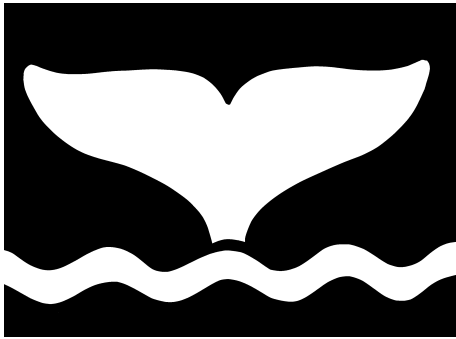


# THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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## Music Festival High Notes

**By John Evans, Music Director**

Many Frances Kelsey students have recently distinguished themselves at festival performances. Individual students have participated and excelled through their community-based artistry in both music and dance. The FKSS music ensembles have also performed very well recently at Island festivals.

Our **Concert Band** presented three contrasting selections at the Vancouver Island Concert Band Festival in Port Alberni. The band performed well and was complimented on their 'superior' performance by one of the adjudicators. This was a large, nationally-sanctioned festival.

In late February, our **Choir** performed two foreign language selections at the Cowichan Music Festival. As a result of their fine performance on competition day, the choir was asked to return to sing at the Festival Gala Concert. At the Gala concert, they received two awards. The first award was a cash award from the Duncan Choral Society, the second, an invitation to submit a recording of the performance to the Provincial Music Festival for consideration.

The **Jazz Band** also attended the Cowichan Music Festival and

played well, with many students playing improvised solos. At the festival Highlights Concert the band was recognized with the Mary Newington Memorial Award.

Students who like to do vocals or play an instrument are encouraged to get involved in music at Frances Kelsey. Our talented students look forward to building on these successes for festival next year. Each of the groups appreciates the support of staff and parents in making participation at festivals possible.

### DRY GRAD MEETING

Monday, April 6 and 19  
7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library  
Everyone welcome - For more information call (250)743-4044

### FKPAC

Our next meeting is on  
Wednesday, April 14  
6:00 p.m. in the  
Kelsey library  
(note change of time)



### Kelsey Calendar

**Tues. April 6, 2010**

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

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

**Wed. April 14, 2010**

6:00 p.m. - PAC meeting in library

7:00 p.m. - Bonner Parent Orientation Evening

**April 15 & 16, 2010**

Provincial Exams

**Mon. April 19, 2010**

Term 2 Mid Point

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

**Sat. April 24, 2010**

Dry Grad Garage Sale & Silent Auction  
Grad Car Wash & Barbeque

**Mon. April 26, 2010 - W Block**

Grade 12 Grad Transition Presentations to Advisor Groups

**Wed. April 28, 2010**

12:50 p.m. dismissal - Professional Learning Community

**Fri. April 30, 2010**

7:00 p.m. Interact Club Benefit Concert in Theatre

**Mon. May 3, 2010**

Monthly report card issued with newsletter

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

**Fri. May 7, 2010**

Pro-D Day (school not in session)

**Wed. May 12, 2010**

7:00 p.m. - PAC meeting in library

**For complete information about the school, visit our website at [fkss.ca](http://fkss.ca)**

# Scholarships and Bursaries

**By Mike Martin, Vice-Principal**

Thank you to all those Grade 12 students who worked so diligently to complete their scholarship packages last month. Monies are awarded at the Scholarship and Bursary Evening

held at Frances Kelsey on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

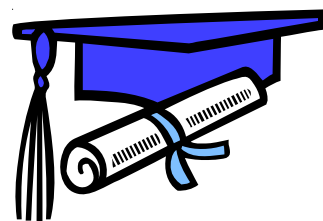
On behalf of the graduates who made applications, I would like to thank all our staff who wrote reference letters, as well as our

office secretarial staff who prepared the letters, many of which were typed at the last minute!

Students should still refer to [bcawardsonline.org](http://bcawardsonline.org) for more financial aid opportunities.

Application forms for the following scholarships and bursaries, which have deadlines in April and May, 2010, are available in the library filing cabinet:

- Certified General Accountants Association of British Columbia
- Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia
- Fountainhead Essay Contest
- Vancouver Island University
- BC Amateur Hockey Association
- Great Questions Essay Competition
- Monsanto Canada Inc.
- BC Innovation Council Young Innovator Scholarship
- University Canada West



Websites of interest:

- BC Colleges/Universities scholarships: [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com), [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com), [www.bcawardsonline.org](http://www.bcawardsonline.org)
- Online applications in BC: [www.pas.bc.ca](http://www.pas.bc.ca)
- Canadian Universities and Colleges: [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)



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



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. Contact Elizabeth at (250)658-0246. 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, Parent 743-7866

## 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](mailto:reservations@viu.ca)



## Dry Grad 2009-2010

Dry Grad is a fun all-night party put on by parents with food, music, lots of fun events, prizes and a professional hypnotist show. The event is held at the school and begins at approximately 10:00 p.m., after the Walk-Up Ceremony and Grad Reception on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to purchase their \$10 ticket during the last two weeks of May.

Help is desperately needed from parents to continue this important tradition. We invite all parents of students who will be attending the party to become involved. There are many areas where we need YOUR help on June 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. the next morning when the party concludes. If you can help in any way, for any period of time, please telephone Sherry

at 250-743-0866 who will match you up with a job that suits you. Can't stay late that night but still want to help? We also require assistance with decorating on June 24<sup>th</sup> and with clean-up later in the day on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime, start saving your quality 'used' spring cleaning treasures for our Garage Sale and Silent Auction planned for **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** at the school. Items may be dropped off at the school on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. If you have an item or would like to donate cash, please e-mail Sherry Penney at dragons49@hotmail.com.

We have a number of excellent fundraisers. There is an account set up at the Cowichan Valley Bottle Depot where they will gladly accept your donated cans and bottles. Just tell them the proceeds are for Frances Kelsey's Dry Grad account. A painless fundraiser! We still have Thrifty Smile cards on hand, with a percentage going

back to the grads. These cost you nothing! Lifetimer Boats Inc. in Duncan donated a 14' aluminum boat with trailer from Highliner! We are currently selling these raffle tickets for \$10 each until the end of the day on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, there is a draw for a cruise for two. We have 40 tickets left at \$20 each for your choice of four different destinations – Canada/New England, Alaska, Caribbean or New Mexico, or the prize can be redeemed for a \$2,000 voucher. The draw date is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call Karen at 250-743-4044 or Sherry at 250-743-0866 if you would like to purchase Thrifty Smile cards or raffle tickets.

Our next two meetings will be Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Meetings are usually over by 8:00 p.m. We desperately need more parents as volunteers and for the Dry Grad committee. We especially need volunteers on the April 24<sup>th</sup> weekend to help at the Silent Auction and Garage Sale. Please contact Sherry for more information.

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## Camels, Cruising & Cairo-Want to Know More?

Is your child interested in travelling to Egypt for a cruise down the Nile in the spring of 2011?

There will be an information meeting on next year's trip to Egypt in Room 208 on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Feel free to attend, ask questions, and see some photos from the past trip in 2009, or if you are unable to attend but are interested in more information, contact Maxine Smith at the school (250-743-6916 extension 312).



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### From the Youth Outreach Team at the Island Savings Centre

*Spring Youth Dance:* Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Island Savings Centre Heritage Hall  
**Our FREE Drop In fall programs are underway, still lots of room to get involved!**

*Youth Corner:* Monday to Wednesday – 3:00-6:00 p.m. Thursday – 3:00-9:00 p.m. Fridays – 3:00-10:00 p.m. and Saturdays – 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the old Pool Entrance off James Street. Come hang out and have some fun! For more information on any of our programs please contact Kristy Martin or Leah Rogerson at (250) 709-1564 or email lrogerson@cverd.bc.ca

# Career Centre News

## What are you doing this Summer?

- **St. George's University in Grenada, West Indies. MEDVET Summer Academy.** Attend a 10 day session to learn what it's like to be a doctor or a veterinarian. See [sgu.edu/summeracademy](http://sgu.edu/summeracademy) or the Career Centre for more information.
- **Vancouver Community College Fashion Boot Camp.** July 12-16 See [vcc.ca/fashionbootcamps](http://vcc.ca/fashionbootcamps) and the Career Centre for details.



- **Trades Awareness Program** (Grades 7-12) at Camosun College. Explore the world of trades training with five days of hands-on workshops. See the Career Centre for more details.
- **HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION OF BC** cardiovascular research summer internship. **Application deadline: April 16, 2010.**
- **Quest University – Summer Scholars Program** for Grades 11's and 12's. This one week course will cover the last 100,000 years of North American history. See [http://questu.ca/academics/summer\\_scholars.php](http://questu.ca/academics/summer_scholars.php)

## Enrichment Opportunities

### Waterloo Unlimited Grade 10 Program May 16-21

Consider the perspectives of scientists, engineers, writers, philosophers and others. See program details at [www.unlimited.uwaterloo.ca](http://www.unlimited.uwaterloo.ca). Travel grants are available.



**Ditch The Office contest:** Thinking about careers and college? How about a career in agriculture? See [www.ditchtheoffice.ca](http://www.ditchtheoffice.ca) for information and contest details.

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **Historical Society** – work experience student needed to help plan and promote a summer theatre production – great practice as an event planner!
- **United Way Cowichan Valley** – Student Volunteer Advisor needed to sit on the Board of Directors. More details in the Career Centre.

## Encounters with Canada

Congratulations to the following students who attended sessions this year!



Warren Spencer	Science and Technology
Janine Kondas	Medicine and Health
Abbra Kaufmann	Medicine and Health
Abby Carfantan	Medicine and Health
Sarah Birge	Medicine and Health
Chelsea Wright	Arts & Culture
Natalie Pollock	Science and Technology
Haley Leech	RCMP
Graeme Whittome	RCMP
Eryn Beattie	Journalism and Communications



## Apprenticeship Scholarships

The following graduates will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for completing their SSA requirements:

Ryan Chutka	Christopher Laszczyk
David Patterson	Ruxton Pitt
Jordan Rogers	Glenn Waugh

## Regional BC Skills Competition 2010

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent results in the recent BC Skills Competition:

<b>Architectural CAD</b>	
Alexander Allen	Gold Medal
Aaron Hennecker	Silver Medal
Michael Rumsby	Bronze Medal
<b>Mechanical CAD</b>	
Colin Owen-Flood	Gold Medal
Andrew Hayhurst	Bronze Medal
<b>TV Video Production</b>	
Sarah Kent & Brook Scales	Silver Medal
Overall School Team	FKSS - Silver

Alexander Allen and Colin Owen-Flood are eligible to compete in the BC Provincials in Abbotsford on April 21, 2010!

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