now, with something for everyone. Browsing and the use of the catalogue are the best ways to find out just what we have to suit your interests and to support curriculum. We subscribe to three newspapers, as well as sixteen magazines and periodicals, which can be borrowed just as any book.

Something new over the past couple of years is the addition of many *Playaway* titles. These are books on an iPod style headset which are useful for all learners, but especially those of you who are primarily auditory learners. Check out the many titles in our

Playaway units. We also have a large selection of video and DVD resources to support your learning, so check out the catalogue.

On October 26th, the whole school, along with other schools in the province, took part in the Drop Everything and Read program (DEAR). This silent reading program supports literacy across the province. We are supporting this program at Kelsey by reading for fifteen minutes on the last Monday of every month during Advisor time. All teachers, students and staff are getting involved.

Kelsey Library also runs the Stellar Book Reading Club, which will be starting in early November. The books are available now for any student who wishes to read and then review the books online. These Canadian books are of

interest to many students, so come and check them out.

Recently, we have been completing the Grade 9 Research Essay Seminars for Learning Guides 6-8 in English and Social Studies. If you need help with this research work, feel free to ask at the library. With this in mind, remember to check out the library page on the FKSS.ca website. We have lots of useful tools and students have access to many encyclopedias and electronic indexes online for both school and home use. The passwords are all available at the library circulation desk.

The library at Kelsey is a great place to work because we maintain a quiet working environment for everyone. We welcome suggestions for our collection and wish you all happy reading.

Looking For a Christmas Present?

The Business Education program sells clothing with the school name and logo.

Check out the display cabinet near the Foods Room. Order forms are available in Room 229 or contact Miss Coulthard at (250)743-6916, local 309

Russell Hoodies	\$38.00 - \$40.00	Russell Pants	\$33.00
New style Hoods	\$55.00 - \$60.00	New style T-shirts (boys or girls)	\$20.00
Long sleeve T-shirts	\$30.00	Kelsey Water Bottles	\$ 6.50

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.

Parents and Guardians:

For your convenience, the Kelsey Kafé offers what is known as a "Meal Account" where students can put cash or a cheque into an account that operates off their student ID tag. This gives students an opportunity to purchase lunch or snacks and not have to carry cash every day. This system is great for parents as they know that their children are

spending money on lunch, as once the money is credited to their account, it remains there and students cannot cash it in.

If you would like your child to participate in this program, send cash or a cheque payable to Kelsey Kafé to the cashier, Mrs. Williams. Credits also carry over to next year if students do not

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exhaust their accounts before June.

Gourmet Table d'Hote Dinners



at the Frances Kelsey Dining Room
Tuesday - Thursday 5:00 - 7:30 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 required - call (250)743-0548 or email reservations@viu.ca

Career Centre News

Take Our Kids to Work Day Wednesday, November 4, 2009

This project gives Grade 9 students a realistic view of the work world and an understanding of its demands and opportunities. Those parents who would like to participate in this nation-wide project must complete the permission forms that were sent home.

Are you in Grade 10 or 11?

You should be aware of the following opportunities – see Mrs. Munday ASAP

Apprenticeships:

Students over the age of 15 who are working in one of the more than 100 recognized apprenticeship jobs can qualify to be a Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) student and be given **16 credits towards your graduation** and qualify for a \$1000 Scholarship. See www.itabc.ca

Apprenticeship Training:

Students can start their apprenticeship training before they graduate and get credit towards graduation and Level one certification. Examples:

- Welding
- Carpentry
- Electrician
- Plumbing
- Sheet Metal
- Cooking
- Automotive
- Joinery

Upcoming Events and Open Houses:

- **November 5** – Marine Industry Career Fair at Canadian Forces Base in Esquimalt. Block E and F Planning 10 students to attend.
- **November 7** – UBC Engineering Open House 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See www.engineering.ubc.ca for more details.
- **November 9** – University of Victoria Engineering and Computer Science Tour for interested Grades 11 and 12's. Sign up in the Career Centre
- **November 24** – Vancouver Island University Post-Secondary Visitation Day. Sign up in the Career Centre to go on a mini-tour of VIU.
- **December 3** – Career and Education Fair and VIU Campus Tour for Planning 10 students Blocks A, B, C, H.