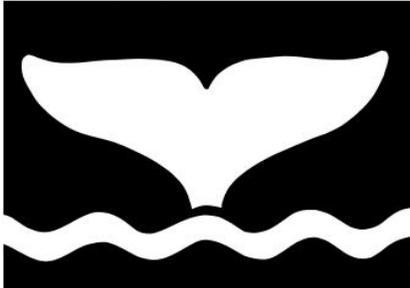


# THE WHALE'S TALE

Frances Kelsey Secondary's  
latest breaking news and views



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## What's Been Happening at Kelsey?

We are in the process of phasing out our PO Box. Please note that our mailing address is now 953 Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road, Mill Bay, BC V0R 2P2.

Our students again made us proud at last month's special Remembrance Day Assembly. The event included dramatic readings, interpretive dances, choir and concert band performances as well as a bagpiper. Thanks to those who contributed to this important annual event, including representatives of the Cadets, the RCMP, the Armed Forces and local Legion members. We also appreciate the behind-the-scenes work by those who prepared and served the luncheon to our guests.

FoodSafe Level 1 courses are offered several times throughout the year and the first one was held last month. FoodSafe provides students with background on proper food handling and 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.

Under the direction of Mr. Evans, our Concert Band, Choir, Band 8 and Jazz Band have been working hard to prepare for the annual Fall Concert on Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is welcome. Please support our active music program.

There is now a "Kelsey Gear" page on the FKSS website and our social media feeds. Many thanks to Ms. Baker for posting all this! Visit <http://fkss.sd79.bc.ca/kelsey-gear/> to see what is available. Thanks also to Lucas Morton who was the photographer for the fashion photos on Instagram, along with Mrs. Brinkman's Photography students as models and to Dale Finnegan who created the graphic for the website.

Gwynne Dyer, Canadian author, historian and journalist, visited our Social Studies 10 and II, History 12 and Law 12 classes where he gave a talk called *Climate Horizons* based on his book called *Climate Wars*. He



## Kelsey Calendar

**Monday, December 4, 2017**

Whale's Tale newsletter issued

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

P.A.R.T.Y. Program

**December 5 & 6, 2017**

11:50 a.m. – Grade 12 scholarship meeting with Mr. Rowan in library

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

Grade 12 Q Block "Alumni Speakers"

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

Student Parliament Spirit Day

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

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

6:30 p.m. – Grad Food Drive

7:00 p.m. – PAC meeting in library

**Thursday, December 14, 2017**

2:00 p.m. – Presentation to clubs by MLA Sonia Furstenu

7:00 p.m. – Band and Choir Fall Concert in gym. Everyone welcome

**Friday, December 22, 2017**

11:00 a.m. – Annual Grad Skate at Kerry Park

11:50 – Luncheon for Aboriginal Education students in dining room

Last day to buy Yearbooks before 2018 price increase

Last day of classes before Winter Vacation

**Monday, January 8, 2018**

First day of classes 2018

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

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

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

7:00 p.m. – PAC meeting in library

**Monday, January 15, 2018**

Curriculum Support Day – no classes

For complete information about the school, visit our website at [fkss.sd79.bc.ca](http://fkss.sd79.bc.ca)

discussed the social, political and economic consequences of climate change and why governments and militaries are deeply concerned about how to manage the geopolitical challenge that is climate change.

Grade 12 dome passes have been handed out to those students who have shown academic progress and general responsibility. Students who met the criteria were awarded a special pass by their advisor. Another batch of dome passes will be available to deserving students in the new year.

Well done to all the Grade 8 students in planning and creating great Autonomy Day projects. We have many creative students who challenged themselves to create projects in areas such as technology, sewing, cooking, metal and woodwork, and art. Thank you for your organization and participation in this activity.

Our Career Centre assisted with the placement of some of our Grade 9 students on our Take Your Kids to Work Day. A large range of local businesses accepted our students including a pharmacy, an electronics retailer, a fruit and vegetable store and the Cowichan Aquatic Centre.

Positive feedback was received from our Grade 11's and 12's after our University/College Liaison Day, such as "I learned a lot about what I will do in my future", "Very helpful. Made things less overwhelming", "The Co-op Program will be the right choice for me" and "Made me consider applying for all scholarships. Made me feel excited to possibly go there."

In the theatre, students have been auditioning to Ms. Roberts for our mainstage production of "Alice In Wonderland." This will be the major production of the year in which 50-60 students are involved. Look for posters all over the community in the spring. Performances will be in early May.

Under the direction of Ms. Lewthwaite, our Grade 10 English students participated in a debate unit this past month. In addition to learning formal debate structure and etiquette, students worked in teams to argue either the proposition or opposition side of a resolution. Students learned to support their arguments, provide points of information and deliver a rebuttal. Spirits were high and the arguments were flying as they cheered each other on!

Boys in grade 9–12 are still being recruited to join our Kelsey rugby team. For more information see Mr. A. Johnston or Aiden Holt. Required: cleats, a mouthguard, appropriate clothing and a positive attitude.

For the November Student Parliament Spirit Day, students were encouraged to dress like their Advisor! A number of look-alikes were found in several Advisor groups and photos will be posted in the yearbook.

Coached by Mr. Pearson, Mr. Bergman, Mr. Friesen and Mrs. Gillis, the Grade 8/9 Whalers Junior boys hockey team won their game against Cowichan Secondary last week by a score of 6-3. Come and cheer them on at their next two games played at Kerry Park on Thursday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m. and Monday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m.

## **Scholarships and Bursaries**

**By Kevin van der Linden, Vice-Principal**

All Grade 12 students should be checking the [www.bcscholarships.ca](http://www.bcscholarships.ca) and [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com) websites regularly for updated scholarship and bursary information. Information sessions for local scholarships and bursaries, which are available only to Kelsey students, will be offered beginning in February. 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 December and January, are available in the library filing cabinet:

- BC Excellence Scholarship Nomination
- BCIT Entrance Awards
- Kin Canada Bursary
- Schulich Leader Scholarship Nomination

## 2017-2018 Dry Grad

### DRY GRAD

Please join us at our meeting on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. For more information contact Loretta at 250.710.4614 or at [taylortrucking@live.ca](mailto:taylortrucking@live.ca)

Parents of Grads - our next meeting is on **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the library. All committees are now headed up! Watch our Facebook Page for updates to fundraisers and calls for helpers. Our first bottle drive was very successful despite the torrential downpour! We



raised \$1780 - thank you everyone who participated and a HUGE thank you to Teri Lyn Wurzer for organizing our first big fundraiser!

### CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

**Mini Xmas Trees** - selling fast! Only \$10 for the cutest 'lil things you've ever seen! Great for teacher, hostess, staff or client gifts. Contact Sabine at [sabinebell@shaw.ca](mailto:sabinebell@shaw.ca)

**Ongoing Fundraisers** - bring in your Country Grocer Receipts, drop off bottles at the Return It Depot on Fisher Road and get a Thrifty's Smile card!

**GoFundMe:** Want to support Dry Grad 2018 but have no time or want 100% of your money to go to the FKSS Dry Grad 2018 Celebration? Gramma wants to help but she's far away? A Go Fund Me page has been set up with a modest goal of \$500 - please consider this avenue of support! <https://www.gofundme.com/frances-kelsey-dry-grad-2018>



**CALLING ALL METAL BITS AND PIECES!!** A bin has been placed at Frances Kelsey on the left side of the driveway by Malahat Recycling. Spread the word!! Accepted items include appliances, hot water tanks, golf clubs, bicycles, car batteries. **We need to stress that no mattresses, couches or garbage of any kind will be accepted.** Further details can be found on the Dry Grad page of the Kelsey website.

Wanna know what's happening with Dry Grad? Please email Krista Derksen at [klderksen@shaw.ca](mailto:klderksen@shaw.ca) to be added to the Dry Grad 2018 email list. You can also learn about upcoming fundraisers by liking our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fkssdrygrad2018/>

## Frances Kelsey Parents Advisory Council

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. For more information call Tanya at 250.999.6417 or email [tanyarick@shaw.ca](mailto:tanyarick@shaw.ca)

## Yearbook Pre-Sale Until December 22, 2017

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$48 until winter break. They will be on sale again in 2018 but the price increases. We sold out two years in a row so don't delay! 200 pages of photos, stories and memories that you will cherish for years to come. When you are 30 and trying to remember who always wore the cat ears to math class, you will be able to check it out! Order forms in the library and pay at the front office by cash, cheque or debit.

## 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 Mrs. Brinkman in room 229 or call 250.743.6916, local 268.

Hoodies (navy & grey) - \$28  
Long sleeve navy T shirts - \$18  
Mens (black) windbreakers - \$32  
Ladies (navy) windbreakers - \$32

Sweats (navy, black & grey) - \$22  
Quik-dry T shirts - \$16  
Large metal water bottles - \$8

There is now a "Kelsey Gear" page on the FKSS website and our social media feeds. Visit <http://fkss.sd79.bc.ca/kelsey-gear/> to see what is available.

## Junior Girls Volleyball

By Julie Parker, Teacher-Sponsor

Junior Girls Volleyball had a great season, with some very exciting games. Our 11 players put their hearts into every game. We had some great wins for example against Shawnigan and Cow High; but unfortunately we did not make it to the Island Tournament. Coaches MacKenna Posey, Maxime Lavergne and Megan Holt brought their skills to support and guide the girls. We also had help from Aleah Grymaloski and parent collaborative Shannon Perkins. It was a memorable season and these girls will be back next year! Go Breakers!



## A Reminder Regarding 'Snow Days'...

According to Board Policy 3500, we have been asked to remind you that in the event of inclement weather, the Superintendent may decide that schools will be closed. Announcements will be made over radio stations CKKQ (100.3), CBC (90.5), JUICE-FM (89.7), CFAX (1070) and CTV VI News channel. Information will also be posted on the district website: [www.sd79.bc.ca](http://www.sd79.bc.ca)

When buses are operating during inclement weather, drivers may opt not to go down some of the less travelled and more dangerous roads (i.e., winding, hilly). If families live down such roads, it would be a good idea to plan now with their driver for a location at a safer, more-travelled stop.

If buses are running more than fifteen minutes late, drivers will radio in to notify the Transportation Office. Parents can also sign up to get Transportation Department updates on Twitter @TransportSD79 (<https://twitter.com/#!/TransportSD79>). Route cancellations will be posted on Twitter as well. In all cases, the safety of students will be the first priority.

## From the Transportation Department

School District 79 only provides transportation for students registered to a particular route. Safety and high ridership concerns do not allow for friends of students to join them on the bus for "playdates" even with a note. Thank you for your cooperation.

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# Fundraising at FKSS

Submitted by Julie Parker, Vice-Principal

It's been a great start to December and we are proud of our students' involvement in caring for our community.

**The Interact Club** has a long-standing and important role in many of our service activities. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, **Student Parliament**, the **Me to We Club**, **Interact** and several other club groups took to the FKSS school trail and marched on behalf of the pledges raised for a wonderful local registered charity organization called Nourish Cowichan. Over \$2,000 was raised - also through milkshake sales by **Me to We** - to help with supplying a commercial kitchen to expand operations. The **Angel Tree Drive** was an initiative of our **Red Cross Club** which collected basic necessities and supplies for teens. Our **International students** performed in a variety show at the school in support of the **Cowichan Valley Starfish Backpack Project**. Thanks to all our students and our giving community.



Events occurring to help others during December at Kelsey and how you can help:

**Can Club:** A toy drive for BC Children's Hospital collected through December 22 by advisors. Toys must be new as these go to the Hospital.

**District Student Council** and **Peer Counsellors** are collecting backpacks for youth in need. Drop off to the counselling suite.

**Garden Project:** Is well underway - but hand tools, gloves and garden equipment like a wheelbarrow, are sorely needed! Deliver to the rear of the school (Tech area).

**The Happy Club** and **Interact Club:** are also taking donations for a family gift basket for two families in need. Donations can be dropped off at the office, clearly labelled "Family".

**Interact Club:** will be selling candygrams at Christmas as well as collecting soap for the Soap for Hope drive and also donating \$50 of monies we have raised to buy a hamper for a family in need.

**Me to We:** Beautiful Winter Basket Raffle, proceeds to go to education in Sierra Leone. Parents are welcome to purchase a raffle ticket through your student. Themes are holiday, sport, spa and local food. Tickets \$2.00 sold in the dome at lunch December 6 and 7 and Dec 13 and 14. Draw is December 15!



**Red Cross, FKSS grads** and Ms. Kirchner's **Outside PE Class:** Food drive for the Food Bank runs December 11-20. Grad council will be out in the community December 13 for a community food drive too. Parents please send a can or non-perishable in with your son or daughter to drop off at counselling collection bin. \$1.00 contributions convert to \$2.00 in food; Cheques over \$15.00 made out to CMS Food bank will also receive a tax receipt.