

THE WHALE'S TALE

*Frances Kelsey Secondary's
latest breaking news and views*



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What's Been Happening at Kelsey?

Positive feedback was received from both students and staff after Canadian writer, Kenneth Oppel, made a virtual author visit to Kelsey. Every year, the library staff arrange an author visit, and this year, all of our Grade 8's were treated to his exceptional presentation. We have 16 of his books, with multiple copies of some titles. In advance of his presentation, Ms. Baker, our Teacher-Librarian, visited all eight classrooms to introduce students to his latest trilogy by reading from his book *Bloom*. Anyone interested in buying his books can order them at a reduced cost, without paying shipping. See Ms. Baker or Mrs. Bonner.

Students in Accounting 11 and 12 participated in the FKSS Community Volunteer Income Tax Clinic, where they helped each other with their personal income tax returns and filing. Students attended weekly seminars on tax return processing, understanding tax law and compliance, and using the CRA tax filing software with teacher Mrs. Brinkman and Associate Secretary-Treasurer (and Tax Professor at VIU and UBC) Erin Egeland. The activities provided a great learning opportunity for students, offered a valuable service to their peers, and gave participating students 30 hours of work-related experience.

Track and field season is upon us! Many students will be participating in the Mid-Island meet on May 4 at the Chesterfield Track in Duncan. Top finishers (1st and 2nd place) will move on to the Vancouver Island meet in Nanaimo on May 18 and 19. From there, those with qualifying times and distances will move on to the BC Provincials from June 9 - 11 in Langley. Thank you to Mr. Launder, Mr. Franko and Mr. Kelly (official bus driver for Kelsey track and field) for volunteering to help out and coach this year. Good luck to all athletes!

Division 5 and 6 have been working with Ms. Roach on personal writing activities, individual presentations, and creating stories for English 8. They are currently working on independent novel studies and are fortunate to have a student teacher working with them. For Social Studies 8, students have been studying medieval times and have developed



Kelsey Calendar

Monday, May 2

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Tuesday, May 3

12:00 pm – Grad Council meeting

Friday, May 6

Professional Development Day

May 9 – 13

Grad Spirit week

Tuesday, May 10

6:30 pm – Dry Grad parents meeting
in library

7:00 pm – PAC Zoom meeting

May 10 – 13

7:00 pm – Student directed plays in
theatre (see related article page 2)

Thursday, May 12

Moose Hide Campaign Day

Wednesday, May 18

1:15 pm – early dismissal –
Professional Learning Community

Thursday, May 19

Grade 11/12 ICBC presentation

Monday, May 23

Victoria Day

Monday, May 30

6:00 pm – Spring Fling dance in
dome

Tuesday, May 31

12:00 pm – Grad Council meeting in
library

Last day to register for busing for
next year (see related article page 5)

Wednesday, June 1

7:00 pm – Band concert in dome

Monday, June 6

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Wednesday, June 8

10:15 am/7:00 pm – Annual Awards Day-
families welcome. More info to follow

inquiry projects which they carried over into their Science 8 classes. They are currently working on exploration to North America.

The seven classes of students in Outdoor Education 11/12 rotate through all teachers, and those presently in Mrs. Welwood's unit are taking Outdoor Adventure Skills 11/12. In this component, students learn shelter building using tarps and tents, fire starting and building, water purification, and the operation of backpacking stoves. A field trip to Bright Angel Park includes making hot chocolate (using their water purification skills and operating the backpacking stoves), as well as cooking s'mores over a fire. A second field trip to Mt. Baldy helps them practice navigation through reading a map and using a compass, not by using a cell phone.

The Kelsey robotics team had a good showing at the Skills Canada robotics competition, winning 2nd place at Regionals in Nanaimo which qualified them for the provincial competition where they came in 5th. Mr. Page, their Teacher sponsor, was proud to see how the team improved with each match. Congratulations to the entire club for supporting the team of Tyler Bosence, Ethan Barnett and Christopher Merry. It was great to attend in-person competitions again and to experience the friendly, collegial spirit of robotics enthusiasts that was clearly present.

Ms. Doman's Self and Society 12 class has been learning about the various stages that people go through in infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and old age. Students discussed altered states of consciousness and did a comprehensive unit of drug awareness, abuse, treatment, and recovery. Recently, they examined the social development of the adolescent, the roles of peers and family, and identified difficulties that some adolescents encounter. They are currently learning about the physical, social, and emotional changes that take place during adulthood and old age. In the next few months, the class will explore different types of therapy, discuss the complexities of twin/triplet studies, gene research, and create a personal maturation timeline project. (See related articles on page 5)

For the last two weeks, Mr. Edey's Core 8 class has been diving into the techniques and tactics of how to be an effective and persuasive debater. They have tackled debate topics ranging from land animals versus sea animals, to arguing for or against gun control. Students have mainly been focusing on figuring out the enemy's argument before it's made, as well as how proper research can really improve the credibility of any argument. This is mainly to help dissect how media can influence us through tactics like these and how we can determine if we should trust certain sources on TV or the internet.

Mrs. Welwood's Dance 10/11/12 class has been working towards an on-stage, full-costume, virtual dance show in June. From solos to full-class dance numbers, students choreographed their own pieces and chose their own music in all genres, from hip hop to pop to boogie woogie. Unfortunately, the show is not open to the public but we hope to have live performances next year.

Student directed plays are in full force in FKSS Theatre. A troupe of intrepid thespians has been working for months to rehearse and produce four, one act, student directed plays. This is an enormous endeavor that has been led entirely by experienced theatre students. Dozens of actors and technicians have been involved in this process. You can come and view these plays on May 10 – 13 at 7:00 pm. Admission by donation (\$10 suggested). May 10 + 12: "Lockdown" and "Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon"; May 11 + 13: "After the End" and "Story of a Poet"

Lastly, from Ms. Melnyk, a teacher at Cowichan Secondary and a Kelsey graduate from the class of 1997: "Someone just mentioned in class today that Dr. Kelsey was a question on Jeopardy recently! Glad to see people are still talking about her legacy." Want to know more about Dr. Frances Oldham Kelsey and why our school is named after her? Read her biography in our yearbook or in the window at the main entrance of the school. You can even see her field microscope and stethoscope in the adjacent display cabinet.

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Mr. Darren Hart, Acting Vice-Principal



Thank you to our many bursary and scholarship donors and good luck to all of our students who have applied for this year's local awards. We are very excited to again be returning to our Scholarship and Bursary evening. This year's event will be held on Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00 pm in the gym. The school will contact families of winning students prior to that date. *If your son or daughter receives notification that he/she has won any other scholarship or bursary* (post secondary entrance scholarship, non-local scholarship or bursary, or any scholarship or bursary he/she may have applied for independently of the school), please advise Mrs. Bonner so that these winners may also be recognized.

Graduating students also have the opportunity to make and submit a video presentation for a District Scholarship. The submission deadline for this is Monday, May 9th at 3:15 pm. Application information and submission instructions have been made available to students. Further information can be found at <https://fkss.sd79.bc.ca/district-79-scholarships/>. Questions should be directed to Mr. D. Hart.

Information regarding the following scholarships and bursaries, which have deadlines in May and June, is available on the Grad 2022 Team in the Non-Local Scholarship & Bursary channel:

- Electronic Recycling Association Scholarship
- Pacific Leaders Scholarship for Children of Public Servants
- Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation Bursaries
- BC Arts Council Scholarships

Dry Grad



Our next Parent Dry Grad meeting will be held at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 10th in the Kelsey library**. Please join us to help plan the fundraising and grad events for your upcoming graduate.

Thank you for helping make our most recent fundraisers a success!

March Bottle Drive -\$2,264 Paradise Cheese - \$2,200

Purdy's Chocolates - \$598

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Bottle Drive

- **April 30** - bottle drive, Evergreen School 10-2
 - **Parents/Graduates we need you driving, collecting, and sorting!!!!**
- **Tell your family:** Donations can also be taken to the Fisher Road bottle depot anytime and ask for the funds to be deposited to **FKSS Dry Grad account**
- **Drop off anytime:** 3578 Garland Avenue, Cobble Hill (leave by the garage) – easy!!

Cash Raffle – 1st prize - \$2000, 2nd prize \$1000, 3rd prize \$500

- Contact Ann Perry-Smith if you would like a ticket or book of tickets aperry30@shaw.ca
- Tickets on sale until May 10 – DRAW DATE: May 17

PANAGO PIZZA VOUCHERS - make dinner options easy - stock up for the year so the kids can easily take care of dinner themselves. Email franceskelseydrygrad@gmail.com with your student(s) name, advisor name and # of vouchers. We will deliver to the school for pickup by the student. Cost # tickets x \$12 (\$4 from every \$12 goes to Dry Grad). Benefits: vouchers do not expire - unlimited toppings – redeemable for ANY medium pizza from ANY Panago location – order anytime as this is a year long fundraiser.



COUNTRY GROCER RECEIPTS - send your Country Grocer receipts to school with your student(s). We are collecting receipts for Dry Grad and we want yours! Receipts can be handed in at the office at the drop box.

**Watch for Grad Registration Packages coming soon...
Registration required to attend Dry Grad**

DRY GRAD

Please join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 pm** in the Kelsey library

Helping Hands make light work!
For more information, please contact franceskelseydrygrad@gmail.com

Frances Kelsey Parents Advisory Council

By Ms. Lizzi Johnson, PAC President



Hello all,

Be one of those parents ‘in the know’! Join us for our next PAC meeting on **Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 pm via Zoom**. Principal Jeff Rowan (and sometimes a Vice Principal as well), is always in attendance to give us an update on how things have been going at the school. As always, we will also be deciding where to spend some more of our money and discussing current school issues. Our meetings are always

completed within the hour! Zoom link will be sent out a few days before the meeting. We hope to see you there. Take care, Lizzi Johnson, PAC President

FKPAC

Please join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom. Details will be emailed and posted on Facebook.

For more information, please contact ljhog80@gmail.com

Career Corner

DUAL CREDIT – tuition free opportunities to begin career training in trades, technical programs and first year university courses prior to graduation. **Grade 10 & 11 students** interested in taking Dual Credit courses for the 2022-2023 school year, now is the time to apply. Make an appointment at our Career Centre – stop in, email: fksscaredsecretary@sd79.bc.ca or phone 250-743-6916 ext 236.

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB? There are lots of job opportunities posted on the job board in our Career Centre – restaurants, Camp Pringle, North Cowichan Outdoor Aquatics, CVRD Parks, retail, fast food and many more. Stop by today and check out the board!

SUMMER PROGRAMS: Westcoast Adventure Leadership Education Summer Youth Program - Let’s get outside! Sign up at: <https://www.westcoastadventurecollege.com/community-courses/wale/>

This Summer is full of some amazing opportunities for BC youth thanks to HighTechU and our incredible community partners!

Choose Your Own Adventure this Summer with CodeWords by HighTechU & Story Studio. Discover how you can transform your writing into an interactive choose-your-own-adventure game, while learning about fundamental coding concepts. **Registration closes June 15th** [Learn More](#)

May is Transportation Registration Month

Registration Process:

1. Registration can be completed online between May 1- 31, 2022. We encourage parents to use the online portal, however, we are aware this process does not work for everyone. Paper forms are available at school or [online](#) for parents to print and email in
2. Please follow the link <https://sd79.bc.ca/services/transportation/> (A student number is required and can be found on report cards)
3. ALL Kindergarten registrations and any students new to the district must be accompanied with an electronic photo, and student ID number. Applications without a photo will not be processed. Please email photos to transportationregistration@sd79.bc.ca
4. Once registered, parents/guardians will receive an email mid-August indicating registration is complete. Information for accessing routing and bus passes will be provided at that time

Two Courses from the Perspective of Two Students

On Psychology 12: I don't usually like school, but Ms. Doman has created an open and welcoming environment. Some topics in the class are not always easy to learn and talk about, but they are so important. If you have gone through certain things in your life, it's especially helpful to learn that you're not alone and that many people go through similar things as well. Actually learning about the science behind why we feel what we feel, and about all the stages of growing up and getting older, helps to understand why we act and handle certain things. I have trouble paying attention usually as I am not really interested in school, but when it relates to you, it's so much easier to pay attention and learn. At first I didn't think I would be able to continue with all the hard topics as they were similar to what I had been going through. But being able to learn about why, and being able to write about it, has really helped me. I encourage everyone to take this course even if you haven't gone through anything major, but to just help understand yourself and others around you.

On Self and Society 12: I am learning about how everyone is different. For example, we studied different theories and moments of life and the different stages of infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and old age. We discussed the struggles that we encounter in those stages, and we identified ways to live healthy. I found the drug awareness unit very effective and liked doing the anti-drug/alcohol ad analysis project. This impacts my age group and we need to know how using drugs can really change our lives. I recommend this course.

TASK Sheds for Sale

If anyone is interested in purchasing a shed made by the Kelsey TASK program, which can be viewed at the front of the school next to the portables, please contact our office and leave your information. We currently have three student constructed wooden sheds to sell. Each shed will cost approximately \$2,200 and will be completed and ready for purchase in early June.

LGBTQ Family Network & Advocacy Group

A group of LGBTQ students and families meet each month to network, advocate, provide support for their kids and one another. Next meeting is Tuesday, May 17 at 8:00 pm via Zoom. Contact Elliot (efoxpovey@sd79.bc.ca) for invitation link or more information.

Homestays Needed for International

High School Students - if you are an active family interested in hosting an international student from Europe and around the world, contact us! Short term (3 months) and longer term stays (5 months or 10 months) are needed. Remuneration of \$900 per month. Call Brenda at 250 510-1436 or email blanglois@sd79.bc.ca



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