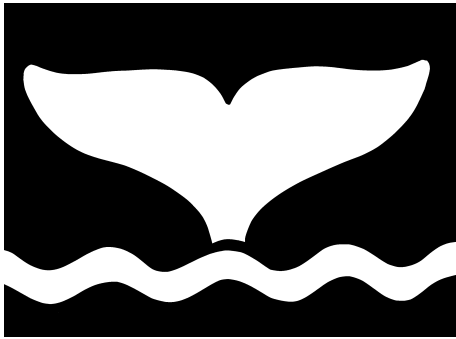


THE WHALE'S TALE



*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 Eryn Beattie, Kirstin Blake, Emily Brockhurst, Jessica Christensen, Matt Denning, Katelyn Grosart, and Hollie Moulaison. 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 tentatively planned for November, 2010.

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."

We send our best wishes to Mrs. Carmichael and Ms. Roueche who are going to other positions in our district and we thank Mr. Bate, Ms. Brown, Mr. Ellingson, Mr. Gillatly, Mrs. Trustham and Mr. Zeeman for their work at Kelsey this year. It has been an honour and privilege to work with these wonderful teachers. We also send our good wishes and thanks to our Education Assistants, Mr. Boeking, Mrs. Large, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Lidston, Ms. Mercer and Mrs. Pugh who will not be with us at Kelsey next year (as at the time of publication).

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



Kelsey Calendar

Mon. June 7, 2010

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

Tues. June 8, 2010

7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in library (note date change)

Wed. June 9, 2010

7:00 p.m. Student Directed Play "Private Eyes"

Fri. June 11, 2010

7:00 p.m. Grade 12 Cabaret

Tues. June 15, 2010

7:00 p.m. Dance Show

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

Mon. June 21, 2010

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

June 21 - 29, 2010

Provincial Exams

Fri. June 25, 2010

6:30 p.m. Graduation Ceremony with Dry Grad Party to follow

Wed. June 30, 2010

School closes

Tues. September 7, 2010

School opens to Grade 9 students

Wed. September 8, 2010

First day of classes for all students

Wed. September 15, 2010

7:00 p.m. PAC 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 Wednesday, June 16th 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.org

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

- Help Johnny Scholarship (deadline varies)
- Canadian Printing Industries
- Icelandic Canadian Club of BC
- BC Road Builders
- BC Institute of Technology President's Entrance Awards
- BC Institute of Technology Entrance Awards
- Peninsula Co-op Student Award
- Ethel Boyce Award
- Univ. of Toronto National Book Award & Scholarship Program (for students graduating June, 2011)



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

Awards Assembly

This year's Awards Assemblies are being held on Wednesday, June 16th during the day so our students can celebrate each other's 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.

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By Sharleen Impett, President FKPAC

As another school year quickly comes to a close, the Parent Advisory Council Executive would like to thank the administration and staff for including parents as education

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partners at Frances Kelsey. We would like to thank parents for joining us at meetings, giving us input, and allowing us to represent the collective parent voice. Finally we would like to thank the students for giving us the opportunity to be an active and responsive influence in their education and school. It has truly been a pleasure to support Kelsey students and to observe their amazing resilience and accomplishments.

Our final PAC meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, JUNE 8th** in the Kelsey Library at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we look at the year in review and complete any

FKPAC

Please come and join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, June 8** (note date change) 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library

outstanding business. We look forward to seeing you there.

On behalf of the PAC, I would like to congratulate our graduating students and wish each and every one of them all the best for their future endeavours. To our grads and returning students, have a happy and safe summer.



Dry Grad 2009-2010

went home to parents along with waivers stating where we need the help.

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 10:30 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 and possibly the first week in June. Waivers sent home must be signed for a student to be able to participate in certain events.

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 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 early morning clean up on June 26th. Letters

As for our two fundraisers, the cruise was won by Claire McQueen of Victoria and the Lifetimer Boat was won by Trevor Bonner, a Kelsey 2004 Grad! Thanks again to Dale Spencer for donating his time to make the Lifetimer boat draw a success, and for building the boat and for his company for donating it.

BOTTLES, BOTTLES AND MORE BOTTLES – There is an account set up at the Cowichan Valley Bottle Depot in Duncan where they will gladly accept your donated cans and bottles. We will check the account one last time before Dry Grad and then close the account.

2009-2010 DRY GRAD MEETING

Monday, June 7 & June 21
7:00 p.m. in the library
Everyone welcome - For more information call (250)743-4044

Just tell them the proceeds are for Frances Kelsey's Dry Grad account. A painless fundraiser!

Our next meetings will be Monday June 7th and June 21st 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 decorating the night before and for the night and next day of Dry Grad. We are almost done and only a month to go before school ends. Congratulations to the grads of 2010 from the Dry Grad Committee. Good luck in all your future endeavours.



Dale Spencer (left) donating the Lifetimer boat to raffle winner, Trevor Bonner

Odd Looking Caps!

By Phil Archer, Counsellor

The odd-looking caps worn at school graduation ceremonies have a name with a surprising origin. Their design can be traced to the sixteenth century, when church dignitaries wore hats with tops that, although floppy and relatively small, were square in

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shape. By the 1700's, the traditional garb of university students included a skullcap, to which was attached a stiff, square top. Stonemasons likened the hats to the boards that held mortar for bricks. Initially intended as a joke, the name "mortarboard" has



stuck, like mortar, for centuries!

So... grads... now you know why.

HOPE 2010 Dance Show



Canadian Cancer Society
Société canadienne du cancer

By Mrs. Lewthwaite, Dance Teacher

Thank you to everyone who supported our HOPE dance show on May 10th. It was a great evening and we raised \$1075.00 for the Canadian Cancer Society. (See photo on page 5)

Congratulations to all of our Dance students who put so much effort and enthusiasm into their memorable performances. A great job was done by our

backstage crew, our sound, lighting and filming crew.

Thank you to our leadership students and to Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Thompson, Ms. Trustham, Mrs. Melnyk, Ms. Doman, Ms. Sandford, and Mr. Geoghegan for their help.

Thank you to the Canadian Cancer Society, Duncan, for the time they spent with us, and their help with information to increase

awareness, treatment, and prevention.

A thank you also to our community sponsors: A&W Mill Bay, Cobble Hill Chiropractic Clinic, Oasis, Thrifty Foods, Valley View Video, Wear It's At, Magnolia, and Catrina's Grill.

WE HOPE THAT ONE DAY
THERE WILL BE A CURE.
HOPE 2010.

From Mr. van der Linden

In the last month, after much soul-searching, I decided to step back from the position of Vice-Principal of Frances Kelsey for September, 2010. As many of you are aware, the time commitment of an administrator can be considerably more than it is for a teacher, especially at one of the

larger secondary schools in the District. Although this was not an easy decision, it is one where I put the needs of my young family first.

I have learned a great deal in my short time as a vice-principal and feel very fortunate to be able to

remain at this school for the time being. I also look forward to returning to my passion – teaching kids – which is something I missed in my time outside of the classroom. Thanks to all who provided support and encouragement in my time as an administrator.

Youth in Philanthropy

By Margaret Carmichael, Teacher-Sponsor

Youth in Philanthropy is a club sponsored by the Victoria Foundation. Each year, the YIP club decides which charities and areas of concern they want to support. The members went on site visits, took part in a "poverty walk" of downtown Victoria, had presenters from various charities come into the school, and made presentations on behalf of groups they felt needed support. At the end of April, the club chose four charities to receive

the \$2,500 the Victoria Foundation gave to Frances Kelsey's YIP club to administer. On March 14th, Jazmyn Mari, President, Julianna Currie, Emily Collis and Scott Higbie presented cheques on behalf of FKSS and the Victoria Foundation to *Surrounded by Cedars*, *The Victoria Women's Transition House*, *The Wild Ark*, and *Passion for Tango* at the Legislative Buildings on May 14th, making presentation speeches in front of 300 people. Sarah Archer and Dean Peter were also members.

As the sponsor teacher, I am

lucky enough to be the person who sees the discussion and the dawning understanding of these students as they wrestle with complex ideas and sincerely try to do good. It is very fulfilling for me to know that once the awareness of the needs of the disenfranchised have reached the consciousness of these bright and sincere students, that they will take this drive to help into their adult lives, and continue to work for what they believe in. What a privilege it has been to work with this wonderful group of students.

Poetry Appreciation

Congratulations to Grade 10 student, Shayla Brown, who won the Provincial Level of the Legion Poetry Contest. Shayla's poem, *Freedom War*, which was featured

in the February, 2010 Whale's Tale, is now being considered at the National Level.

Way to go, Shayla!

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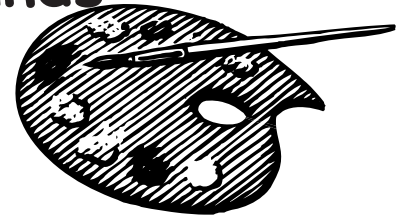
Student Talent Abounds

Next time you are in the school, please make sure you visit the library to admire our beautiful new mural with its literary theme.

After being designed by Grade 12 student, Anna Pachal, her original painting was copied, then divided into 27 sections. Each student was given a section to paint as an independent canvas, then they were reassembled to produce the mural. It was created in the same

style as the large painting in the art room which was made last Spring.

Congratulations to Anna and Mr. Aris's talented students who contributed to this combined effort. The other artists are Kiah Beagley, Sara Bhandar, Mckinnon Birtwistle, Hoin Cho, Jessica Christensen, Mary-Kate Cross, Marina Cunningham, Sarah Doherty, Katie Evans, Alicia Fall, Lyndsey Gagen, Brodie



Hargreaves, Daylon Heath, Madison Innes, Emily Jackson, Imajica Kinsella, Sophia Link, Olivia Lukenbill-Williams, Corinna Maier, Maya Munzar, Jane Ross, Patrick Trottier, Cheyanne Unicume, Jenny Wang, and Lindsay Williams.

2010 Camp Survivor

By Mrs. Doman and Mrs. Peltier, Leadership Teachers

This year, 45 students in Grade 11 and 12 from Frances Kelsey's unique Leadership program participated in a four day "Survivor" style campout. On behalf of our Leadership class, we express our sincere gratitude and thanks for the generous support and contributions to the following donors for helping make this

opportunity available to our future leaders: A&W, Arbutus Ridge, Baytown, Cobble Hill Firebase, Columbia Ice, CO-OP Peninsula, Country Grocer, Cowichan Volunteer Search & Rescue, Dodd's Lumber, Duncan Lanes, Eddy's Hockey, Everyone Knows, Experience Cycling, FKSS Administration, Freestyle, Fun Pacific, Just Jake's, Kaleidoscope, London Drugs, Mill Bay Lion's Club, Mill Bay

Pizza, Movement Unlimited, Mt. Sicker Logging, O'Hairs At The Loft, O.K. Tire, Pharmasave, PlayGround, Play N' Trade, RONA, Safeway, Serious Coffee, Shawnigan Lake Spa and Wellness, South Cowichan Eyecare, Sports Traders, Staples, Starbucks, Subway, Superstore, Tim Horton's, Thrifty Foods (Mill Bay), Valley Health and Fitness, Wal-Mart, West Arm Grill, and White Spot.



Participants in the recent HOPE 2010 Dance Show, a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society.

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Gourmet Table d'Hote Dinners

at the Frances Kelsey Dining Room Tuesday - Thursday 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Last day of dining room service is Thursday, June 17

Reservations required - call (250)743-0548 or email reservations@viu.ca



