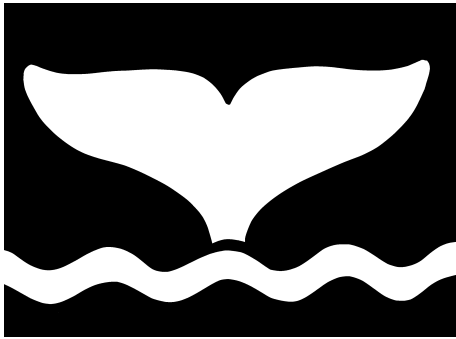


THE WHALE'S TALE



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

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Proud to be SADD!

By Jen Rensing, Student

Last month our S.A.D.D. Group (Students Against Drunk Driving) held an awareness week. Our goal was to improve the knowledge of the impact of impaired driving to students, as well as raise the profile of our keen group.

ICBC was generous enough to lend us a few pairs of "Fatal Vision Goggles", which are used to simulate the effects of impaired driving. These goggles were used in various activities to attempt to engage students in a fun way. The group took a while planning the week in the hope of creating events that would be interesting to teens, as well as informative. Some of the activities were as follows:

-Guest speaker for Gr.12's, Heather Charlton, who spoke of her own tragic impaired-driving accident; -Many facts and posters around the school; -Wii games and obstacle course using "Fatal Vision Goggles"; -Advisor S.A.D.D. questionnaire; -Sucker giveaway (with an informative message).

Our group realizes that not everyone can drive, but we want all students to know that they are at just as much risk being a passenger of an impaired driver. Staying alert and keeping your eyes on the road help prevent you from being on the 'other side' of an accident involving intoxicic-



Photo by Mr. Hall

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



Kelsey Calendar

Mon. May 3, 2010

Monthly report card issued with newsletter
7:00 p.m.- Dry Grad parents meeting in dome
7:00 p.m. - PAC meeting in library
(note change of date)

Fri. May 7, 2010

Pro-D Day (school not in session)

Mon. May 17, 2010

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

Tues. May 18, 2010

Presentations by District Scholarship Applicants

May 20 & 21, 2010

Provincial Exams

Fri. May 21, 2010

Day in Lieu (school not in session)

Mon. May 24, 2010

Victoria Day (school not in session)

Wed. May 26, 2010

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

May 27, 28, 29, 2010

Theatre production of Jesus Christ Superstar

Wed, June 2, 2010

7:00 p.m. Choir, Jazz and Concert Band recital in theatre

Sat. June 5, 2010

Grade 12 Formal Banquet

Mon. June 7, 2010

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

Wed. June 9, 2010

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

7:00 p.m. - Dance recital in theatre

Wed. June 16, 2010

School Awards Ceremonies - 8:30 a.m. Gr 11&12 students/10:00 a.m. Gr 9&10 students
7:00 p.m. Scholarship & Bursary Presentation Evening

Fri. June 18, 2010

Last day of classes

June 21 - 25, 2010

Provincial Exams

Fri. June 25, 2010

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

ation. With graduation coming up and the summer soon after, we want all members of the community to know the often tragic outcomes of drinking and driving. In an average year in BC, police attend approximately

5,100 motor vehicle crashes where alcohol is involved and that is about 5,100 too many. Talk to your kids about finding safe ways home and making smart choices because drinking and driving kills.

If any of this interests you, we are always accepting new members. Come join in and help our cause! Contact Mr. van der Linden or Ms. Lewthwaite, our teacher-sponsors, or attend one of our meetings on Fridays at lunch in room 126.

Our New Staff

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

Ms. Margaret Large, Education Assistant, and Ms. Roberta Rumsby, Career Centre Secretary

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 Wednesday, June 16th at Frances Kelsey School starting at 7:00 p.m. and families of students are welcome to attend.

are now available through the teaching staff. Application packages are due on Tuesday, May 4th at 1:00 p.m.

I encourage all Grade 12 students to continue to search for awards using www.bcawardsonline.org as many non-local scholarships and bursaries are still available.

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.

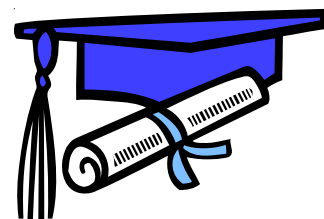
For more information about any scholarship or bursary, please see Mr. Martin. All dates should be checked at each source's site.

District Scholarship applications

If your son or daughter receives

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

- Great Questions Essay Competition
- Monsanto Canada Opportunity Scholarship Program
- BC Innovation Council Young Innovator Scholarship
- University Canada West
- Canadian Printing Industries



Websites of Interest:

- BC Colleges/Universities scholarships: www.scholarshipscanada.com, www.studentawards.com, www.bcawardsonline.org
 - Online applications in BC: www.pas.bc.ca
 - Canadian Universities and Colleges: www.schoolfinder.com
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Dry Grad is a fun all-night party hosted by parents with food, music, lots of fun events, prizes and a professional hypnotist show. The event is held at the

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Dry Grad 2009-2010

school and begins at approximately 10:30 p.m., after the Walk-Up Ceremony and Reception on Friday, June 25th. Students will have the opportunity to purchase their \$10 ticket during the last two weeks of May.

Help is desperately needed from parents in order 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 25th from 10:30 p.m. until 5:00-6:00 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 24th and with clean up later in the day on June 25th or early morning clean up on June 26th.

There is an account set up at the Cowichan Valley Bottle Depot in Duncan where your donations of cans and bottles will be gladly accepted. Just tell the depot employees that the proceeds are

for Frances Kelsey's Dry Grad account. This is a painless fundraiser! We still have Thrifty Smile cards on hand, with a percentage going back to the grads. Please call Karen at (250)743-4044 or Sherry at (250)743-0866 if you would like Thrifty Smile cards.

Our next two meetings will be Monday May 3rd and Monday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey dome (May 3) or the library (May 17). Meetings are usually over by

8:00 p.m. We desperately need more parents as volunteers, for the Dry Grad committee and for the night and next day of Dry Grad.

2009-2010 DRY GRAD MEETING

Monday, May 3 & May 17

7:00 p.m. in the dome

Everyone welcome - For more information call (250)743-4044

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

by Marilyn Sandford, Principal

Grad Banquet Saturday, June 5th

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.

Local Scholarship and Bursary Awards and Reception

Wednesday, June 16th 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 25th 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.

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.

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

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.

Frances Kelsey Students "Own the Podium" at the Regional Skills Canada Competition

By Ken Hamilton, Teacher

Wow! What a year for Frances Kelsey drafting students at the 2010 Regional Skills Competition held at Camosun College on March 26. Five students from Kelsey's drafting program attended and all of them won a medal! They competed against students from the South Island Region and won gold, silver and bronze in the architectural CAD Section. In the mechanical CAD Section, our students won gold and bronze medals. At the competition, each student was given a project that required him to produce multiple computer drawings of the object within a three-hour time limit. Students were judged on the detail and accuracy of their drawings. Congratulations to Alexander Allen, Andrew Hayhurst, Aaron Hennecher, Colin Owen-Flood and Michael Rumsby. Their

excellent work resulted in our school winning the silver medal for overall team results.

"This is another example of how our students are able to stay focused and work well under pressure because of their self directed educational experience."

The two gold medal winners went on to compete at the Provincial Skills Competition at the Tradex in Abbotsford, thanks to funding from the PAC. They competed against the best in the province and did very well with Alexander Allen winning silver in the architectural competition. It was a tough day at the competition as a result of last

minute schedule changes and a sudden power failure that lasted for 45 minutes and crashed all the CAD computers. Some work was lost, but Alexander pushed on with determination and completed his project to the best of his ability within the allotted time. This is another example of how our students are able to stay focused and work well under pressure because of their self directed educational experience.

Each year we have had students win medals at the Regional Skills Competition in drafting and travel to Vancouver to compete at the Provincials. They have developed their skills by taking the Technology 9, 10 and Drafting 10, 11, 12 courses offered here at the school. Congratulations to all the students who competed. It was a pleasure to have you represent Frances Kelsey!

Encounters With Canada

By Eryn Beattie, Student

This year, I had the privilege of attending the Encounters With Canada program in Ottawa. I spent my week focusing on the theme of Journalism and Communications, but still got to enjoy Ottawa in other ways, as well. I didn't know what to expect when I first walked into The Terry Fox Center in March of 2010, but when I walked out of that building I had a totally new understanding of Journalism and Communications and had the experience of a lifetime under my belt.

I applied to Encounters With Canada thinking it would be a fun-filled week where I would get a chance to meet amazing new

people and have fun learning about journalism and communications and I was right. My week was filled with knowledge of all sorts, but information was presented in a way that enabled me to have a ton of fun and meet a lot of unique-minded people.

I spent a total of seven days in Ottawa and participated in various activities. We were introduced to many people from the journalism field and had many guest speakers come and talk to us about many interesting things. We spent a lot of time exploring Ottawa and I got to see many new things.

Our group enjoyed a guided tour of Ottawa, a tour of a local

television and radio station and, of course, a tour of the House of Commons. We were fortunate enough to attend a press conference at The National Press Gallery. Our itinerary also included bowling in Quebec, workshops hosted by different guests, and a visit to the Canadian Museum of Civilization. We were appointed as judges for a video contest and we attended a Disney on Ice performance. These were the highlights of the many exciting things we experienced.

My week at Encounters With Canada was a week filled with fun and excitement. I got to experience many new things and enjoy them with like-minded students. I think Encounters with Canada is an amazing program

and I would recommend that students who are interested in any of the different themes offered should apply! Encounters With Canada is a great program and one that students should take advantage of while it is available. I guarantee you will not be disappointed!

FKPAC

Please come and join us at our next meeting on Monday, May 3 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library (note date change)

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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.

If a student at the senior level is taking Sciences, Math, English,

Spanish, and English Literature, the cost could be as high as \$1800.00. 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.

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 begin to cover the replacement of lost texts.

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.

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

Dr. Kelsey in the News

Fifty years ago, the drug Thalidomide was approved for use in Canada. To mark this event, a story was broadcast on

CBC Radio One on April 27, 2010 regarding the involvement and accomplishments of Dr. Frances Kelsey. Use the following link to

listen to a podcast of that program: <http://www.cbc.ca/thecurrent/2010/04/april-27-2010.html>

From the Library

Our Stellar Book Club is now winding down since the deadline for members to vote on-line for their favourite titles is May 8th. Registered Stellar book reviewers who have read five of the

nominated titles should log onto the Stellar website and vote for their favourite nominee. There is just one chance to vote so make sure you've read that last title before deciding who should win

this year's Stellar Book Award!

Remember to browse through our latest titles! New books are ordered and received all year long.

Career Centre News

Upcoming Events:

- **Camosun College Information Session** – May 20th at both Camosun campuses from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Pacific Film & New Media Academy (Victoria) Annual Spring Open House** – Thursday, May 27th, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. An opportunity to meet students and faculty, and to tour PFMA. For more information or to register, see www.vicfilm.com.
- **University of Victoria Events:**
 - **Experience UVIC** – May 29, 2010. For **Grade 11 and 12** students and their parents/guardians. This one day event provides opportunities to find out about life at UVIC. For information, cost and to register, please see www.uvic.ca/experience.
 - **Destination UVIC** – May 28th – 30th. For **Grade 12 students** who have received an offer of admission for September 2010 (with parent/guardian). Participants will spend two nights in on-campus housing and participate in Residence Life programs. For more information, cost and to register see www.uvic.ca/experience.

UVIC Registration help at Frances Kelsey – Tuesday, June 8th, for students who have been accepted to UVIC and would like guidance or help with the registration process. **Students should sign-up in the Career Centre for an appointment with the Advisor, Katrina.**

What are you doing this Summer?

- **Camosun College Teen Summer Series 2010**- Two week-long programs, plus a one-day digital story-telling workshop have been added to the Trades Awareness program (TAP) and DiscoverTech. The Teen Summer Series introduces career options in a fun, safe, Camosun environment. All the classes will be held on **Camosun's Interurban campus**. See <http://camosun.ca/ccr/news/2010/mar/teen-series.html> for more information.
- **Eagle Arts West Summer Academy, Shawnigan Lake** – for Grades 9 -12 students who want to immerse themselves in the arts. "Eagle Arts ESL Summer Program" Grades 9 –12 for International Students interested in the arts. Camps start July 4th and 19th.

New Information this week:

Campus News:

University Canada/Vancouver College of Art & Design (Victoria, BC) calendars received.

Trinity Western University (Langley, BC) –Spartan Athletics has added CIS Cross Country and Track to their Champion Athletic program (in addition to their championship soccer, basketball and volleyball programs). For more information, see <http://www.twu.ca/athletics>

Looking for Work?

Posted on the Job board in the Career Centre:

- **Service Canada Job Seeking Information Booth (summer student employment)** is coming to FKSS May 18th, 27th and June 9th. Their booth will be set-up 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the dome. Students looking for summer employment should bring an updated resume and check their listings
- **Catrina's Grill** – Part-time experienced servers and cooks required for evening and weekend shifts

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **District #79 Elementary Cross Country Meet** – volunteers needed to help with the Cross Country Meet, May 4th, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Bright Angel Park. Sign-up sheet and info in the Career Centre.
- **Bench Fun Fair** – volunteers needed for the Fun Fair Friday, May 28th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (1/2 hour spots).

Enrichment opportunities:

Encounters with Canada – Ottawa



Registrations now being accepted for the **2010-2011 season**. Students who apply before June are guaranteed to get their first choice of Themes!

See **Mrs. Munday in the Career Centre**

Forum for Young Canadians

A national program open to all Canadian youth aged 15 to 18. Students travel to Ottawa for one week to learn about politics and public affairs. Application forms are **now** available online for Autumn 2010 and Spring 2011 sessions at <http://www.forum.ca>.