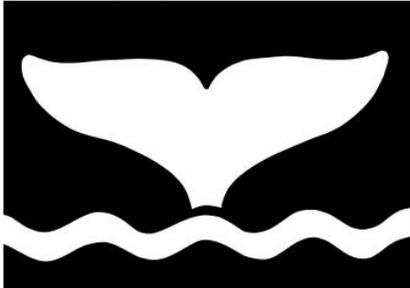


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Goodbyes and Hellos

By Jeff Rowan, Principal

The end of the school year is fast approaching. It is always a time of mixed emotion as we feel both the excitement for our Grade 12 students as they leave high school and enter the next phase of their lives, yet know we will also miss them. The same feeling goes out to all of the parents who have been with Frances Kelsey for a number of years, often with more than one child who has gone through the school. If this is your last child to be in the school system, you are also graduating from Frances Kelsey and we wish you the best!

Special thanks to all of the parents who have worked to make graduation memorable for the students, be that via the graduation banquet or the dry grad events. Our PAC has also been a wonderful, supportive group of people with which to discuss school plans and issues, so thanks to all of you who have been on our PAC.

We have also had a very active group of students who have worked hard to make Frances Kelsey a better place. Special thanks to our Student Parliament and Graduation Committee students. Your spirit and enthusiasm have been appreciated.

The dedicated, skilled staff at Frances Kelsey has also been a pleasure to work with. Our teachers are going the extra mile to make sure the students are successful, both academically and personally. The Kelsey educational assistants, secretaries and custodians work hard to make the school a better place for our kids. Thank you to all staff for your work this year.

We optimistically prepare for and look forward to meeting the students who will be with us as new Grade 8's next year. From all of us at Kelsey, best wishes and we are sure the end of the year will go well...as will your summer!



Kelsey Calendar

Monday, June 3 – Whale's Tale newsletter issued
7:00 pm – Dry Grad parents meeting in library (*note change of date*)

Tuesday, June 4 – Peer Tutors to Cairnsmore Place
7:00 pm – Year-end concert for choir and all bands

Wednesday, June 5 – 7:00 pm PAC meeting in the library (*note change of date*)

Thursday, June 6 – Law 12 trip to Victoria
June 6 – 8, 7:00 pm – Theatre Production *12 Angry Men*

Friday, June 7 – Valedictorian Speeches

Monday, June 10 – 7:00 pm – Musical Theatre Showcase

Tuesday, June 11 – English 12 Mock Exam
4:00 pm & 6:00 pm – Dance Show in theatre

Wednesday, June 12

Annual Awards Day

Families are welcome to attend

10:15 am – School wide Awards Assembly
7:00 pm – Grade 12 Scholarship and Bursary Evening

Friday, June 14 – Grade 12 Amazing Race and Tie Dye Activity; Student Parliament Year End Celebration

Saturday, June 15

3:00 – 4:30 pm – Red Carpet Event at Cobble Hill Hall

4:30 – 6:00 pm – Family Social

4:45 pm – Full Grad Class Formal Photo

6:00 pm – Families leave

6:45 pm – Buffet Dinner

8:00 – 10:00 pm – Dance

10:00 pm – Parents collect Grads

Monday, June 17 – 10:30 am – Grad Practice #1

June 18 – 20 – Robert Munsch plays for visiting elementary students

Thursday, June 20 – 1:00 pm – Grad Practice #2

Friday, June 21 – Last day of regular classes

6:30 pm – Graduation Ceremony

9:00 pm – Dry Grad Party

Monday, June 24 – "I" Day; English 12 Provincial Exam;

Tuesday, June 25 – "I" Day; Numeracy Assessments (see related article in May Whale Tale)

Wednesday, June 26 – Communications 12 Provincial Exam; Numeracy Assessments (see related article in May Whale's Tale)

Thursday, June 27

9:00 am – Report Cards issued

1:15 pm – Buses leave

Friday, June 28 – Administrative Day

Tuesday, Sept 3 – First day of classes for Grade 8, 9 and new students

Wednesday, Sept 4 – School year begins

For complete information about the school, visit our website at fkss.sd79.bc.ca

What's Been Happening at Kelsey?

Last month, we welcomed the Class of 2024 when we hosted our annual orientation tour for the incoming Grade 7's from our feeder schools. Besides the usual tour of our lovely building given by Peer Tutors and Grade 8 volunteers, the Grade 7's were also taken to our theatre for a fine arts showcase which included performances by our band, guitar class and dance class, as well as a musical theatre performance of three songs. Two hundred assorted home-made cookies, baked by our culinary arts students, were a real hit!

Indigenous Heritage Day was celebrated on May 22nd where knitting, weaving, healing plants, a Métis canoe, a tipi with examples of beading and animal skins, tomahawk throwing and bannock making were displayed. After a blessing at the fire, everyone was offered a tasting plate of salmon roasted over the fire pit with bannock, roasted potatoes, carrots, wild rice and berry crumble served in the garden courtyard, compliments of Cowichan Tribes and Malahat First Nations.

On June 6th and 7th, twelve Kelsey students are heading off to Whistler with Mr. Niessen and Mr. Hillyard to ride the Whistler Mountain Bike Park. The kids will be shredding some of the iconic downhill trails such as A-Line, B-Line and Angry Pirate. Throughout these two days, our riders will enjoy the teaching and leadership provided by expert guides (not Mr. Hillyard or Mr. Niessen) from Whistler Mountain. With over 200 kms of trails on the mountain, our students will definitely be following the Whistler Mountain mantra: "SLEEP LATER."

Under the direction of Mr. Evans, the Frances Kelsey Concert Band recently earned an adjudication of 'Superior' at the regional Vancouver Island Concert Band Festival in Port Alberni. This resulted in an invitation to the MusicFest Canada festival next year. Come hear the school choir and all the bands at the year-end concert at 7 pm, Tuesday, June 4th.

Our girls soccer team started the season with about 35 girls playing in three different leagues, being senior girls, junior girls and an exhibition league. Coaches involved were Mr. B. Johnston, Mr. D. Hart and international student, Filip Boehn, from Norway. After about ten games, we began to focus on qualifying for the Senior Girls Provincial Games. This involved two qualification tournaments, being the North Island Championships in Campbell River where we finished 3rd and the Island Championships which we hosted and finished 4th. This allowed us to qualify for the Provincials in Campbell River and at the time of writing, we are just preparing for that event. This is our second trip to the Provincials in the last three years with a roster of 20 girls coached by Mr. B. Johnston. Good luck, Team Kelsey!

The library sponsored its annual author visit last week when Canadian author, Kristin Butcher, spoke to some of our Grade 8 English classes. She gave a reading from her book, *Winter Road*, and spoke about her life story, her profession as an author, the challenges and rewards of writing, and her experiences with the writing and publishing process. Our students also enjoyed asking her questions. She has written 26 books and our library has nine of her Young Adult titles.

Thanks to the generosity of staff and students at Frances Kelsey, we were able to donate funds towards the Canucks Autism Network. This donation will help provide year-round sports and recreation programs for individuals and families living with autism. This year, we held a draw for a Vancouver Canucks jersey which was won by Mr. Pimenta. Thank you Mr. Pimenta and everyone else for supporting this great program.

In term 4, Ms. Chester's Computer Studies 10 class began learning programming to develop apps. By the end of the semester, students will have developed a Light App. These students will have an opportunity in the fall to continue learning app development with Ms. Chester and can earn Dual-Credit!

Frances Kelsey's Environmental Club, sponsored by Mr. Parker, went to Bench Elementary to offer workshops to three of Bench's Grade 6-7 classes. Two days later they were on the road again, this time to George Bonner Elementary to present workshops to five Grade 6-7 classes. At both schools the focus was on Carbon Footprint and Water Conservation. A dozen Kelsey Environmental Club students participated, each one leading small groups of elementary students through the workshops. The Kelsey students truly rose to the occasion and did amazing work catching the attention of their groups.

Sponsored by Mrs. Van Hell, students participated in the annual Hector McIntosh Public Speaking Contest and prepared and memorized speeches, of a "persuasive" or "after-dinner" style, depending on their grade level, which were no shorter than 4.5 minutes and no longer than 7.5 minutes. Bennett Meyer (Graduation), Maya Weckesser (If It Were Up to Me), Spencer van der Linden (Single Use Plastics) and Zoe Palfy (Women in Trades), competed at the VIU lecture theatre, in the semi-final rounds of competition, in this entertaining and informative public speaking contest. Spencer (Junk Food Tax) and Maya (Addictions) went on to compete in the Finals at the Christian Reform Church Hall, and brought home prizes totalling \$485, winning 2nd and 3rd place, respectively, in their grade category. All students should feel encouraged to take part in this contest, which develops a valuable life skill.

Congratulations to those students who successfully organized a fundraiser called "Arts for Awareness", raising \$600 for the Canadian Mental Health Association. The evening was filled with music, art and poetry. Eight Kelsey students planned the show and an additional seven students participated.

Some Physics Connected to Our Modern Life

By Jason Leslie, Teacher

In the realm of senior physics at FKSS, there are still a number of labs and activities our students will be doing as they head towards the end of this school year. Our science program is quite unique in the province. In many cases, up to 50% or more, of a student's assessment is based on lab inquiries and activities. This "hands on" approach to scientific exploration gives students a chance to further explore scientific theories and ideas. As we know, theory and practice are often not exactly the same. Senior physics students will be exploring the basics of electrical circuits, electromagnetism, and electromagnetic induction. The labs they will be doing relate directly to how electricity is generated, delivered, and how electric motors work. In some cases, they will be using specialized software to collect and analyze the data from their experiments using a variety of sensors. Other recent senior physics lab explorations have involved machines, energy, and efficiency. For example, how efficient is a typical electric water pump under different circumstances, or how efficient are different systems of pulleys? Understanding the physical principles that relate to these scientific explorations is important to the foundations of our modern life and will hopefully lead some students to seek out careers where they can make their own contributions to our understanding.

A Lasting Impression

By Linda Dayton, Teacher

"It's on the strength of observation and reflection that one finds a way.
So we must dig and delve unceasingly." Claude Monet

Last week, Ms. Borrett, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Roberts and Ms. Dayton had the unmitigated pleasure of

participating in an Independent Studies project on Impressionism, presented by Grade 10 student, Paige Henry. This cross-curricular endeavour, co-sponsored by Ms. Borrett (Art) and Ms. Dayton (French), allowed Paige to study in depth the Impressionist Movement, the artists who were a part of it, the influence it had on the artistic styles of those who came after, and its impact on French society in general. Effortlessly blending historical social references, biographical details, technical facts, and her personal perspective, Paige presented an extremely thorough and informative exposé. She concluded by showing her audience a painting which she had created à la manière de (in the style of) Claude Monet, and outlining her reaction to the process. We would like to thank Paige for enlightening us, and for illustrating what one can accomplish when one is fully engaged in one's learning. Merci beaucoup, Paige, et félicitations!

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Kevin van der Linden, Vice-Principal

Frances Kelsey is having our Scholarship and Bursary Presentation night on Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 pm in the gym. The local scholarships and bursaries will be presented that evening in a formal ceremony, followed by a reception in the dome with the award donors, students, parents and staff. We again want to congratulate all those graduating students who applied for scholarships this year.



Although most of the scholarships and bursaries will be announced on the evening of the Presentation night, at the time of the writing of this article, the awards listed below have already been made public knowledge:

Jizelle Balae	Horatio Alger Association of Canada	5,000
	University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship	2,500
	David Walden Memorial Scholarship	650
Justin Frazer	University of Alberta Fly Home Award	1,500
Larissa Grymaloski	University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship	2,500
Pierce Jones	Vancouver Island University Entrance Scholarship	1,000
	Incoming Outstanding Student Award	200
Camryn Lee	University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship	2,000
Frank Li	University of Alberta Gold Standard Scholarship	2,500
	University of Alberta Faculty of Science Gold Standard Award	2,500
	International Student Scholarship	2,500
	Alberta Maple Leaf 1 st Year Excellence Scholarship	1,000
Cassidy Marat	York University Entrance Scholarship	2,000
	York University Student Life Award	500
Bennett Meyer	Trinity Western University President's Scholarship	6,000
	Trinity Western University Grant	2,300
Anna Paulson	Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 459 Scholarship	775
	University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship	2,000
Lauren Weckesser	University of Alberta National Achievement Scholarship	30,000
	University of Alberta Gold Standard Scholarship	2,500
	University of Alberta Faculty of Education Gold Standard Award	2,500

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.

A reminder that some other scholarships are still being offered through www.scholarshipscanada.com For more information about any scholarship or bursary, please see Mr. van der Linden. **All dates** should be checked at each source's site.

Application forms for the following scholarship, which has a June deadline, is available in the library filing cabinet:

- Herman Rebneris Student Carpentry Award

Dry Grad

The next meeting of the Dry Grad committee is **Tuesday, June 3rd** (*note change of date*) at 7:00 pm in the library. For more information contact Nicole at nicole.mcewen@shaw.ca

Frances Kelsey Parents Advisory Council



Hi everyone! As impossible as it seems, the school year is almost done! With it comes our last PAC meeting for the year. Come and join us on **Wednesday, June 5th** at 7:00 pm (*note change of date*) as we wrap up this year and look ahead to the fall. Exciting things are coming down the pipe! Hope to see you there. For more information contact Alison at 778-350-9305 or alisonjanedixon@shaw.ca

With Sincere Thanks

A warm *Thank You* to Mr. Evans and the members of the Shawnigan Alliance Church for providing us with ten bag lunches every day for the whole school year. Their hard work provides a nutritious meal, drink and dessert to students who are definitely appreciative of this wonderful kindness. We also send a huge *Thank You* to the Mill Bay Community League for their generous contribution of \$2,000 to purchase food for the FKSS breakfast and hot lunch program. *Thanks also* to PAC for providing muffins for the breakfast program. Every morning, there is a cart outside the office where students can help themselves to muffins, toast and jam. Bananas and apples, also provided by PAC, are always available to students throughout the school. Our Student Parliament has offered free pancake breakfasts from the cafeteria server every Friday morning for the last term. We are a very lucky school to have so many caring groups contribute in this way. Thank you all for making such a significant difference to our learners.

Track and Field

By Greg Launder, Teacher-Sponsor

We had another strong track and field team this year from Frances Kelsey. There was great participation in Grade 8 - 10 in short, medium and long distance running as well as hurdles, shot put, long jump, high jump, triple jump and javelin. All students who participated at the Mid-Island event at Chesterfield Track on April 30th and May 1st qualified for the Island meet.

Frances Kelsey was again well represented at the Island High School Track and Field meet at UVic on May 15th and 16th. Several students including Tahara Brown (3rd junior girls high jump), Emily Carlson (2nd junior girls 80m hurdles), Mowat de Valk Zaiss (5th junior boys long jump), Jayda Lauzon (5th junior girls long jump), Miles Powell (1st in Grade 8 boys 800m and 1500m, 2nd Grade 8 boys 3000m), Kaiden Lewis (4th Grade 8 boys javelin) and Levi Peters (4th Grade 8 boys shot put, 5th Grade 8 boys high jump) qualified for the Provincials in Kelowna. Congratulations to all participants! Mrs. Zimmer and I look forward to another strong Kelsey track and field team next year.



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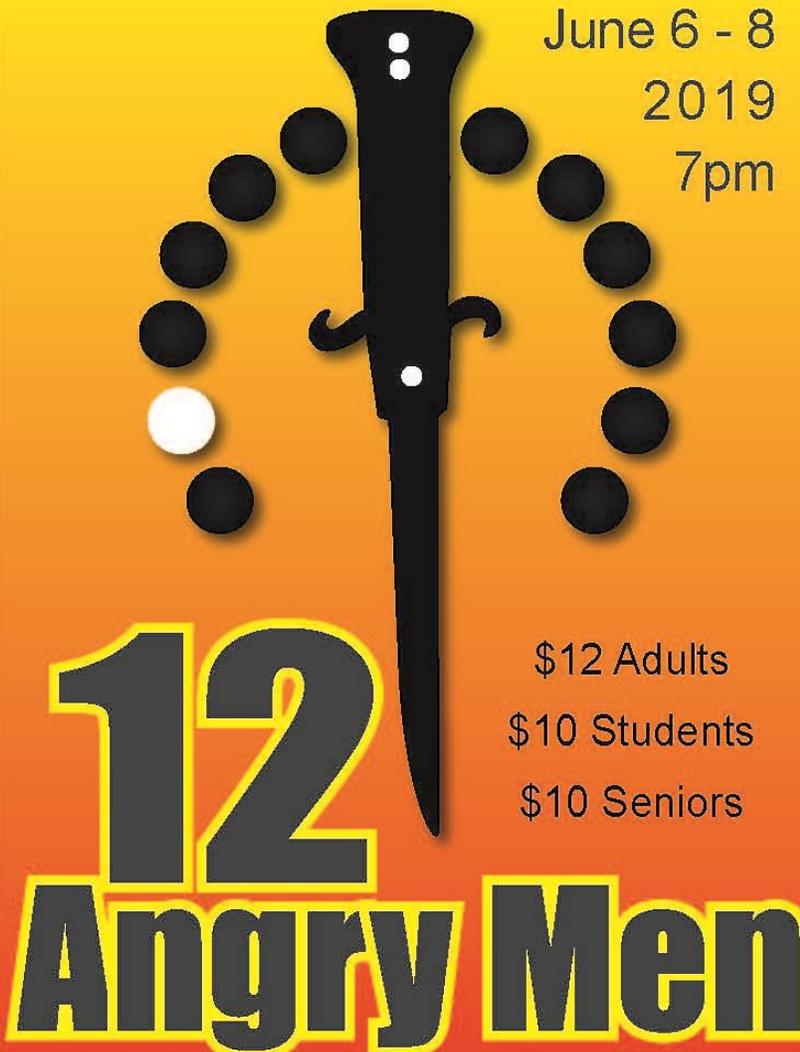
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\$12 Adults

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By Reginald Rose Adapted by Sherman Sergel

Directed by Anna Roberts

Tickets : Eventbrite.ca, Masons Store and Ten Old Books