

THE WHALE'S TALE



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

October 6, 2003 Vol. 9/No. 1

Principal's Message

by Allan MacLeod, Principal

Each September presents a new beginning: an opportunity for students to make a renewed commitment to do as much as they can, as well as they can, as quickly as they can, each and every day.

In addition to those from Bonner, students have come to us from other schools in the district and province. We also have students from other provinces in Canada and other parts of the world including England, the United States, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, and India. Welcome to all!

Our present population includes 1210 students and 62 teachers. Two additional portables are on site making a total of thirteen. Construction has begun and shortly the outline of the addition will take shape. Projected date of completion is June 24, 2004.

We continue to be proud of the accomplishments of last year's grads. As a result of their marks on provincial exams, 16 students have received provincial scholarships. In total, through hard work and the generosity of the

community, our grads received over \$300,000 in scholarships and bursaries. These monies are to assist students pursuing post-secondary training in a wide variety of vocational and academic areas.

To those parents whose students are new to the school, we urge you to read the student handbook section at the beginning of their agenda books and check their daily planning. A handbook for parents is also available from the counselling department. Please encourage your sons and daughters to take the responsibility necessary for success and work with their advisors to make this happen.

Finally, we want you to know that we will work hard to make this the best school year possible. If, at any time, you have questions, comments or concerns, please, do not hesitate to call the main office at 743-6916 or the counselling office at 743-6980.

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



Kelsey Calendar

Monday, Oct. 6, 2003
Monthly report card and newsletter

Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003
1:05 Early dismissal

Monday, Oct. 13, 2003
Thanksgiving Day - no classes

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003
Photo retakes

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003
7:00 pm Grade 12/Graduation Info Meeting in Library

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2003
7:00pm PAC Meeting in Library

Friday, Oct. 24, 2003
ProD day - no classes

Monday, Oct. 27, 2003
University liaison visits

Monday, Nov. 3, 2003
First formal report card and newsletter

Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003
6:30-9:00 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Friday/Monday, Nov. 7/10, 2003
Government exams

Monday, Nov. 10, 2003
Day in lieu - no classes

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003
Remembrance Day - no classes

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003
7:00 pm PAC Meeting in Library

Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003
1:05 Early dismissal

Monday, Dec. 1, 2003
Monthly report card and newsletter

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003
7:00 pm PAC Meeting in Library

Friday, Dec. 19, 2003
Last day of classes before Winter Break

Monday, Jan. 5, 2004
First day of classes

Monday, Jan. 12, 2004
Monthly report card and newsletter

Friday, Jan. 16, 2004
Implementation Day - no classes

Jan. 26 - 30, 2004
Government Exams

Our New Teaching Staff

Ms. Marilyn Sandford

Marilyn Sandford came to the Cowichan Valley from Ontario in 1979 and joined the staff of Mt. Prevost Jr. Secondary. She has taught Social Studies, Physical Education and for several years was a counsellor. In 1994 she was appointed vice-principal of Chemainus Secondary. In January 1999 she was transferred to Cowichan Secondary also as vice-principal. From January 2003 until June she was acting principal of Quamichan Middle School.

Ms. Sandford is experienced, knowledgeable and strongly committed to working with staff and parents to create the best educational opportunities possible for students.

Mr. Perry Foster

The Modern Languages Department has a trio of new faces due to the retirement of Mrs. Petersen and Dr. Hargreaves. We welcome from Lake Cowichan Secondary School Perry Foster, who taught for sixteen years, the last seven in Lake Cowichan. Mr. Foster has travelled extensively in Asia and lived in China. He is fluent in Japanese and is a martial arts instructor, having lived for a year in a karate master's home in Japan. He has also studied Kung Fu in China and became a Tai Chi instructor and an oriental medical doctor. Mr. Foster hopes to form a Kung Fu martial arts club and has just completed writing his first novel. This year Mr. Foster is teaching Japanese and Social Studies 9. His only major problem since arriving at Kelsey is keeping his mail and green slips straight with the other two Fosters in the building.

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Mr. Greg Price

Greg Price is an enthusiastic addition to the French and English departments. This year he will be teaching French 9 and 10 and English 9. He comes to us from Mount Prevost Middle School, where he started his teaching career in 1980. He and Mrs. Foster used to carpool to Mount Prevost together from Victoria, as he whiled away the hour playing "Star Wars" with Mrs. Foster's daughter, aged two. According to Mr. Russell, Mr. Price has finally "seen the light" as he has just begun to play golf in his free time. Mr. Price feels especially welcome at Kelsey as his daughter Andrea is a grade 12 student in the school and he hopes to have an impact on the lives of his students.

Ms. Joanna Roueche

Joanna Roueche is a familiar smiling face in the Modern Languages Department. She is now a permanent member of the Kelsey staff, teaching full time Spanish. Ms. Roueche started her teaching career two years ago at Kelsey, after working in Argentina on an education project between UVic and the province of Rosario. She is a talented musician, who loves to play the drums and the guitar. This year she is pursuing her passion for yoga and is taking a painting class. She hopes to build the Spanish programme and to start a yoga club.

Mr. Jeremy Hart

New to the Social Studies and English Department, Jeremy Hart comes to us via Lake Cowichan and Chemainus

Secondary. Mr. Hart is an avid mountain biker and looks forward to coaching the Frances Kelsey team. He has worked over the last three years, together with teachers at Mount Prevost and George Bonner, to set up the Mountain Bike Race series in the Valley. He is also a serious competitor himself and placed 2nd in the Island Cup Series, 2003.

Ms. Alana Baker

Alana Baker, new to the English department, began her teaching career in 1993 and has held teaching positions at both Mount Prevost and Cowichan Secondary Schools. Besides teaching English 9, 10, 11 and 12 and the marking load which that entails, she is a busy mother of two, a son Nolan, aged four and a daughter, Hallie, a spunky, one year old. When she has a free moment in her busy schedule, she also enjoys scrapbooking.

Mr. Irwin Tollefson

Irwin Tollefson is a great addition to the Fine Arts Department. Last year Mr. Tollefson covered for an ailing Mr. Wardle for almost the whole year. This year Mr. Tollefson is in full bloom as the sole band teacher and has run with the baton. He is currently submerged with about 60 brilliant singers vying for five roles in Footloose - welcome to our world. Mr. Tollefson, a grad of the music program at the University of Victoria, plays the guitar and lives in Ladysmith. He has been married for one year, sings with the Concenteri Singers, is a member of the volunteer coast guard and makes brilliant Sushi. The Fine Arts Department is

delighted to have him on our boards as both an artist and a computer fixer.

Mr. Tom Geoghegan

The Applied Skills Department welcomes Tom Geoghegan. In fact, Mr. Geoghegan came to Kelsey in February of this year in the position vacated by Mr. Harvey on his retirement. Mr. Geoghegan teaches courses in Film and TV, Video Production, Animation and currently Materials and Products Technology.

Mr. Geoghegan has taught in Campbell River and most recently in West Vancouver. His wife Kathy is a dance teacher and they have an eleven month old daughter, Ella. With any spare time he has he pursues his interests in golfing, biking and in trying to complete a major renovation to his home.

Mr. Albert Gillespie

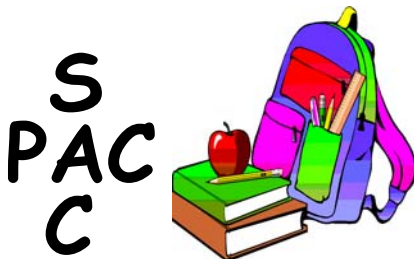
The Math Department would like to welcome Albert Gillespie to Frances Kelsey. He is currently teaching both Principles and Applications of Math 10, Principles of Math 11 as well as some Physical Education. Mr. Gillespie is married with four children aged eight, six, three, and one. He comes to us after teaching four years at Cowichan Secondary. He is also active in the extracurricular area at our school and is coaching the Senior Girls Volleyball team.



Grade Twelve Information Evening

Have a student in Grade 12 this year? The PAC is hosting an information evening for you to bring your questions - bursaries? university applications? resumes? Dry Grad? Wet Grad? the cost of the festivities? and whatever else is on your list. Especially for first-time Grade 12 parents, but people with experience who can share their insights are most welcome. Tuesday October 21st, 7 pm in the library.

** Look to next month's issue for a feature regarding our new support staff **



**by Trisha Daniell, President
FKPAC**

Welcome back to parents and families! As you will all know, the Parent Advisory Council here, as at all schools, is the group which supports parent interests in our school community - and our main interest, of course, is providing the best education and environment possible for our

children. The 'members' of the PAC? All parents and guardians, whether you attend meetings or not. No membership cards or sign-up! Our meetings are intended to give any parents present an opportunity to hear what's happening, what's about to happen, and to ask other parents and the administrators any general questions you might have. If your question is more personal, your child's advisor or one of the administrators might be the best place to start, with a one-on-one discussion. PAC tries to concentrate on topics of general interest to all parents.

We're starting the year off with a new executive for the PAC - president Trisha Daniell, vice-president Leslie Heinio, treasurer

Debbie McColl, secretary Sue Waugh and D-PAC representative Sarah Matheson. Elected to the School Planning Council are Bjorn Ratjen, Sonya Young and executive member Leslie Heinio. A huge round of applause to past-president Bjorn Ratjen and retiring treasurer Betty Thompson for their years of dedicated hard work which has given us a well-organised and enthusiastic group to enjoy working with.

Our meetings have been on the third Wednesdays of the month for some time, but we have decided to move them to the fourth Wednesdays, since lately as you may know, our PAC has taken a keen interest in the deliberations of the School

Board! Many of our parents want to continue attending Board meetings on first and third Wednesdays, and provide leadership in fighting for parental input in the running of our schools. If you have an interest in this, please contact a member of the executive who can put you in touch with parents with similar interests, and possibly set up an informal group to discuss these concerns. Your student's agenda-book has printed meeting-dates for third Wednesdays, but watch the "Whale's Tale" for the revised dates each month.

Lastly, all parents and guardians are very welcome at our meetings, which at high school level have moved beyond cup-cake

committees into general discussions. If you have a worry about your child, you can be sure that someone else has a similar difficulty with theirs, and PAC is a great place to make those connections. We hope this year to move away from the mandatory committee reports into more of a bring-your-question format. Our three administrators attend and are a wealth of information!

We'd love to see you - the more that attend, the better parent views are represented. Next meeting will be in the library, next to the main entrance, on Wednesday October 22nd, starting at 7 pm. Hope to see you there!

FKPAC

Please come and join us at our next meeting on:
Wednesday
October 22, 2003
at 7:00 pm
in the school library
for information on how to help your student succeed at Kelsey, presented by Janice Rose, a Kelsey Counsellor

Monitoring Student Progress Online

by Grant Foster, Vice-Principal

Over summer holidays, Mr. Wayne Loutet and Mr. Terry Parker combined their computer expertise to develop a new computer program they have dubbed *Netmarks*. This program will allow parents/guardians to check marks in all subject areas through the Frances Kelsey Secondary website (<http://www.fkss.ca>). Initially these files will be updated on a weekly basis and then more frequently as the system is tested.

By now, you may have been contacted by your son's/daughter's advisor to ask if you want access to *Netmarks*. Access security is always a concern when dealing with online information and therefore *Netmarks* is password protected. Your son's/daughter's advisor will provide you with a password or you may wish to choose your own if that is more convenient for you to

memorize. Passwords may range from five to 10 letters and/or numbers in the password. Only parents with the correct password will be able to access their child's marks.

Netmarks is not intended to replace the regular monthly Progress Report. This monthly one page student report will continue to be issued to students on the first Monday of each month; to be delivered home along with the monthly newsletter, *The Whale's Tale*.

If you have any questions about the program itself or any information that appears on the screens (*see the sample on p5*), *Netmarks* comes fully equipped with an online user manual. You may also contact the webmaster (Mr. Parker) if you have any additional questions, concerns or suggestions about *Netmarks*.

As a result of a *Netmarks* demonstration by Mr. Loutet at the last Frances Kelsey PAC meeting on September 24, a request came to set up an evening workshop for parents who would like a hands-on demonstration. Please mark **Wednesday October 8 at 7:00 p.m.** on your calendar if you like to participate in this workshop. The workshop will take place in computer lab adjacent to the main doors. All parents are welcome to attend.

Library Resource Centre

Bookmark the Library home page. It has a large number of links with curricular connections. It can be accessed from the school homepage: <http://www.fkss.ca>

NetMarks Report for Charlie Chucky Chipmunk (Student # 15002)

(report generated on 11:57 AM, Thursday October 02, 2003)

Summary

Course: Principles of Mathematics 11 (#3317)

Learning Guide (LG) Progress Summary

Est. Date of Completion: **2003-08-25**

Total LG's Done: **20** Since Last Report: **20**

LG's This Year: **20** LG's Last Year: **0**

Avg. Days/Guide: **1.55** % Completed: **100.00**

Working Mark: **67.60** Overall Mark: **67.60**

Lates: **2** Absences: **5.0**

Teacher Comment:

Overall, Charlie made a very good effort in this course. Careful preparation for tests is recommended in the future. Extra help is always available.

Course Information

Teacher: **Mr. W. Loutet (# 23)**

Course Started: **2003-07-11**

Days in Course: **31** Status: **Completed**

Course Comment:

This course has 20 Learning Guides and the student should work at approximately one Learning Guide every week. Some L.G.'s are paired and those will take 2 weeks to finish. Ask your son/daughter for a schedule of this course.

Learning Guide Detail

Total Learning Guides In This Course: **20**

LG #	Date Done	Days	Percent	Comment
1	2003-08-11	3	78.0	
2	2003-08-11	0	76.0	
3	2003-08-11	0	98.0	excellent result
4	2003-08-11	0	78.0	
5	2003-08-11	0	56.0	recommend rewrite the test
6	2003-08-11	0	78.0	
7	2003-08-11	0	45.0	missed assignment
8	2003-08-11	0	78.0	
9	2003-08-11	0	75.0	
10	2003-08-11	0	92.0	
11	2003-08-11	0	74.0	
12	2003-08-11	0	86.0	
13	2003-08-11	0	74.0	
14	2003-08-11	0	87.0	
15	2003-08-11	0	67.0	
16	2003-07-14	3	73.0	
17	2003-07-23	9	56.0	
18	2003-07-28	5	67.0	
19	2003-08-08	11	56.0	
20	2003-08-11	0	55.0	rushed final test
21	0000-00-00	0	0.0	
22	0000-00-00	0	0.0	

Course Completion

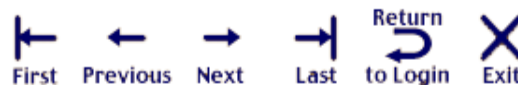
Final Mark: **68.00**

Letter Grade: **C+**

Work Habit: **S**

Credit: **4.00**

Provincial Exam: **0.00**



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Parenting a Teen?

Join Community Options Society at our weekly Parent Support Evening upstairs at 110 Craig Street, Duncan. We are offering Parent Support Evenings from September to December, every Monday night from 7 - 9 pm. Experienced counsellors are available to share information and respond to your questions. For more information call 748-0232.

The dates and topics for October are:

October 6	Resolving Conflict	October 13	No classes
October 20	Consequences for Teens	October 27	Understanding your Teenager

Community Options Society
PO Box 743
Duncan, BC V9L 3Y1

Telephone: (250) 748-0232
Fax: (250) 746-0032
Email: cos@pacificcoast.net

Frances Kelsey Secondary Career Centre Corner - SEPTEMBER, 2003

Spotlight Presentations

Sept. 15, 2003 Thank you to Dr. Vanessa White for giving students information on **Rotary International Student Exchange**. This is a great opportunity for students to live in another country for a year or for just part of the summer. For more information, check out www.rye5020.org. Applications are due by Sept. 30th for the year program and Oct. 10th for the summer program.

We hope to have many speakers come to the school throughout the year, such as a doctor, photographer, veterinarian, and videographer. Watch for details in the Whale's Tale for dates as they become confirmed. Students should read the Newsbreaker and look at our Notice Board in the dome for current guest speakers and sign up that week. Students must attend 2 presentations by guest speakers for CAPP credit.

CAPP Events

Oct. 29, 2003 University Liaison Day for grades 11 and 12

Nov. 5, 2003 **Take our Kids to Work** day for Grade 9 students

Nov. 25, 2003 University of Calgary information session open to any interested student

Dec. 4, 2003 **Career & Education Fair** in Victoria - sign up in the Career Centre

Work Experience Opportunities

Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre Forum on Coastal Biodiversity from November 20 - 25, 2003. This is an excellent opportunity for Career Preparation students taking Science. Applications are due by Oct. 15th.

Take our Kids to Work Nov 5 is a Nation-wide project in Canada Career Week, aimed at Grade 9 students. Over the past years Frances Kelsey has offered the opportunity to our grade 9 students to participate in this *Take our Kids to Work* day to open their eyes to the world of work. It also gives them an opportunity to gain

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invaluable work experience which we credit towards their CAPP program. This program is open not only to parents of the students. Placements can also be arranged with a relative, friend of the family, or community member. Information will be out this month.

Malaspina University College is offering Class shadows in the following programs: Applied Business technology, Automotive Service Technician, Baking - Professional, Barber/Stylist, Carpentry and Residential construction, Culinary Arts, Hairdressing, Heavy Duty/Commercial Transport Mechanics, Heavy Equipment Operator, Small/Marine Engines, Welding.

Frances Kelsey Secondary Groups: Work experience is given for participation in Red Cross, Grad Council, Student Council, Most Kids Don't, SADD, SAVE, Destination Imagination, School event volunteer, Team Manager, Refereeing, Scorekeeping....so get involved and get credit for work experience.

Career Program Placements

Recent placements have been made for students in the following areas:

- **Encounters with Canada** - 3 students will be participating, Sara Kubica, Tannis McDonnell, Maddison Popoff
- **UBC Connect:** Last June we had Tamara Dinter, Melissa Lee, Nicole Chiang, Nina Foot, and Lulu McCallum participate in this week long program to introduce them to university life and courses, as well as to meet students from across Canada and other nations! All said it was an *incredible* experience and a great way to earn work experience.
- **Frances Kelsey Secondary has over 175 grade 11 and 12 Career Preparation students.** Work experience placements are now being arranged.
- **Carpentry - Basic Construction Skills.** New joint venture project from Malaspina and SD 79. FKSS has 12 students to date applying for this course next term.

What is in the Career Centre?

- § University and College Calendars from all across Canada and the U.S.A.
- § **SAT** information - for students interested in post-secondary education in the U.S.A.

- § "Choices" 2003 and other programs are available to help students determine their career goals and the education they'll need to get there.
- § Social Insurance Number applications, student loan information, Post-secondary application forms and information.
- § Help is available with resumes, cover letters, interview techniques, scholarship applications.

Looking for a Job?

Many local businesses are hiring students for part-time work. Students should check the **JOB BOARD** in the Career Centre or go to www.cowichanyouth.com or watch for current postings outside the counselling area.

Become a student tutor. **We are looking for students to recommend for the many requests we get for all levels of school. Pick up an application in the Career Centre today.**

Duke of Edinburgh Programme

by Phil Archer, Teacher

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 "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 experience 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 endeavor, promoting qualities of self-discipline, self-help, and self-reliance.

Students who complete the bronze level of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award are eligible to receive two grade 11 credits (no matter what the "grade" of the student) in an Independent Directed Studies. Those completing the Silver and Gold Levels receive External Course Credit at the grade 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. Recently, Mr. MacLeod presented grade 11 students Sara Kubica and Jennifer Cain with bronze awards. Both girls will be continuing on their

silver. In November, grade 12 students Nicole Strumpfer and Amanda Archer will be attending a ceremony at Government House in Victoria to receive their silver awards from the Lieutenant Governor of B.C.

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 743-6916 for more information.



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**Long Sleeved
T-Shirts** \$15.00 - \$20.00

Scholarships and Bursaries

by Marilyn Sandford, Vice Principal

For all those students entering Grades 11 and 12 this is not only an exciting time in their choice of courses, but also it is a time to begin thinking of post secondary colleges or universities of their choice. Questions such as: what universities and colleges offer the programs I wish to take, where are these post secondary institutions situated, what requirements are needed, where will I live, and what jobs do the programs lead to will have to be addressed. The question that will probably worry the student most is, how much is it going to cost? The counselling centre, the internet, and the work experience program are all places filled with information to help the students make these choices. Our three counsellors, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Rose and Ms. Kirchner, and our career facilitator, Mrs. Munday are all available to students for help. Phone them at 743-6980 if you need more information. Important dates and deadlines are posted in our daily bulletin, on a bulletin board outside the library as well as in the Whale's Tale. There will be an opportunity for Grade 12's to attend an information session in November and a Workshop in January to prepare for local Scholarships and Bursaries. **Please note, it will be a very busy year.**

Last June, our graduates won \$300,000 in scholarships and bursaries. Many of our students received Entrance Scholarships from the following universities and colleges across Canada: University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, University

of Alberta, University of Calgary and Malaspina College. See College and University Calendars or go on line for information.

The Governor General's medal, along with a Premier's Award valued at \$5,000, went to Kaivon Pakzad-Vaezi who had a 98% average in twenty-three courses in grades 11 and 12.

Of the 241 graduates this June, 175 received Honours graduation certificates. (All B's or better in all of their Grade 11 and 12 subjects.)

Two District Scholarships of \$1,000 were awarded to Ashley Nolan for Culinary Arts and Julia Petley-Jones for Fashion Design. The 16 provincial scholarship winners received \$1,000 scholarships for their excellent results on the Grade 12 provincial examinations. Each student had to excel on at least three of these examinations. They are:

Laura Chabot
Gavin Day
Anita Dicastrì
Nicolas Dicastrì
Katelyn Johnston
Thomas Kinzel
Dana Lambert
Kye-Young Lee
Matthew Macalister
Joel Mellish
Rebecca Nielsen
Kaivon Pakzad-Vaezi
Erica Scheurkogel
Erin Stacey
Krysta Westlund and
Stephanie Whittaker.

The many local scholarships and bursaries our students won were in competition with

students not only at Frances Kelsey but also with students from the three secondary schools in District 79. A big, big thank you at this time to the generosity and hard work of all our local donors.

If anyone is interested in giving a scholarship or bursary to the school to help students pursue their post secondary goals, please call Ms. Sandford at 743-6916.

There are scholarships coming up in October for students who have shown outstanding community involvement and leadership. See Ms. Sandford for applications.

Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation Nov. 3, 2003

T.D. Canada Trust Scholarship (Community leadership) Oct. 31, 2003

Wal-Mart Canada Community Scholarship Nov. 30, 2003

Soroptomist Foundation Awards Dec. 1, 2003

BC Music Educators Assoc. Scholarship October 17, 2003

Fraser MacPherson Music Scholarship Nov. 3, 2003

Also for students who completed 5 academic Grade 11 subjects before June 30th last year, both the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary give Outstanding Student Achievement Awards. See Ms. Sandford for details.

Important dates to put on your calendar now: The Post Secondary University and College Liaison visit is on Monday, October 27.



Firewood Order Form

Frances Kelsey Dry Grad Committee

Order early in order to avoid disappointment

\$80 for a North American pickup truck load delivered locally, and \$60 if the wood is picked up

\$70 for an import-sized truck load delivered locally, and \$50 if the wood is picked up

Buyer's Name

Buyer's Phone

Number and size of loads

Is the wood to be delivered?.....

Delivery Address

To place orders or for info. Call Kelly Slade 743-4747

Destination Imagination

by Phil Archer, Teacher

In the first year it was "Odyssey of the Mind". For the past two years, and again this year it's "Destination Imagination." Frances Kelsey has one team of six, grade nine to twelve students signed up to train and compete in the Destination Imagination tournaments which will be held towards the end of this school year.

Destination Imagination consists of a group of volunteers who are committed to taking the ideas of creativity, problem-solving and teamwork and packaging them into a fun and meaningful program. It gives kids a chance to expand on the skills and knowledge they have learned in school, albeit in a non-traditional way

Destination Imagination teaches students the things they'll need as they traverse the sometimes rocky and often challenging terrain of the school of life - how to tap into their own creativity, how to solve problems, and how to work together in teams. In math class,

there may be only one right answer to a given problem, but how often is that the case in the real world? Based on the concept of divergent thinking - understanding that there is more than one way to solve a problem - Destination Imagination challenges students to build on their strengths and to discover skills they never knew they possessed.

As their long-term challenge this year, our team has chosen to spend the next several months perfecting their "solutions" to the problem "Cartoon DImentions." The Challenge is to create an original Cartoon Story, complete with Costumes and Characters. This amazing, three-dimensional cartoon adventure comes to life with team generated sound and visual special effects. This challenge must incorporate different technical innovations and some theatrical improvisations. To make things more interesting, a number of further limitations are placed on the problem.

As well as working on the long term challenge, teams also hone their on-the-spot problem solving skills as they practise coming up with solutions for Instant Challenges - additional challenges that are revealed to the teams only minutes before their presentation time! Thinking on their feet, becoming comfortable with quick decision making and further developing the team spirit are among the skills that Instant Challenges promote.

Last year's Destination Team travelled to Knoxville, Tennessee to participate in the Global Finals. After winning first place on Vancouver Island and B.C., they placed fifth in the World!!! This year, we're going for BEST IN THE WORLD.

For more information on Destination Imagination and Creative Problem Solving, please contact Mr. Archer.

**COWICHAN VALLEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Presents

An Information Evening

To review future grade configurations and renovations of south area schools: Kelsey, Bonner, Elsie Miles, Discovery, Bench, Mill Bay, Cobble Hill, and Cowichan Station.

George Bonner Middle School
Wednesday, October 8, 2003
6:30 to 8:00 pm



Frances Kelsey Yearbook Pre-Order

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Don't be disappointed in June - reserve your copy of the yearbook now.

Fill out the order form below (one per student, please) and bring it and your \$36 to Munchies, the school store, at lunch time to place your order. Make cheques payable to Frances Kelsey Secondary.

Name: _____

Advisor: _____ Advisor Number: _____

Please reserve my copy of the 2003-2004 yearbook at the cost of \$36.00 (October-March price)

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Cash

Cheque No. _____

2004 Frances Kelsey Yearbook Receipt

Payment Received:
\$36.00

Name: _____

Date: _____

Received By: _____

Retain this receipt (or your cancelled cheque) as proof of purchase. If you are paying with cash, please retain receipt until book distribution in June.

Seven Habits of Highly Effective Kelsey Mathematics Students

by Wayne Loutet, Teacher

(1) **Organization:** A student who is organized will look at the 18 or 19 weeks in the semester and realize that he or she must do about one Learning Guide a week. They will then set themselves up to a schedule like this: DAY 2 BLOCK E, Go to mandatory; DAY 3 Block X, go to Portable 11 for flex help to check over problems from last night's homework; DAY 4 BLOCK C, Go to mandatory; DAY 5 BLOCK Z, Go to Portable 11 for flex help to finish Learning Guide; DAY 1 BLOCK B, use 3rd Math flex to write test on Learning Guide. Repeat this 19 times. Of course this is useless, if you don't follow your plan. Students don't PLAN to FAIL, they FAIL to PLAN (and stick to it).

(2) **Notes and Book work:** An effective Math student will take notes from the class, and keep these notes in an organized part of their notebook, with dates and headings etc. Later they will read these notes, and read the sections in the textbook that the Learning Guide points them to. They will study each line of both sources so that they understand what has been done in the question. Then they will try enough questions from the Learning Guide activity to have the concept firmly in place in their head. (This way they won't have to relearn it next year). Each question will be checked with the answers in the back of the book and problem questions flagged with RED to be discussed with a teacher in flex block.

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(3) **Be an Interactive Learner:** Listen to the lecture with a critical ear, trying to see where the new concept can be linked to a concept that you already know. Take notes, even if you are not asked to. Just the mere fact that you are synthesizing the new material and physically writing it down, will help you remember it – even if you never look at the notes again! Naturally these notes will help you in steps 4, 5 and 7 below. If you say that you can't take notes and listen at the same time, this is a cop-out. None of us could do this in the beginning, but we all became better at it the more we tried. Each book has a section of really tough questions. Try these. Gradually you get better and better at the types of thinking necessary to solve these questions. Take all formulas and look at them in reverse. Take each question and formula and see if you can extend it, or look for a practical example.

(4) **When stuck:** Read your notes, look at the examples in the book (The answer to everything in life is two pages before the question!). Saying that you can't understand the book is another cop-out. Try harder, read slower, get a teacher to help you read the book – you WILL get better at it if you try. Another strategy is to work backwards from the answer – sometimes this helps. Try the Math videos at www.fkss.ca – courses – Math 9/10 or Math 11/12. Ask a friend or a parent for help.

Finally, ask a teacher in flex block or after school help sessions.

(5) **Preparing for the test:** Realize that as much as possible the test questions will be similar to the questions in the book. Look at the Chapter Review, try some of these since they do an "Overview" of the chapter. Check your notes again – has your teacher shown you common errors or traps to avoid?

(6) **Writing the test:** Do the multiple-choice questions before you look at the answer. If there is room on the paper show some work, this will help in step seven below. Once you have an answer and simplified it as far as possible, now check the answers. If there are two that look almost the same, is one simplified and the other not? Never leave a multiple choice question blank, you can usually eliminate a couple of the answers and then guess from the two remaining if you really have to. With the written questions, realize that full marks will only be given if you show all your working. Follow the strategy that was outlined in your notes – don't just guess at an answer. By showing your work, you'll get part marks even if the question is wrong and it will help in step seven below. Leave no blanks, try each question, those part marks add up to one higher letter grade.

(7) **Doing a rewrite:** Hopefully, if you have followed all of the six steps above you won't have to do this very often, but in Mathematics classes it is possible. First of all, be positive –

realize that you may have only made one or two errors, but you made them on a lot of questions. Fix those errors and your mark will improve 20% to 30% ! Go over the test with your teacher. If you have put down working, it will help him or her to show you what errors you made and how to correct them. Bring your notes and work from your book with

you. Try to find out how you missed the concept, didn't take notes properly? Didn't try enough questions from the Learning Guide? Now retry those types of questions again so they are firmly in your mind, then within ONE WEEK do the retest - don't wait a month! Do not repeat the same errors by doing a retest without looking at your original test. Really

good students look at all of their past tests, even if they got 90% and are not planning to do a retest. They are just interested in what they did wrong, so they do not repeat it. Learning from your errors is an important part of a person's development.



Duke of Edinburgh Beach Clean Up

by Phil Archer, Teacher

On Saturday, September 20 a small but dedicated group of Duke of Edinburgh students and their sponsor teacher participated in the 2003 Shoreline Cleanup sponsored by the Vancouver Aquarium and The Ocean Conservancy. Vic Weston, Chantal Kyffin, Eve Richardson and Tannis McDonnell, who are racking up community service hours as part of the Duke of Edinburgh programme, spent time working the Mill Bay Beach area from Verdier Point south to the Mill Bay Marina. As well as cleaning up litter, they also classified and categorised the types of litter found providing raw data for the on-going research being conducted by the Ocean Conservancy.

This important work could not happen without the volunteer efforts such as those shown by these students. Well done.

Dry Grad

by Kelly Slade, Parent

Dry Grad is a fun all-night party put on by the parents for our graduating students with fun activities, food and prizes. It requires a group effort by parents, so please come out to help make Dry Grad a success for our Grade 12s.

Fundraising for our Dry Grad evening on June 30, 2004 has already begun. We earned \$433.70 at the Cobble Hill Fair, thanks to the following students who participated in the dunk tank: Behn Skovgaard, Shawn Slade, Steve and Scott Walmsley, Katie Konkin, Shawn Henderson, Tim Sumpter, Aaron Calaway, Pat Young, Shaun Baird, Trevor and Scott Bonner.

We will be selling firewood next month. The past few years this has been a very successful fundraiser. See the form at the back of the Whale's Tale for putting in your order. To avoid disappointment, get your order in early and help support a great cause.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm in the Kelsey library. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your ideas and a friend too. Meetings end by 8:00 pm.

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7:00 pm in the Kelsey Library

Everyone Welcome to Attend

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October Fundraiser

Our senior sport teams find it very expensive to travel to the various venues they must play at during the year. Despite fundraising efforts they often end up in the hole at the end of the season. To help them clear up these shortages we are offering the following fundraisers:

Student Price Card: Super savings for students. Again this year we are selling the SPC cards as a fundraiser. These cards offer fantastic value to students. They can be used across Canada for **savings from 10 - 25%** at many of their favorite stores. As well there are **coupons and contests, prizes, special events** and activities on the website. All for the low, **low price of \$7.50**. The card is good till **July 31st/04**. Some of the stores the card can be used at are: **The Bay, Payless Shoe Source, Bootlegger, Sport Mart, Shoppers Drug Mart, Music World, Famous Players, Ardene, and dozens more**. Students can buy the card at the main office, and right now they will receive a free sample pak with their purchase.

Regal: Check out the new catalogues for gifts and gadgets for your home, as well as Christmas wrap & decorations. Please come in and take a look or we can arrange for your student to borrow one overnight. We can't send catalogues home to everyone as there is a cost for them. Regal purchases will be made through the school. If you wish to place an order, please give the item number and the page it is on and include GST (7%) & PST (7.5%).

Is 'I'm hungry!' the first thing you hear when the kids come home from school? Here's a handy solution:

Take and Bake Pizzas

Hot Spot Pizza will supply individually wrapped and boxed large pizzas (\$9.00 each) that you may take home and bake at your convenience. They can be frozen for up to a month. Baking instructions come with every pizza.

The pizzas will be delivered to the school for **pick up on Thursday, October 16th, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**. Please note students cannot bring the pizzas home on the school bus. They must be picked up here at the school that day.

Please complete the order slip below and return to the main office at school with payment attached by October 10th. Thank you for your support.

Take and Bake Pizza Order Form - by October 10th.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

(Please print)

Quantity

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| 1. | _____ | Ham & Pineapple | @\$9.00 | = | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | Cheese & Pepperoni | @\$9.00 | = | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | Vegetarian (Mushroom, Onion, Tomato and Green Pepper) | @\$9.00 | = | _____ |
| 4. | _____ | Tomato & Feta Cheese | @\$9.00 | = | _____ |

Total = _____