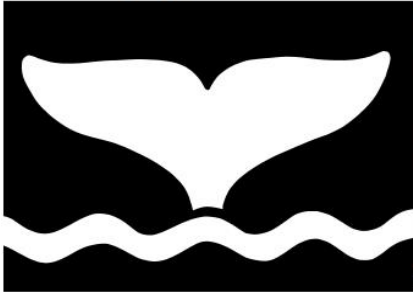


THE WHALE'S TALE

Frances Kelsey Secondary's
latest breaking news and views



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Frances Kelsey Secondary PAC



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Welcome

By Jeff Rowan, Principal

Welcome to a new school year! Schedules are in place, our routines are being established and it is great to see the students working in their classes and getting involved in our extra curricular activities.

September has already been a busy month. Our Terry Fox run went very well and our “Meet the Advisor” evening was well attended. Running, volleyball and soccer have started up in our Athletics department, the yearbook students have been taking pictures of events, a choir club has had their first meeting (more voices always welcome), the Red Cross Club’s Thanksgiving Food Drive is under way and we have had a successful bake sale in support of the victims of the earthquake in Mexico.

We have met with all grades and our message was to be engaged with your studies and stay current in your courses. We also encouraged them to take advantage of all the clubs, sports and opportunities available and to enjoy their school.

We want to work with parents to make sure all of our kids are successful and Advisors will be working closely with their students and parents. Please contact either teachers or administration via email or phone if you have questions. Staff email addresses and phone extensions can be found on our webpage and at the beginning of the Agenda. Our daily announcements on the *Kelsey NewsBreaker* are available on our website at fkss.sd79.bc.ca We encourage you to maintain contact throughout the year. We look forward to the rest of the year and all the exciting opportunities that will be coming up.

Some important information for parents to note:

COUNSELLORS

Students are assigned to a counsellor by their last name. Please email your counsellor if you have any concerns. If last name is:



Kelsey Calendar

Monday, October 2, 2017

Whale’s Tale newsletter issued

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Tour de Rock at FKSS

12:00 – Grad Council “Friends Giving” potluck

Friday, October 6, 2017

Careers Assembly for Grade 12’s

Monday, October 9, 2017

Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Student Parliament Spirit Day

7:00 p.m. – Dry Grad Parent Meeting in library

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Foodsafe Course

7:00 p.m. – PAC meeting in library.

This month’s theme “**Meet the Principal**” (see related article page 5)

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

P.A.R.T.Y. Program

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

1:15 p.m. dismissal – Professional Learning Community

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Grade 8 Exploratory 2 begins

ShakeOut BC

Friday, October 20, 2017

Pro-D Day (school not in session)

Friday, October 27, 2017

Photo Retake Day

Monday, October 30, 2017

Western University Information Session

Session

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Student Parliament Halloween parade at lunch

Thursday, November 2, 2017

2:15 p.m. dismissal

A - L: Ms. Kirchner mkirchne@sd79.bc.ca
M - Z: Ms. Wright nwright@sd79.bc.ca

STUDENT AGENDA BOOKS

Every student has received an Agenda Book from their advisor. **We urge parents to ask to see the book and read the information contained in the first nineteen pages.**

STUDENT INSURANCE

Information regarding student insurance plans was available for all students in September. Please note there is no School Board coverage for accidents or injuries incurred by students. Refer to www.sd79.bc.ca

STUDENT/STAFF I.D.

All staff and students will be issued with a personal I.D. photo. This idea is not unique to Kelsey and serves several valuable purposes. Important amongst these are easy identification of unauthorized visitors and much quicker sign out of resources. The use of this means of identification is strongly supported by the PAC as well as staff.

DAILY SCHEDULE

The regular daily schedule will be as follows:

Long Advisor Day - alternating Mondays or Tuesdays each week:

Advisor	9:00 - 10:00	(60 min.)
Period 1	10:03 - 11:08	(65 min.)
Period 2	11:10 - 12:15	(65 min.)
Lunch	12:15 - 1:00	(45 min.)
Period 3	1:03 - 2:08	(65 min.)
Period 4	2:10 - 3:15	(65 min.)

Regular Schedule

Advisor	9:00 - 9:15	(15 min.)
Period 1	9:18 - 10:33	(75 min.)
Period 2	10:35 - 11:50	(75 min.)
Lunch	11:52 - 12:37	(45 min.)
Period 3	12:42 - 1:57	(75 min.)
Period 4	2:00 - 3:15	(75 min.)

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

All students are asked to pay a \$25 Student Activity fee each year and all new students pay a one-time \$25 Textbook Deposit fee. Student Activity fees help defray costs of student government, intramural activities, photo identification, speakers, special assemblies and other benefits for students. If no books are lost or damaged, the Textbook Deposit will be returned when the student leaves Kelsey, or upon graduation, it will be used to defray graduation expenses.

These fees are now due and should be paid at the office. We accept cash or cheques and we have a debit machine for your convenience. Thank you to those who have already paid their fees. If there are any problems with making payment, please contact Mr. Rowan at 250.743.6916, extension 229 or at jrowan@sd79.bc.ca

New Staff

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

Teaching Staff: Miss Kyla Blacoe (Foods, English, Photography 8), Ms. Tammy Chester (Math, Computer Programming, Technology, Media Arts, Digital Media, Computers & Communication Devices), Mr. Jinder Dhami (Learning Assistance), Mr. Darren Hart (English, Social Studies, Careers 8), Mr. Greg Launder (Math, PE, Science, Careers 8), Ms. Sabina Reska (Math, Science, Careers 8), Ms. Anna Roberts (Drama, English, Planning, Acting, Directing & Scriptwriting, Theatre Production), Ms. Robyn Walker (Planning, Learning Assistance), Ms. Kyla Young (English) and Mrs. Wendy Grymaloski (International Education)

Teacher Assistants: Ms. Christine Anderson and Ms. Annette Dawes

Clerical: Ms. Wendy Lawless, Head Secretary; Mrs. Denise Haley, Office Receptionist

Two of our long-time staff retired over the summer. We extend our best wishes to Mr. Don Hall, our math and technology teacher who worked at Kelsey since 2001 and to Mrs. Deb Melnyk who worked at Kelsey as a secretary for 23 years since the school was staffed in 1994 and was our very capable Head Secretary for most of those years. It was a pleasure to work with Don and Deb and we thank them for their many years of dedication and service to our students and staff. Likewise, we will miss Ms. Brianne Melnyk and Ms. Heidi Woernle, two wonderful teachers who took other jobs at the end of June. Good bye and good luck to our receptionist Ms. Heather Moore, our Testing Centre Clerk Ms. Diedra Cline, and Education Assistants Ms. Kim Coté, Mrs. Beth Eacott and Ms. Jenna Goodwin, all of whom left us recently.

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Kevin van der Linden, Vice-Principal

The year starts early for our graduating students as they must now start thinking about University, College or other post-secondary choices for next year. Costs are a very important consideration when making these future plans. We will be working with our Grade 12 students this year to help them understand and to help them access all of the money that is available in the form of scholarships and bursaries.



In the near future, we will be scheduling a session for all Grade 12 students dealing with Grad Transitions, scholarships and bursaries where we will present information on the scholarship and bursary application process.

Scholarships are already being sent to the school and these will be available at all times in the Scholarship/Bursary filing cabinet which is located in the library. We will be advertising these opportunities on the daily *NewsBreaker* announcements, as well as posting notices on the scholarship board outside of the Career Centre. We are very excited about the opportunities for our students and look forward to working with them this year!

Last June, our Graduates won over \$263,000 in scholarships and bursaries. Many of our students received Entrance Scholarships from the following universities and colleges: **Blanche Macdonald Esthetics Centre:** Marin McCarthy (\$4,000); **McGill University:** Kyjuana Marshall (\$3,000); **Queen's University:** Stephanie Saunders (\$36,000); **Stony Brook University:** Anna Slang (\$40,000); **University of Guelph:** Halle de Valk Zaiss (\$17,000); Samantha Walker (\$2,000); **University of Victoria:** Caitlyn Bruce (\$1,500); Hannah Craig (\$12,000); Scarlet Du (\$2,000); Shayla Grymaloski (\$3,000); Alyssa Hay (\$1,500); Jeremy

Kissack (\$2,000); Emma Knock (\$1,500); Sidney Peterson (\$2,000); Nathan Pywell (\$2,500); Savannah van Nieuwkerk (\$1,800); Nicholas Woytowich (\$2,000); **Vancouver Island University:** Paisley Fritz (\$23,000); Emily Rogers (\$2,000); Marijke Van Hell (\$200); Noah Wickham (\$23,000); **York University:** Luke Bennett (\$4,000).

School District #79 presented 14 scholarships of \$1,250 each to the following Kelsey Graduates: Shayla Grymaloski, Riley Hogg, Kylie Kinrade, Emma Knock, Kyjauna Marshall, Jessica Nielsen, Emily Rogers, Stephanie Saunders, Cole Sorensen, Jeremy Stacey, Savannah van Nieuwkerk, Emily Wallich, Noah Wickham and Sean Rei O'Rorke.

Notable recipients of additional scholarships and bursaries were: Lianne Leno (\$4,000), Riley Hogg (\$2,800), Cooper Gee (\$2,550), Kylie Kinrade (\$2,500), Caitlyn Bruce (\$2,300), Kyjauna Marshall (\$2,250), Lily Trithard (\$2,100), Rachel Dehoop (\$2,050), Quinton Davy-Rekers (\$2,000), Alyssa Hay (\$2,000), Emma Knock (\$2,000), Stephanie Saunders (\$2,000) and Eric Young (\$2,000). The \$1,000 International Student Scholarship was won by Wendy Gui.

Of the 158 graduates this June, 121 students received Honours graduation certificates – which means that all students received a letter grade of B or better in all of their Grade 11 and 12 subjects.

All of us at Frances Kelsey Secondary School wish to sincerely thank all of our local donors for their generosity and hard work. Without your contributions, many students would not have the opportunity to pursue their careers at this time.

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

- Loran Scholars Foundation

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



The Magic Wand Project



Although 'Grad Banquet 2018' 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.

2017-2018 Dry Grad

2017-2018 DRY GRAD MEETING

Please join us at our first meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Everyone welcome! For more information contact Mr. Rowan at 250.743.6916, extension 229 or at jrowan@sd79.bc.ca



Frances Kelsey Parents Advisory Council

By Tanya Friese, FKPAC Chair



Welcome, parents, to a new high school year. By virtue of having a student at Kelsey, every one of you is a PAC member and we would love to have your input at our monthly PAC meetings. High school PAC is VERY different from Elementary - we do NO fundraising at all, leaving that to the various student-led clubs/sports groups. At meetings we decide how to spend our yearly gaming grant funding and discuss with our principal what has been happening at the school lately. It is a great way to stay informed of school events, express your accolades or concerns and meet other like-minded parents. **Our theme next meeting: MEET THE PRINCIPAL!!** Get up-close and personal with Principal Jeff. Wondering anything at all about how certain things work at Kelsey? Come to our meeting and **JUST ASK JEFF.**

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. This will be our AGM ... but we promise not to pressure you to sign up for anything! Hope to see you there.

FKPAC

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. For more information call Tanya at 250.999.6417 or email tanyarick@shaw.ca

From the Aboriginal Education Department

Uy'skweyul! Tansi! Welcome to another fantastic year of growth and learning. Aboriginal Education staff work throughout the district to foster inclusive classrooms where every student feels a sense of belonging and experiences academic success.

If your child has Aboriginal ancestry, (documentation is NOT required) and you would like to self-identify, please see the school secretary for a self-identification form. Each year your child will be funded for and included in Aboriginal Education programs. Almost all programs will be delivered in the regular classroom, to ALL students. You will be asked to give permission for any activities offered outside of the regular class.

You can opt out of Aboriginal Education services any time by notifying the Aboriginal Education staff in person or in writing either at your school or through the district office 250.748.0321 extension 235, abed@sd79.bc.ca Please go to <http://abed.sd79.bc.ca/faq/> for more information.

Clubs and Activities

INTERACT CLUB

International Action, a service club for youth sponsored by the South Cowichan Rotary Club
Monday at lunch in room 135
Sponsor: Mr. van der Linden

JR GIRLS A/B VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday after school, Wednesday at lunch in small gym. Games usually Thursdays.
Sponsor: Ms. Parker

SR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Practices: TBA
Games: TBA
Sponsor: Ms. Andrea Dougan

SR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Practices Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30
Sponsor: Mr. A. Johnston

STUDENT PARLIAMENT

Wednesday at lunch in room 208
Sponsors: Mr. Hart, Ms. Baker

RED CROSS CLUB

Tuesday at lunch as required in room 131
Sponsors: Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Niziol, Ms. Dayton, Mr. Grbavec

AFTER-SCHOOL MATH HELP

Tuesday at 3:20 – 4:30 in room 136
Sponsor: Mr. Abbott
Wednesday at 3:20 – 4:30 in room 136
Sponsor: Mrs. Zimmer

ANNUAL WEST COAST TRAIL TRIP EVERY MAY

Sponsors: Ms. May, Mr. Wilkinson
Notify sponsors ASAP if you are interested

JR & SR GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Monday and Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. at Cowichan Sportsplex
Sponsor: Ms. Alyssa Davidson

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING TEAM

Practices Wednesday at lunch - meet in the PE hallway
Meets: TBA
Sponsor: Mrs. Welwood

SR GIRLS SOCCER

Starts in the Spring
Sponsor: Mr. A. Johnston

JR BOYS SOCCER

Games Tuesday and Thursday
Sponsor: Mr. van der Linden

SR BOYS SOCCER

Games played Thursdays
Sponsor: Mr. B. Johnston

GRAD EVENTS

Tuesday at lunch in library
Sponsors: Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Rowan

EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

Including Encounters with Canada and Rotary Club Youth Exchange
Ongoing all year long
Sponsor: Career Centre

BOOK BUZZ

Promoting reading and literacy
Last Thursday of the month at lunch in the library
Sponsors: Ms. Baker, Ms. Butler, Mrs. Bonner

INTRAMURAL LUNCH HOUR GAMES

Opportunities to play, umpire and spectate
Ongoing: Sponsors vary. See any PE staff member or refer to *NewsBreaker*

VITAL YOUTH CLUB

Sponsoring charities; supporting the community
Thursday at lunch in room 135
Sponsor: Mr. Abbott

DISTRICT STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

1st Wednesday of each month at
School Board Office
Sponsor: Mr. van der Linden

HEALTHY SCHOOLS NETWORK

Stay tuned to the *Newsbreaker* for information
Sponsors: Ms. Roach, Mr. Grbavec

TRACK AND FIELD

Starts in the Spring
Coach: Mrs. Gillis

JR & SR GIRLS RUGBY

Practices Tuesday and Wednesday at 3:30
Games TBA
Sponsor: Mr. Kelly
Coach: Dylan Clarkson, Mr. Heath

SR BOYS RUGBY

Details tba
Sponsor: Mr. A. Johnston

BECAUSE I AM A GIRL

Gender Equality Club – open to everyone
Last Wednesday of the month in room 132
Sponsor: Mrs. Webb

FKSS TECH CLUB

Monday at lunch in room 122
New members welcome
Sponsor: Mr. Grbavec, Mr. Heath

WHISTLER SKI CLUB for Grades 8 - 11

Meetings to begin in October
Sponsors: Ms. Roach, Mr. Niessen

SR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Begins end of October
Sponsor: Mr. A. Johnston

JR BOYS BASKETBALL

Refer to schedule
Coach: Mr. Reed
Sponsor: Mr. Hardman

HOCKEY ACADEMY

Sponsor: Mr. A. Johnston

WHALERS' JR ICE HOCKEY

Monday after school
Sponsor: Mrs. C. Gillis, Mr. Terry Pearson,
Mr. Dave Bergman

WHALERS' SR ICE HOCKEY

Details tba
Sponsor: Ms. C. Webb

CHESS CLUB

Wednesday at lunch in room 122
Drop in to play
Sponsors: Mr. Grbavec, Mr. Zeeman

TIMES COLONIST 10K

See Ms. May to register

G.S.A. – GENDER & SEXUALITY ALLIANCE

Thursday at lunch in room 118
Sponsors: Ms. Chapman, Ms. Kirchner

C.A.N. CLUB – CANCER AWARENESS NETWORK

Raising money for BC Children's Hospital
Oncology Unit and Ronald McDonald House
Thursday at lunch in room 223
Sponsor: Mrs. Robinson

TENNIS CLUB

Starts in the Spring
Sponsor: Mr. Abbott

FRANCES KELSEY CHOIR

Monday and Thursday at lunch in Band room
Sponsor: Mrs. Weckesser

SWIM CLUB

The opportunity to represent Kelsey
at swim meets
Sponsor: Ms. Roach

KELSEY SWEATHOGS

Weights and cardio club open to boys and girls
Daily at lunch in weight room
Sponsor: Mr. Cassidy

BADMINTON CLUB

Details tba
Sponsor: Mrs. Gillis

ME TO WE CLUB

Empowering students through local and global philanthropy
 Thursday at lunch in room 127
 Sponsor: Ms. Parker

HAPPY CLUB

Students making a difference in their school and community
 Wednesday at lunch in room 223
 Sponsors: Ms. Roach, Mrs. Robinson

GLOBAL ISSUES CLUB

For those interested in current events and issues, and wanting to create change
 Tuesday at lunch in room 120
 Sponsor: Mr. Snyder

HECTOR McINTOSH PUBLIC SPEAKING

Starts in the Spring
 Sponsor: Mrs. Van Hell

ANIME CLUB

Date, time and room tba
 Sponsor: Ms. Walker

SPIRIT LEAGUE CHEERLEADING CLUB

Open to boys and girls to develop athleticism and school spirit
 Tuesday & Thursday at lunch in gym
 Sponsor: Ms. Parker

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Supporting athletics, sports and intramurals
 Sponsor: Mr. A. Johnston

ENVIRONMENT CLUB

Alternate Tuesdays in room 220
 Sponsor: Mr. Parker

WRITERS' CLUB

For students interested in writing poetry or literature
 Monday at lunch in room 130
 Sponsor: Ms. Parker

WHISTLER MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

Meet in October; trip is in the Spring
 Sponsors: Mr. Niessen, Ms. Roach

Extra Cross Country Team Information

All athletes must be entered into BCSS in order to compete at the Islands. Runners who have not signed up need to see Ms. Welwood in order to be registered. The team is open to all grades and practices are Wednesdays at lunch - meet in the PE hallway.

Meets: October 12 at Glenora - all grades, sponsored by Cowichan Secondary School

October 19 at Cobble Hill - all grades, sponsored by FKSS

October 25 at Beaver Lake - all grades - this is the Islands meet/Provincial qualifier

Did you know that we are on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, as well as having a school webpage? The webpage (fkss.sd79.bc.ca) gives a weekly overview and the others are daily updates. Our Twitter handle is @fksssocialmedi1 (the last character is the number "1"), our Instagram page is @fksssocialmedia and our Facebook page is Frances Kelsey Secondary School – FKSS

A special *Thank you* to Tools 2 Go Rentals and Sales Ltd. in Cobble Hill for helping us with the rental equipment in June for the garden project.

Royal Canadian Sea Cadets: opportunities for students in grades 7-9 on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. at 6722 Beaumont Avenue, Maple Bay. Contact Akzana at 250.510.3111 for more information.

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