

THE WHALE'S TALE

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



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What's Been Happening at Kelsey?

Ms. Nola Keller, our science dispensary clerk, was part of a group of volunteers from Rotary Wheels for Learning who travelled to Cambodia to assemble bicycles, 12 of which were purchased from our Interact Club's fundraising with the South Cowichan Rotary Club. Children in Cambodia cannot attend school without a bike as they have no other means to travel the long distance to school. Thanks, Ms. Keller! (see pg 6)

The junior "B" boys' basketball team had a great season. The Grade 8-10 boys' team was very large with 11 Grade 8's, four Grade 9's and two Grade 10's. The boys played nine games this season against public and private schools in the Cowichan Valley, with many teams having large numbers of Grade 9's and Grade 10's. The boys ended the season with a 3-6 record, winning games against Queen of Angels, Sunrise Waldorf, and a very exciting last second 47-45 win over St. John's Academy on February 16. The team missed going on in the playoffs with a 44-53 loss to Duncan Christian in the final league game while leading at the half. Tremendous improvement from all players over the course of the season. Congratulations to all team members on a successful season. Thank you to all the parents and staff for supporting the team this year. Hope to see even more players out next year! P.S. Please return all jerseys to Mr. Launder ASAP. Thank you.

The Kelsey junior girls' basketball team enjoyed a successful season with three wins and three losses, finishing 3rd in the Mid Island Junior Girls' B division. They were coached by Ms. Chester and Mr. Garriock, with first aid and transportation provided by Mr. Kelly. Fun was had through road trips to Salt Spring Island, Quamichan and Duncan Christian School. Congratulations to the whole team, and manager, Kailyn Hagel.

The senior boys' basketball team has officially finished off their season. Our boys have a lot to be proud of. The season got off to a slow start with some tough losses to excellent teams. However, the Breakers exhibited a high degree of character, practicing hard and playing hard, which lead to



Kelsey Calendar

Monday, March 7

Whale's Tale newsletter issued

Tuesday, March 8

6:30 pm – Dry Grad parents' meeting
in library

Thursday, March 10

7:00 pm – PAC Zoom meeting

Friday, March 11

12:00 noon – Hard deadline for Grads
to submit scholarship and bursary
applications to counselling secretary
12:00 noon – Kelsey band *Something
Obscure* performance

Last day of classes

March 14 – 25

Spring break and district closure

Saturday, March 26

Dry Grad bottle drive (see pg 3)

Monday, March 28

Classes resume

Tuesday, March 29

12:00 pm – Grad Council meeting in
library

April 7 & 8 (1:00 pm & 11:30 am)

Grade 9 DASH assemblies (vaping
awareness)

Monday, April 11

District Implementation Day

Tuesday, April 12

12:00 pm – Grad Council meeting in
library

Thursday, April 14

End of Term 3 (Grade 9 – 12)

2:15 pm – early dismissal

Friday, April 15

Good Friday

Monday, April 18

Easter Monday

improvements throughout the season. A season highlight was beating Parkland in a nail-biting overtime finish. Our season ended with a hard-fought game against Esquimalt, where the Breakers nearly came out on top. To our Grade 12s, we thank you for your leadership and hard work. Best of luck on your next journey! To our Grade 11s, we look forward to seeing you all back for an even better season next year! Mr. Reed and Mr. Franko thank the boys for a memorable season.

Ms. Chester's senior computer classes have been enjoying working on more advanced individual projects specific to each student's interests. Further, students are exploring career paths with their interests and skills. With software developers being one of the most in-demand professions over the next many years, students in Computer Programming 12 are working towards earning their Apple Level 1 App Development with Swift Certification. Upon successful completion of their certification exam, students will earn a digital badge they can share in a resume, portfolio, or in online professional networks! Visual Arts/Media Arts 12 students are challenging their advanced skills with projects in varying industry-standard applications including creating animations and visual effects using Photoshop or Blender, combining art skills with digital software, and creating music videos. Ms. Chester looks forward to students sharing their amazing projects with the class as they complete them!

Mrs. Smith is currently teaching a handworks and ceramics class wherein the students are learning how to throw on the pottery wheel as well as hand build with clay. When the students are waiting for their pottery pieces to dry, they will be kept busy learning how to knit, crochet, felt, needlepoint, and work with leather. Already, at this early point in the semester, the students have created many beautiful pieces and they should be very proud of what they have created so far.

Mr. Tattam's photography courses run in both semesters and in most grades. Students learn about camera controls, photo manipulation, and photographic composition. Students explore different subjects and themes through the camera. Some of the themes explored are documentary, commercial studio lighting, close-up, and time-lapse photography. After photographs are taken, students learn how to use PhotoShop to manipulate and improve their images. Photography is for anyone who enjoys the blending of technology with artistic expression.

Although our FKSS Wrestlers did not advance to place at the BC High School Championships in Vancouver, they wrestled with heart, were incredibly supportive team mates, and represented themselves and our school just as student athletes should. Coach Ryan Yewchin spoke highly of the way that Antonio Iannidinardo and Gabriel Carriero competed. Jacob Fraser was ill and had to miss the tournament. Antonio wrestled to a 3-2 record in the 66kg Boys division with all three wins coming via pins. Says Coach Yewchin: "It will be awesome to watch Antonio develop as he is only a Grade 8 competing in a Grade 8-12 sport." Gabe fell to an 0-2 record in the 110kg Boys division. Says Coach Yewchin, "As a younger wrestler, Gabe was truly competing against men. He has worked so hard this year and I am always impressed with his positive attitude, desire to learn, and improve." Well done, team!

Grade 8 science students in Mrs. Butler's class have been learning how to write a formal lab report and design their own experiments through the scientific inquiry process. They begin by conducting a teacher designed lab, then proceed to use the same principles to design their own lab which answers a question they want to explore. Some student questions have been which liquid boils faster (apple, orange or grape juice) and which bubble gum blows the biggest bubbles?

After a short lapse, our **Red Cross Club** has recently been revived and meets on Thursday at lunch in room 214. Sponsor: Mrs. Robinson. Another new club has also formed, being the **Wellness Club** which will focus on connection, self-care and staying well through these challenging times. Members meet Thursday at lunch in room 208. Sponsors: Mr. C. Knippelberg, Mr. M. Knippelberg and Ms. Trotter. For a complete listing of clubs, see fkss.sd79.bc.ca, then click on the Students & Parents tab, then open Clubs & Activities.

New Staff

We are pleased to announce that Lé Chandler, an itinerant teacher, has joined our Career Centre until the end of April to connect with students and to promote work experience and dual credits. We are also pleased that Ms. Deborah Clarke, Education Assistant, has joined our staff. Welcome to you both!

Scholarships and Bursaries

By Mr. Darren Hart, Acting Vice-Principal

A reminder for our students planning to attend post-secondary institutions to be aware of specific deadlines and requirements for those applications. As many of these are on-going, it is up to individual student applicants to be aware of specific post-secondary requirements and deadlines. The best way to find this information is to look at the individual institution website, for example:

VIU.ca under future students

UVic under admissions

If you have any questions, please see your counsellor as soon as possible.

Students at Frances Kelsey have access to approximately \$100,000 in local scholarships and bursaries offered from our community. One of the messages delivered to students is that all Grade 12's should apply for as many of the bursaries and scholarships that they are eligible for, as they are not necessarily based on grades but rather a variety of factors. For more information, please refer to <https://fkss.sd79.bc.ca> Detailed scholarship and bursary information can be found under the "Graduation" tab. **The deadline for these is Friday, March 11th at 12:00 noon (the day before the start of Spring Break). Application packages will not be accepted after the 11th.**

Some Grade 12 students will also be doing District Scholarship Presentations in early May. These will be done digitally again this year. We are setting a deadline for video submissions of Monday, May 9th at 3:15 pm. More information will be forthcoming to students following Spring Break and can also be found at <http://sd79.bc.ca/students/scholarships/districtauthority-scholarship/>

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

- Coastal Community Credit Union Scholarship Program
- Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship
- BC Transplant Society Scholarship
- Electronic Recycling Association Scholarship
- Save-On-Foods and UFCW Local 1518 Joint Diversity Scholarship

Dry Grad

Our next Dry Grad Parent meeting will be held at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 8th** at Frances Kelsey Secondary School in the library. Please join us to help plan the fundraising and grad events for your upcoming graduate. Masks are mandatory.

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BOTTLE DRIVES - Thank you to everyone who supported our third bottle drive last month. We raised \$2,800+. Mark your calendars:

- March 26 - bottle drive will be happening at Evergreen Elementary School 10:00 – 2:00. Parents/graduates we need you driving, collecting, and sorting!
- April 30 - bottle drive will be happening at 550 Voutraid Road, Mill Bay
- 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!

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) 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.



FIREWOOD SALES - we are preparing to sell firewood starting March 26th. An email will be sent to graduating students on details of firewood sales and the Facebook dry grad page will have further details.

DRY GRAD

Please join us at our next meeting on
Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 pm in
the Kelsey library
MASKS ARE MANDATORY
Helping Hands make light work!
For more information, please contact
franceskelseydrygrad@gmail.com

ALL HANDS ON DECK! April 30th Graduates will be needed to help load trucks, deliver firewood and help with the bottle drive. Tell your family and friends. Mark your calendars to prepare you for next year’s winter warmth.

**If you are interested in helping with precutting firewood on April 23rd at 10:00 am, PLEASE email franceskelseydrygrad@gmail.com with your name, phone number and available equipment (saws, splitters, axes).

Frances Kelsey Parents Advisory Council

By Ms. Lizzie Johnson, PAC President



Hello Parents and Guardians,

Our main focus these past few weeks has been updating the wording for the PAC Bursaries. The executive all had similar ideas and we are really happy with the result. We hope parents, guardians and students will also approve of the changes, and in turn, we look forward to receiving more applications than in previous years.

As always, every parent and guardian is invited and welcome to join PAC meetings. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 pm**. You will receive the Zoom link via

FKPAC

Please join us at our next meeting on
Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 pm
via Zoom. Details will be emailed
and posted on Facebook.
For more information, please contact
franceskelseydrygrad@gmail.com

email. Meetings usually run for just 1 hour - we try to be efficient. Please join us! Take care, Lizzi Johnson, PAC President

District Parent Advisory Council

By Ms. Cindy Youden, DPAC Rep for FKSS PAC

Your District Parent Advisory Council recently hosted an informative webinar: “Understanding PACs from A-Z and Why They are Important for Families”



You may watch the recording here: <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/16-dpac-pac/1086-2022-pac-a-to-z?fbclid=IwAR1AA0Wqy7Lb03yOGExC9YCKAQLbHkCoed8qKFSygmqthVOnalk6Vbe-gD8>

Please check out our website at <http://dpac.sd79.bc.ca>. Also note that our Facebook page is kept up to date, so it's easy to follow our group this way: <https://www.facebook.com/cowichanvalleydpac/>

A Message from the Indigenous DPAC Committee



The Indigenous DPAC Committee is actively seeking two co-chairs. If you are a parent, guardian, Auntie, or Uncle; if you or your children self-identify as First Nations, Inuit or Metis; and if you are interested in our committee, we would love to hear from you!

We are a growing group with lots of support from the DPAC Committee. We meet the 1st Thursday of every month. To date, we have only been able to meet online through Zoom meetings but we have been meeting for the past five months. We have access to the Inspire Room at the School Board Office. We may be trying hybrid meetings in the coming months, with some participants meeting at the Inspire Room and some participants joining us online. Meetings usually start at 7:00 pm.

We can be reached at idpacsd79@gmail.com

Career Corner

UBC Virtual Presentation “MD Outreach Ambassador Program” - **Friday, March 11 at 11:20** in the **FKSS Library** – Grades 9-12. PLEASE SIGN UP AT OUR FKSS CAREER CENTRE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.

WEX

Work Experience Students who have already attended the WEX (Work Experience) seminar with Mrs. Brinkman – spring break is fast approaching and a time to work more hours. Please remember to hand in your Unit III package, signed by your employer. Hours worked will NOT count unless this has been returned to the Career Centre. Once your 90 hours are done, return your log sheet to the Career Centre to pick-up the final unit to complete your package to earn 4 credits.

Attention Grade 10 and 11 students: now is the time to plan and sign-up for Dual Credit opportunities to complete trades, career, and university level courses, tuition free, while attending high school. Students will receive credit towards their high school graduation requirements and post-secondary credits. Stop by or call our FKSS Career Centre to find out more.



Our Job Board in the Career Centre is full of help wanted ads. Stop by today to see all the opportunities for current and summer employment.

If you are considering a student loan and would like to learn more about the loan process, check out the [Student Aid BC](http://www.studentaidbc.ca) website.

Program & Audition Information
at musicaltheatretraining.ca
phone 250 595 9970
web ccpacanada.com
email registrar@ccpacanada.com

Frances Kelsey TC10K team



It's back! Finally, the TC10K is back live and in person on Sunday, April 24 starting at 8:00 am beside the Parliament Buildings in Victoria. This is a great opportunity to get out and enjoy spring time weather while getting in shape. The run is open to all runners and walkers from the Frances Kelsey community. This includes staff, students, parents, community members, and Kelsey alumni.

Register today for the Frances Kelsey Breakers team at <https://runsport.ca/2022-tc10k>. Registration includes: performances t-shirt, race medallion, lots of food and refreshments after the race, and pride in finishing. Race bibs and shirt pick up will be on the morning of Friday, April 22 at the office. See Mr. Launder (glauder@sd79.bc.ca) or Mrs. Grymaloski for more details. Hope to see you out there!

Frances Kelsey Track and Field

Track and field season is coming soon! All interested students please see Mr. Launder or Mr. Franko for registration or more information. Training will start mid-April (dates and times TBA).

Mid-Islands: May 3 or 4 (TBA) at Chesterfield Track

Islands: May 18 and 19 in Nanaimo at NDSS

BC Track and Field Championship: June 9-11 at the Langley Sportsplex

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



Ms. Keller, our Dispensary Clerk, representing Kelsey, South Cowichan Rotary, and the Interact Club. See related article on page 1.

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