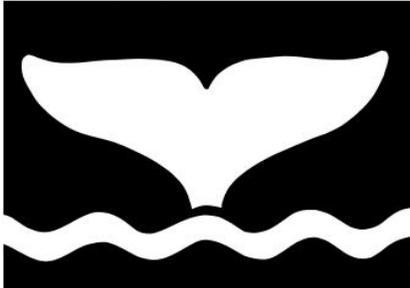


THE WHALE'S TALE

Frances Kelsey Secondary's
latest breaking news and views



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What's Been Happening at Kelsey?

So many wonderful things have been happening at Kelsey. We are an exciting, busy school!

Last month, the entire school attended our annual Club Fair where student representatives promoted our many clubs and activities. For a complete listing, please see the October Whale's Tale which is available from our office or can be found through our school website. Please note two more clubs have been added, being:

SWIM CLUB

Sponsor: Ms. Roach

SR BOYS RUGBY

Sponsor: Mr. A. Johnston

The first FoodSafe Level 1 course was offered last month, providing students with background on proper food handling. FoodSafe is a requirement for those working in the food and beverage industry. Anyone interested in taking this course in the future should speak to Mrs. Thompson.

Our Career Centre provided a fascinating presentation from Global Volunteering which offers an international volunteering gap year program for students. Several past Kelsey students have participated. Argentina, Fiji, New Zealand and Ireland are some of the countries that volunteers can travel to.

Our Career Centre also hosted a representative from McGill University and promoted an information session with the Canadian Armed Forces Recruiting Office where our students learned about a military lifestyle, the physical fitness test requirements, the post-secondary paid education plan and their Soldier for a Day event.

Our hard-working Cafeteria Program is well underway where our students may purchase healthy lunch options at very reasonable prices, such as



Kelsey Calendar

Monday, November 7, 2016

"Bring Your MP to School" visit to Grade 11 and 12 classes by Alistair MacGregor

Whale's Tale newsletter issued

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Grad Council meeting

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

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

7:00 p.m. – PAC meeting in library

Thursday, November 10, 2016

10:30 a.m. – Remembrance Day Assembly – everyone welcome
End of Term 1

Friday, November 11, 2016

Remembrance Day

Monday, November 14, 2016

Term 2 begins

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

1:15 p.m. dismissal – Professional Learning Community
End of Operation Christmas Child Campaign

Friday, November 18, 2016

Junior Achievement program presentations to Planning 10 students
Grade 9 *Take Our Kids to Work Day* permission forms due
Report Cards issued

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

Foodsafe course

November 24 – December 3, 2016

Grad portraits

Friday, November 25, 2016

University/College Liaison Day for all grades (see related article page 2, 3)

November 25 & 26, 2016

6:00 p.m. - International Student Program Talent Show in the dome

Quinoa Salad - \$2.50; Vegetable Wrap - \$3.50; Broccoli Cheese Soup - \$2.00; Ginger Beef Stir Fry - \$4.50. Has your son or daughter tried one of our yummy lunches yet?

Kelsey participated in the province-wide earthquake drill last month which gave students and staff the opportunity to review safety procedures in the event of an earthquake.

A strong turnout of Grade 12 students registered for semester 2 English 151 and Criminology 154 dual credit courses, enabling those students to take free university classes while receiving both high school and post-secondary credit. We have also partnered with VIU to offer Arts 216 to students enrolled in an Art 12 course in second semester. If this interests your child, information is available from the Career Centre.

Our Halloween spirit was displayed last Monday with a lively costume parade in the dome at lunch while our Interact Club sold Scare-O-Grams, the chance to send a positive message and a treat to a friend for 50¢.

Our SADD Club (Students Against Drinking/Distracted Driving) encouraged our students to make a pledge to always drive safely, sealed with a lollipop.

Mr. van der Linden recently took students on a tour of the Vancouver Island University Cowichan Trades campus to learn about programs such as welding, carpentry, hairdressing, refrigeration and air conditioning.

At last, back by popular demand, Music Trivia has returned! Mr. Rowan plays snippets of three songs over the P.A. with a different theme each week. The first advisor group on each floor to identify the artist and song name wins a prize of Skittles and suckers.

Athletics are in full swing this fall. Congratulations to our senior girls field hockey team on qualifying for the Provincials in Surrey. The Island Championship cross country meet in Victoria was a true cross country race with rain and mud to wrap up the season! Good luck to our runners who are off to Provincials in Kelowna and to our senior boys soccer team at North Islands.

Career Day

Our Career Day will be held on Friday, November 25th for our Grades 9 to 12 students. Grade 9 students will participate in the national *Take Our Kids to Work Day*. If you have a child in Grade 9, your support is needed – please see the article below. Grade 10 students will tour the Camosun College Interurban Campus for ‘hands on’ sessions. This tour gives students the opportunity to see what a college campus is like and to learn what programs are available. Grade 8 students will be doing an Autonomy Day where they are tasked to cooperatively plan, design and build a project of their choice.

Grade 11 and 12 students will remain at the school and will attend three workshops of their choice. Representatives from BC universities, colleges and art colleges will give presentations and will be able to answer questions. This day will have regular classes in the afternoon for Grade 10, 11 and 12. Grade 9's will be out for the full day at their chosen job sites.

Parents of Grade 9 Students:

Take Our Kids to Work Day 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 one-day job shadowing experience to open their eyes to the world of work. It also gives them an opportunity to gain invaluable work experience, which we also credit towards their Careers 9 program.

Employers increasingly value workers with good problem-solving and communication skills. They want team players comfortable with technology and information systems. Most importantly, they want lifelong learners eager to acquire new skills.

Take Our Kids to Work Day is a chance for students to connect what they are learning in school with what happens in the workplace. Students also have an opportunity to see how a parent or another adult spends his or her day. *Take Our Kids to Work Day* starts young people thinking about the many choices available to them after high school.

This program is not only open to parents of the students, but to others such as relatives, friends of the family, or community members.

Your child will be bringing home a consent form which needs to be completed and returned to the school by Friday, November 18th.

New Staff

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Beth Eacott has joined our staff as an Education Assistant and that Ms. Heather Moore has joined our clerical team. Welcome to you both!

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Kevin van der Linden, Vice-Principal

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



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

What should Grade 12's be doing now?

By using the Career Centre, college and university calendars, internet sites and visiting the college personnel, students should be:

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

Admission Applications now available

Admission applications for Vancouver Island University, BCIT, Camosun College, Vancouver Community College and many other universities and colleges in BC are now being accepted.

Key websites for graduates

- Graduation program: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation
- Career planning and post-secondary options in BC: www.educationplanner.bc.ca, myblueprint.ca
- Your guide to post-secondary education programs and institutions in BC - offers students and parents information on post-secondary education, careers and the workforce: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers
- Student financial aid - your online guide to information about financial assistance programs including grants, loans and interest relief: www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/
- Provincial examinations Frequently Asked Questions: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/
- BC colleges/universities scholarships: www.scholarshipscanada.com
- Online applications in BC: www.pas.bc.ca
- Canadian universities and colleges: www.schoolfinder.com

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

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

- TD Scholarships for Community Leadership
- UBC Major Entrance Scholarships, Centennial Scholars Entrance Awards, International Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships and Entrance Awards designated specifically for Aboriginal students
- BCIT Entrance Awards
- Burger King Scholars Program

For information about any scholarship or bursary, please see Mr. van der Linden.



The Magic Wand Project



Although 'Grad Banquet 2017' seems far off in the future, many secondary school students are already thinking about their gown or tuxedo. 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 anonymously call our Principal, Mr. Rowan, or our Counsellors, Ms. Kirchner or Ms. Wright, at 250.743.6916 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 price-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 "Magic Wand Project" for a nominal fee instead of buying one. For an appointment, contact Elizabeth at

esurerus@telus.net, or view the website at www.themagicwandproject.ca or check out their information on Facebook.

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.

2016-2017 Dry Grad

DRY GRAD

Please join us at our meeting on Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. For more information contact Melanie at 250.748.3351 or at melaniebrancato@hotmail.com

Please begin keeping your Country Grocer receipts. We will let you know where we will collect them. Ask your friends and family to keep them too – a painless way to fundraise!

Please contact Melanie if you would like to be added to our email list.



Frances Kelsey Parents Advisory Council

By Tanya Friese, President FKPAC



A bit of PAC trivia for you all: Each year our PAC applies for and receives grant money in the amount of \$20 per student from BC Gaming. This money can be used to enhance student's extracurricular and educational experience while at Kelsey - it cannot be used for curricular activities of any kind. At PAC meetings we get funding requests from the various sports teams, programs and other activities occurring throughout the year and we discuss how best to spend this money. We do NO fundraising at all and coming to PAC meetings is a great way to stay informed of all that is going on at the school. Also, we try to keep our meetings to an hour so why not come out THIS

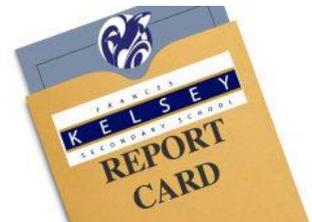
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9th at 7:00 p.m. and meet the rest of us. Hope to see you there.

FKPAC

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. For more information call Tanya at 250.999.6417 or email tanyarick@shaw.ca

Our Netmarks Program

Our Netmarks program allows parents to stay updated on their child's progress. If you have not received a username & password you will need to activate your child(ren) in Netmarks. To do this go to our website at fkss.sd79.bc.ca, find the "Parent" tab and click on Netmarks, then click on the link to get to the Netmarks login screen.



Under the Parents box click the "click here" link and fill in the required information (you will need your child's student number). Once that is complete you will be emailed your password and username.

Make sure you enter your information correctly to ensure a password/username is correctly sent.

Looking for a Christmas Present?

Show your school pride! Get outfitted for cooler weather! The Business Education program sells clothing with our school name and logo. See Mr. Ellingson or Mrs. Brinkman in room 229 or call 250.743.6916, local 268.

Hoodies (navy or grey) - \$28
Long sleeve navy T shirts - \$18

Sweats (navy or grey) - \$22
Fabric gym bags - \$10

Yearbook Pre-Sale Until November 15

Yearbooks are on sale now until November 15 for \$45!! **They will be on sale again in 2017 but the price will increase to \$50.** Don't miss out as we've sold out for the last two years! This year's theme is travel and we are well on our way collecting photos and starting spreads. We have increased our page count to accommodate all the exciting activities happening at Kelsey this year!

Further details regarding personalization and a bonus Memory Capsule are on the homepage of our website (fkss.sd79.bc.ca). Parents can also order directly online at <https://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/311545>



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Looking forward to seeing you! fkss.sd79.bc.ca

Grad Portraits

Grads should sign up online now for their appointment with Lifetouch Canada at www.lifetouch.ca/victoria
Appointment are scheduled between
November 24 – December 3

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