

# THE WHALE'S TALE

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



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## What's Been Happening at Kelsey?

Before Frances Kelsey Secondary opened in 1995, the art teacher at the time, Mr. Dave Aris, designed the school logo of a blue killer whale jumping through a gold circle (below). He presented several drawings to a graphic artist who finessed it with some final adjustments. Recently, at the suggestion of students and student parliament, it was decided that the logo be changed to reflect an Indigenous influence and we are now happy to introduce it to parents and the community. Our beautiful redesigned logo (above) is thanks to the talented artist Trevor Husband who also works with some of our carving students, mentoring in both carving skills and Adobe Illustrator, a program that creates vector graphics. Check out his bio and his art at <https://trevorhusbandnativeart.com/>.



Sponsored by Ms. Race, two teams of FKSS students nominated by their teachers battled it out at the District Math Competition at Chemainus Secondary on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Teams of four competed in three rounds: an individual sprint round where they raced to answer as many as possible of the 40 questions provided in 20 minutes, a pairs challenge where they worked with a partner solving problems, and finally, the construction of a free-standing tower using only spaghetti, marshmallows, string and tape. The Grade 9's tower defied gravity and managed to stay standing, while the Grade 8's tower crumbled quickly, despite its unique design. Congratulations to both teams for their excellent effort!

The sounds of drums, bass, electric guitars, and singing echoes down the hallway, slightly muffled and indistinct. You strain your ears to make out the tune, but can't be sure if you recognize it. Although the moment passes, the music has been captured by the talented musicians and budding producers in the Kelsey recording studio. In a maze of microphones, cables, speakers and instruments, they are busy laying down tracks, playing riffs and penning clever lyrics. As the Grammy



## *Kelsey Calendar*

### **Monday, March 2**

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### **Tuesday, March 3**

Grad Council Pancake Breakfast and  
Pajama Day

P.A.R.T.Y. Program

### **Wednesday, March 4**

Level 1 FoodSafe Course

### **Thursday, March 5**

7:00 pm – Far From Suburbia We Know  
Student Directed One Act Play in Theatre

### **Friday, March 6**

Grade 12 Scholarship Applications due  
Grade 9 students to Camosun College  
Last day of classes

### **March 9 – 20**

District Closure and Spring Break

### **Monday, March 23**

First day of classes

### **Tuesday, March 31**

TASK students to Camosun College  
7:00 pm – Dry Grad parent meeting in  
library

### **Thursday, April 2**

TASK students to Camosun College

### **Tuesday, April 7**

TASK students to Camosun College  
Peer Tutors to Cairnsmore Place

### **Wednesday, April 8**

Grade 8 Exploratory 6 begins

### **Thursday, April 9**

TASK students to Camosun College

### **Friday, April 10**

Good Friday

### **Monday, April 13**

Easter Monday

### **April 14 – 17**

Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Assessment  
Window

### **Tuesday, April 14**

TASK students to Camosun College  
7:00 pm – Dry Grad parent meeting in  
library

Awards have shown us this year, young artists are now capable of reaching the heights of stardom thanks to the availability of recording technology, so keep an eye on the school website for the latest recording from Mr. Ludwig's Composition and Production students. You may just be the first to hear the next big hit.

Mrs. Zimmer's Grade 8 students have had an opportunity to extend their health education in PE classes by learning about personal, social, physical and sexual boundaries, how to set healthy boundaries, and what to do if someone violates a boundary. They've also been learning the characteristics of healthy versus unhealthy friend and dating relationships. This conversation led to an exploration of both the male and female reproductive systems and some discussion on pregnancy. Students were then taught methods of birth control including abstinence, the only 100% effective method, and they entered into a discussion of sexually transmitted infections. Pressures associated with sex were identified by students and they brainstormed multiple ways to prevent or to deal with those situations. As always, students are welcome to ask questions if further information or help is needed.

Students in Mrs. MacDonald's Workplace Mathematics 10 class have spent the last month learning about ratios, proportions and best buys. They followed this by learning how to calculate income and how to differentiate between net and gross pay by calculating deductions. For Physical & Health Education 8 & 9, Mrs. MacDonald's classes spent the last unit in the small gym engaging in a variety of different activities. They started by learning some combative games and different techniques for wrestling. They then worked on improving balance and coordination through a number of jumps, twists, turns and rolls. To demonstrate their learning, the students then proceeded to create short routines combining a variety of movement techniques.

During Q blocks, all students in Grade 11 participate in Leadership 11. Students self-select one workshop from nine different choices each semester. One of the nine choices is Mr. Brewer's Music for Social Change class. Students who selected this option share songs that have had a positive impact on society. They assume a leadership role and present a song along with a brief discussion of the history of the social issue that the song addresses and how the song effected social change. In this way, they learn about a variety of social issues and their history as well as coming to a better understanding of the transformative role that music can play in the world.

Some new fitness equipment has been purchased for the mezzanine. One older treadmill and two older elliptical machines needed to be retired after 20 years of steady, daily use. We were able to purchase a high quality, slightly used commercial treadmill and two elliptical machines through Neil Salmond at Fit-Tech Victoria. Neil has been supplying recreation centres and high schools with used and re-conditioned fitness equipment for over 20 years. Neil was also willing to donate some older GameBike machines to be used as stationary bikes that were given to him by UVic. We now have a total of 15 stationary bikes, two elliptical machines and two treadmills on the mezzanine. The new equipment is in very good condition and, if used appropriately and regularly maintained, will last another 20 years. Thanks to Mr. Launder for arranging the acquisition of the updated equipment.

After studying the battle of the Seven Years War, the concluding exercise was a battle which pitted Ms. Burr's (General Montcalme of France) and Mr. Kelly's (General Wolfe of England) Social Studies 9 classes against one another as they reenacted the battle of the Plains of Abraham on the Plains of Frances Kelsey. Overseen by other students in the science and foods rooms, and as in real life, the British prevailed. The students fought to the end with modified weaponry (pool noodles) and wore protective armour (pinnies). A good, educational time was had by all!

Another club has just formed: Political Discussion Club, Friday at lunch in room 118, with Ms. Fitznar as sponsor. A complete list of all clubs can be found on our school website. (See [fkss.sd79.bc.ca](http://fkss.sd79.bc.ca) then click on the Students & Parents tab, then open Clubs & Activities)

## New Staff

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Mike Greenslade recently joined our staff as part of the international program. As well, Mr. Kirby Edwards is now our Aboriginal Support Worker and Mrs. Dorothy Littau has returned as an education assistant. Welcome to you all.

## Scholarships and Bursaries

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

Are you planning to attend UBC, UVIC, Simon Fraser University, Camosun College or Vancouver Island University? Please see your counsellor as soon as possible. Don't wait! **Applications are being accepted now.** Students who enter trades programs or a one-year diploma program at VIU or Camosun can also have their first year sponsored as long as they begin their programs no later than their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. For more information, please come to the Career Centre.



On November 22, all Grade 12's attended a workshop explaining the Scholarship and Bursary application process and teaching students how to prepare an academic resume. Students at Frances Kelsey have access to \$120,000 in scholarships offered from our community. One of the messages delivered to these students is that all Grade 12's should apply for as many of the bursaries as they are eligible because they are not based on grades but on other factors. For more information, please refer to [fkss.sd79.bc.ca](http://fkss.sd79.bc.ca). Students can see Mr. van der Linden if they have any questions or queries. All scholarship application packages are due to the counselling office by **March 6** (the day before Spring Break). Packages will not be accepted after this date.

Some Grade 12 students will be doing District Scholarship Presentations on May 13 at Frances Kelsey. An information meeting was held on February 4 at lunch in the library for any interested students. If a student would like to make a District Scholarship Presentation but missed the information meeting, they should see Mr. van der Linden. More information about District Scholarships can be found at: <https://sd79.bc.ca/students/scholarships/districtauthority-scholarship/>

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

- Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship
- Coastal Community Credit Union Scholarship Program
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University President's Scholarship, Merit Scholarship, Indigenous Entrance Scholarship and Donor-Funded Entrance Awards
- Public Guardian and Trustee of BC
- Nanaimo Airport Commission Scholarship
- Re/Max Quest for Excellence Bursary



## Dry Grad

Hi Everyone! Because of spring break holidays, please note that our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 31** at 7:00 pm in the library.

With spring break just around the corner, an email was sent to ALL the Kelsey Grad parents on February 19<sup>th</sup> to let you know about our final few

grad fundraisers of the year. Please email me at [holly.beauregard@gmail.com](mailto:holly.beauregard@gmail.com) if you have any questions, if you would like to volunteer or did not receive the email.

**DRY GRAD**  
Please join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, March 31** at 7:00 pm in the library. For more information contact Holly at [holly.beauregard@gmail.com](mailto:holly.beauregard@gmail.com)

**PANAGO PIZZA VOUCHERS – “What Goes Around, Comes Around”** Many of you have already discovered how great these vouchers are! Stock up for spring break so the kids can easily take care of dinner without breaking the bank. Send the following information (student’s full name, advisor’s name, # of vouchers ordered \_\_\_ x \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ) and payment to the school office to purchase vouchers redeemable for ANY medium pizza from ANY Panago location, and we’re not talking 2 toppings here, folks! \$4 from each voucher goes towards Dry Grad ... and dinner is served! Forms **MUST** be accompanied by payment. Cheques payable to ‘FKSS Graduation’, or e-transfer info and funds directly to [franceskelseydrygrad@gmail.com](mailto:franceskelseydrygrad@gmail.com). No security question required. Provided you order before **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>**, vouchers will be sent home with your student just in time for spring break. This fundraiser will be ongoing until the end of the year so you can order anytime after this as well.

## Frances Kelsey Parents Advisory Council

The next meeting of the FKSS PAC will be **Wednesday, April 15** at 7:00 pm in the library. **Please note that there will be no meeting in March.**

## Times Colonist 10K



The annual TC10K run is coming up soon. Get signed up today! This year’s run along the Victoria waterfront is on Sunday, April 26. The Frances Kelsey Breakers has a team ready to go. Registration is on now until March 31 at the TC10K website: <https://runsport.ca/tc10k/> Registration is open to all members of the Kelsey community including parents, students, friends and other family members. Registration

includes race participation, performance T-shirt, lots of snacks, beautiful scenery, good exercise and lots of fun with 10,000 fellow runners! See Mr. Launder for further information.

## Free Transit Services for Students

The CVRD and BC Transit are offering **free transit from March 9 – 22, 2020** on all local routes in the Cowichan Valley for kids age K-12 while schools are closed for spring break. Children 4 and under always ride free on local routes. For further info contact [rachel.rondeau@cvrd.bc.ca](mailto:rachel.rondeau@cvrd.bc.ca) or call 250 746-2637.

## School Cash Online

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet our school’s needs and allows you, as a parent, to add your students, make payments, check current balance/account history, print or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events. Please see our website for more information under the "Parents and Students" tab. This feature can be used to pay for field trips, order clothing, order a yearbook or attend to anything that needs payment. Watch for digital permission forms soon so we can replace having to send home papers to sign and have returned. It’s very easy to use and it saves a bunch of details!

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