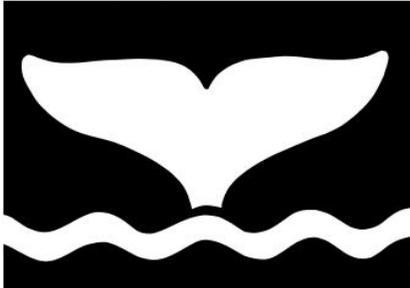


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Frances Kelsey Secondary's
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Kelsey Calendar

Monday, May 1, 2017

Band trip to Alberta
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Tuesday, May 2, 2017

P.A.R.T.Y. Program

Friday, May 5, 2017

Pro D Day / Grade 12 District Scholarship
applications due

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Dry Grad parents meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

2:15 p.m. dismissal – Professional
Learning Community

7:00 p.m. – PAC meeting in library

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Grade 8 Exploratory 6 begins
English 12 Provincial Exams

Friday, May 12, 2017

Grade 12 "Walk Back" in Q Block
7:00 p.m. – Interact Club Benefit Concert

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Aboriginal Heritage Day

May 17 – 24, 2017

West Coast Trail trip

Friday, May 19, 2017

Graduation Transitions Presentations

Monday, May 22, 2017

Victoria Day

Thursday, May 25, 2017

12:00 noon – Student Parliament
Milkshake Day

Thursday, June 1, 2017

9:00 a.m. – District Scholarship
Presentations in dome

Friday, June 2, 2017

Valedictorian information assembly

Monday, June 5, 2017

Whale's Tale newsletter issued

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

5:30 p.m. – Annual Sport Celebration in
dome

June 6 – 9, 2017

Murder at the Maltshop drama production
(times vary)

What's Happening at Kelsey?

Have you seen our new school website? Do you have some ideas or thoughts on how to make it better? Please give us your feedback at fkslibrary@sd79.bc.ca

Our Student Development Program has had a successful first year running the coffee cart program. Students bake muffins from scratch on a daily basis, then brew coffee and tea which they deliver around the school and sell to the staff. This gives students the opportunity to practice communication skills, develop confidence interacting with adults and practise collecting money and making change.

The International Waterloo Math contest is for students who want a challenge in math to extend their math problem solving skills. Our school's math department participates in this contest in the spring every year for Grades 8 to 12. This year's results for our school are: Grade 9 – Adele Gao – Winner with Distinction; Grade 10 – Lauren Weckesser – Winner; Runners up: Taylor Walters and Camrynn Lee; Grade 11 Winners – Susannah Coons and Madeleine Thomson (tied); Runners up – Anni Lamfalusi and Calvin Li. Look for the results of the Grade 8 Gausst Contest (sponsored by Mrs. Webb) and the Grade 12 Euclid Contest (sponsored by Mr. Abbott) in the next Whale's Tale. Congratulations to our students for their impressive results.

The FKSS Badminton team played in the North Island Tournament for Senior Students on April 26. Congratulations to all students who played. This is a newly formed team consisting of students from Grades 8-12 coached by Mrs. Gillis and Mrs. Van Hell.

The school vegetable gardens in our courtyard and the area behind the school were dormant over the winter but are rapidly returning to life. Lead by Mrs. Smith, the Garden and Landscape course is offered to Grade 10-12 students with the emphasis on growing vegetables. Deer are plentiful in our backyard, so donations of fencing material, as well as pots, starter

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pots or any hand tools would be appreciated. The Cowichan Valley School District is a registered charity and Donations in Kind of services or materials are eligible for a tax receipt when value is verified.

Many volunteer opportunities were advertised recently, such as the Shawnigan Lake Community Easter Event, the Bench School Fun Fair and the Shawnigan Canada Day Festivities. All students require 30 hours of work experience to graduate and volunteering counts towards those hours. See the Career Centre for more ideas. Paid positions are also advertised regularly through the Career Centre, such as working at “Youth at the Booth” (\$250/day) on election day.

Mrs. Brinkman’s Marketing 11/12 class hosted a “Be Entrepreneurial” guest speaker series through the Junior Achievement Program, where business members of the community made four presentations. The speaker was the Vice President of Credit at Island Savings Credit Union and he spoke about Starting a Business, Competition, Target Markets and Product Development. Students then developed a business idea and gave a Product Development Plan power point presentation to the class.

Thank you to Creative Woodcraft Ltd. for supporting our shop program with their generous donation of a variety of hardwoods. With these materials, we are making small coping saw projects, boxes and miscellaneous items. The donations are very much appreciated.

Students interested in public speaking have been working with Mrs. Van Hell to prepare for the annual Hector McIntosh contest. After creating their own speech, students practice delivering it using proper volume, expression, body language and other positive features of public speaking. A competition is held within our school to select representatives for each grade category, followed by a semi-final competition and a final competition involving other schools. Significant cash prizes are awarded to the winners.

Track and Field season begins in May and registered athletes are excited to participate at the Mid Islands meet in Duncan on May 9 and 10. Students who qualify will then go to UVic on May 18 and 19. From there, it's Provincials in Langley June 1 to 3. See Mrs. Gillis for permission forms.

Student Parliament, sponsored by Mr. Hart and Mr. Kelly, is working towards acquiring a 3D printer for our school. Practical applications of the machine include Tech department uses, drafting model construction, new media for the Arts department, creation of props for theatre production and more.

Kelsey has a new club! Ms. Woernle is the teacher-sponsor of the Anime Club which meets Thursdays at lunch in room 120. Everyone welcome. For a complete listing of our Clubs and Activities, see our October, 2016 Whale’s Tale. Past issues are on our website.

Our Streams and Trails Program has a healthy enrollment of fifty Grade 10, 11 and 12 students. Offered for the first time at Kelsey, this term two course which combines Earth Science 11, Communications 11 and Geography 12 is taught in the classroom two blocks per week and on Polara Hill four blocks each week. After Spring Break, the group moved into applying lessons from the classroom and planning new trail routes on Polara. Proposed trail designs have been submitted to the CVRD and once approved, Mr. Hart, Mr. Niessen and Mr. Groicher will begin leading the group in construction.

Members of the BC Lions Football Team gave a rousing presentation to our Grade 8 classes last month. The athletes delivered a motivational presentation, speaking about setting goals, teamwork and staying in school, while making it fun and inspirational for our students.

Grade 10, 11 and 12 woodworking students have been busy creating many impressive projects. They started by building a simple spruce box, then progressed to making a finger joint oak box, to be followed by the creation of a dovetail box, while other students are making chairs and tables. Grade 9 students are finishing

their airplanes and starting to make small shelves and bird houses while our Grade 8's are making coping saw projects using a variety of woods.

Up in the Science area, there is plenty going on. This year's 195 salmon hatchlings are growing steadily. Within the next month they should mature enough to be released by students and staff into Shawnigan-Mill Bay Creek. As usual, the lab is busy with students delving into their learning and doing exciting and engaging hands-on guided inquiries in biology, chemistry, physics and earth and space science.

New Staff

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Jenna Goodwyn has joined our E.A. team. Welcome to Kelsey.

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Kevin van der Linden, 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 14th at Frances Kelsey School starting at 7:00 p.m. Families of students are welcome to attend. If your son or daughter receives notification that he/she has won an Entrance Scholarship or bursary, please advise Mrs. Bonner so that these winners may be recognized at the Graduation Walk-up.

There have been several lunchtime meetings to present District Scholarship information to graduating students. Students interested in applying for a District Scholarship should see Mr. van der Linden for an application and nomination form. More information can be found at www.sd79.bc.ca. All applications are due to the Career Centre on May 5. For more information about any scholarship or bursary, please see Mr. van der Linden. **All dates** should be checked at each source's site.

There have been two additional bursaries added recently: the Evan Carpenter Technology Bursary and the Tom Clark Memorial Bursary. These are #38 and #97 under the Scholarships listing on our website.

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

- Peninsula Co-Op Educational Scholarships
- Clean Energy Association of BC
- Monsanto Fund Opportunity Scholarships



Dry Grad

Hello Parents. The Dry Grad event is coming up fast - June 23rd. We are in the final push for fundraising and we need to organize volunteers for the event itself. Please read the following information carefully and consider volunteering where you can. The event cannot go forward without parent help. The dry grad committee continues to meet the second

Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelsey library. You are welcome to join us.

DRY GRAD

Please join us at our meeting on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. For more information contact Melanie at 250.748.3351 or at melaniebrancato@hotmail.com

Volunteers are needed for decorating set up on the Thursday afternoon/evening and before the event itself. Please contact Deana – slang-2@shaw.ca Volunteers also needed for clean-up afterwards, security during the event and monitoring activities during the event. Please Contact Madelaine - mamac@telus.net or phone 250.746.7804 if you can help. Food: help is needed for food prep the day before and the day of the event. Please contact Angela – akinrade@telus.net if you can help.

Volunteers are also needed for the **Red Carpet event on June 17th** directing traffic and various other jobs. Please contact Angela – akinrade@telus.net

FUNDRAISING EVENTS THAT NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Bottle Drive May 6th at FKSS. Contact Sonia - svanhell@sd79.bc.ca Start saving those bottles and cans.
Parent Social May 13th - Cobblestone Pub - Silent Auction and Burger night. If you have something to donate to Silent Auction or for information about tickets, contact Michelle gardiner.michelle@ymail.com
Paint Night - May 26th - Cowichan Bay Fire Hall. 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Appies and drinks available for purchase. Limited tickets so book early to avoid disappointment. \$45 per person. Contact shawna.russell3@gmail.com
Cruise Raffle Tickets: Please contact Katrina: katrina.mcneil@hotmail.com to get your chance to win. Draw date May 13th.
Thrifty's Cards - keep loading your cards to earn us \$ to help keep food costs down.
Country Grocer Receipts - Keep sending them in. Box is on the front desk in the office. Earning g/c to keep food costs down for the event.
GoFundMe page: <https://www.gofundme.com/kelseydrygrad2017>

Psychology 12

By Sean-Rei O'Rorke, Student

(This article is the follow-up story mentioned in the March newsletter.)

I have always been intrigued by psychology, attempting to take a peek into the magnificent wonder that is the human mind. To understand ourselves, others and life we must first understand why humans behave in certain ways and how that behaviour correlates with the world around us.

Psychology at Frances Kelsey is a wonderful way to begin, as in this course, not only do we learn and understand the psychological material, but we connect it to our individual experiences. What I enjoy is that I get to read the information from the textbook as well as listen to seminars, bringing the textbook and reality together. So far in this course we have been working on understanding the unconscious, personality theories, as well as stress and health.

Perception is an important aspect of psychology. Understanding how we perceive things can be traced back to the unconscious, our motives, our personality, our fears and anxieties, memories that still affect us without our knowing, all helping direct the way we perceive our reality. Recently we were introduced to inkblots, a test created by a Freudian psychiatrist, Hermann Rorschach. The Rorschach test is used to analyze a person's perception of an inkblot through psychological interpretation. What a person may see will most likely differ from someone else and can be seen as a representation of their unconscious motives and thoughts.

We were given the chance to play Rorschach for a day and make our very own ink blots in class, asking ten different people what they see. From this we are able to think about why some people may see a scary figure, whereas some see a pretty flower, and what subconscious elements may be affecting their conscious reaction. There is no one simple answer for this as each person's mind is unique, but it is still interesting and important to explore.

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I think one of my favourite parts of learning psychology is how much I see it in my everyday life in places I never saw it before and I know it has already helped me understand myself. The very outcome you get from participating in this course is up to your own perception and motives, the inspiration, the information, and help are all there ready for you to grasp.

FKPAC
Please join us at our meeting on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. For more information contact Tanya at 250.999.6417 or at tanyarick@shaw.ca