

Frances Kelsey Whale's Tale – September 2022

#### Welcome to the 2022-23 year at Frances Kelsey Secondary!

We have thoroughly enjoyed our first two weeks with a wonderful group of kids. Our students have done an amazing job learning routines, settling in and contributing to a calm and settled tone. Teacher Advisors have been engaging in activities that have focused on building community and getting to know one another. We have also spent time helping our new students understand their schedules and school structures.

We are definitely off to a great start, and we are thrilled to work with such respectful, responsive, and kind students.

As we focus on fostering positive relationships with our students, we are really hoping to connect with all of our parents as well. We are very excited to invite all of our families to a Welcome Back / Meet the Advisor BBQ Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM (please see poster below).







#### Join our PAC!



Our first PAC meeting of the school year will be Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 PM via zoom.

https://sd79.zoom.us/j/966599024 60

The PAC is a great way to make a positive connection with the school, and provide the administrative team with valuable input and parent perspective.

You can stay connected to the PAC and access the agenda on the FKSS PAC Facebook page:

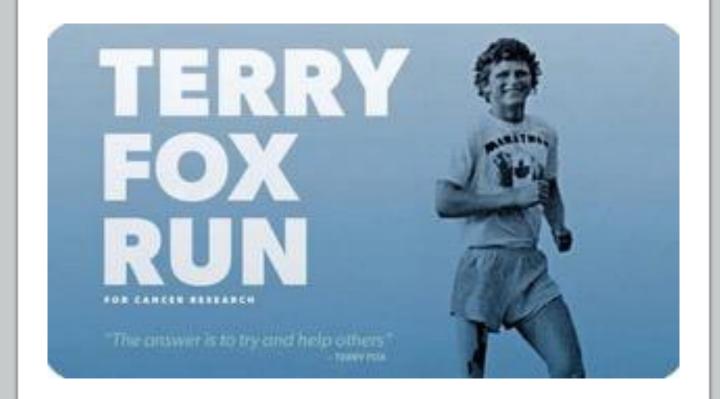
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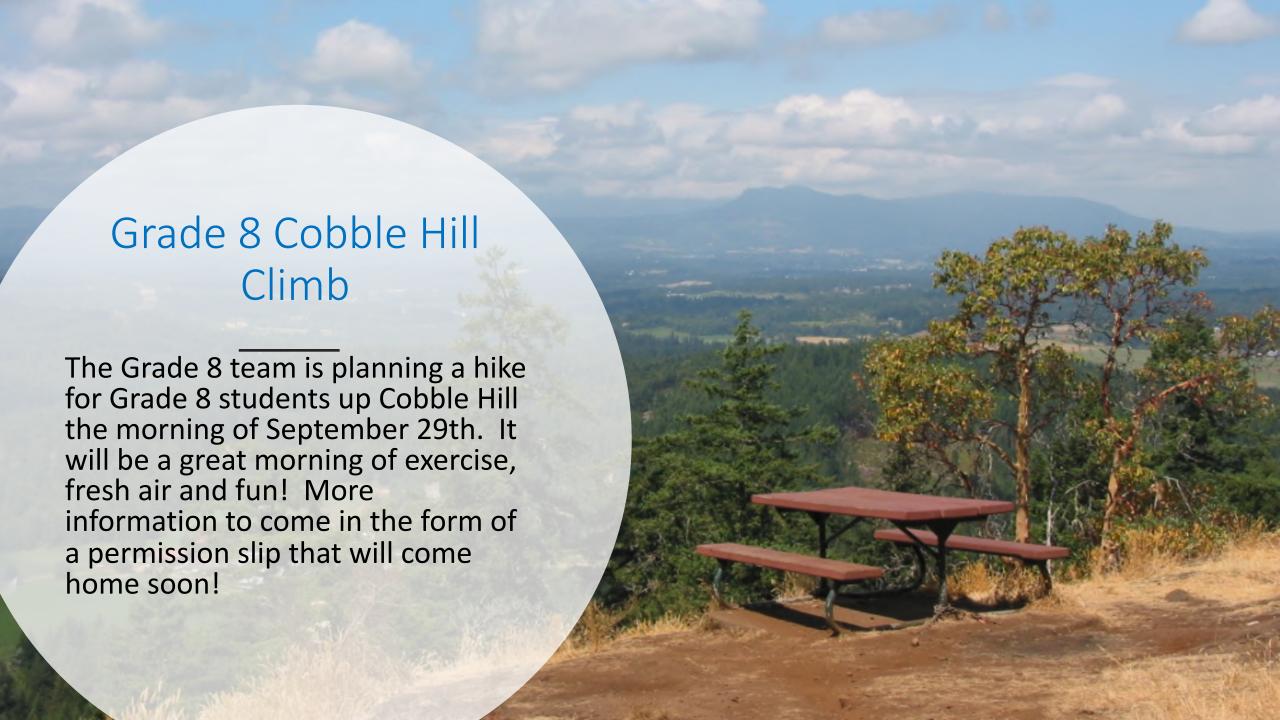
#### Terry Fox Run – Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Our school Terry Fox Run will take place Friday, September 23rd.

Terry Fox was an inspirational Canadian who overcame tremendous obstacles to raise money for cancer research. At FKSS, we are committed to keeping Terry's legacy alive.

We are asking that students bring a 'Twonie for Terry' to school on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. All funds raised will go to the Terry Fox Foundation. If everyone bring at at least a twonie, we will have over \$2000.00 to donate.







# National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing crossschool learning activities ahead of the day to pay tribute to residential school survivors and to those who did not survive.

This is an important opportunity for us to come together as a school community, and we intend to do the best job we can to help students understand the importance of reconciliation.

We encourage or entire school community to wear orange on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### From Grief to Medicine

Moving Forward with Good Hearts

The Board of Education for the Cowichan Valley School District and the District Parent Advisory Council are inviting school district staff and the community to:

'From Grief to Medicine - Moving Forward with Good Hearts in the Cowichan Valley'

an Indigenous Day of Learning on September 26, 2022. Join us as we come together with Cowichan Elders and learn through stories and lessons that shed light on the truth to help in our collective journey towards reconciliation. This day of learning is open to school district staff and the community. The afternoon will conclude with a shared meal.

Location: S'amuna' Longhouse - 5589 Club Road, Duncan, British Columbia

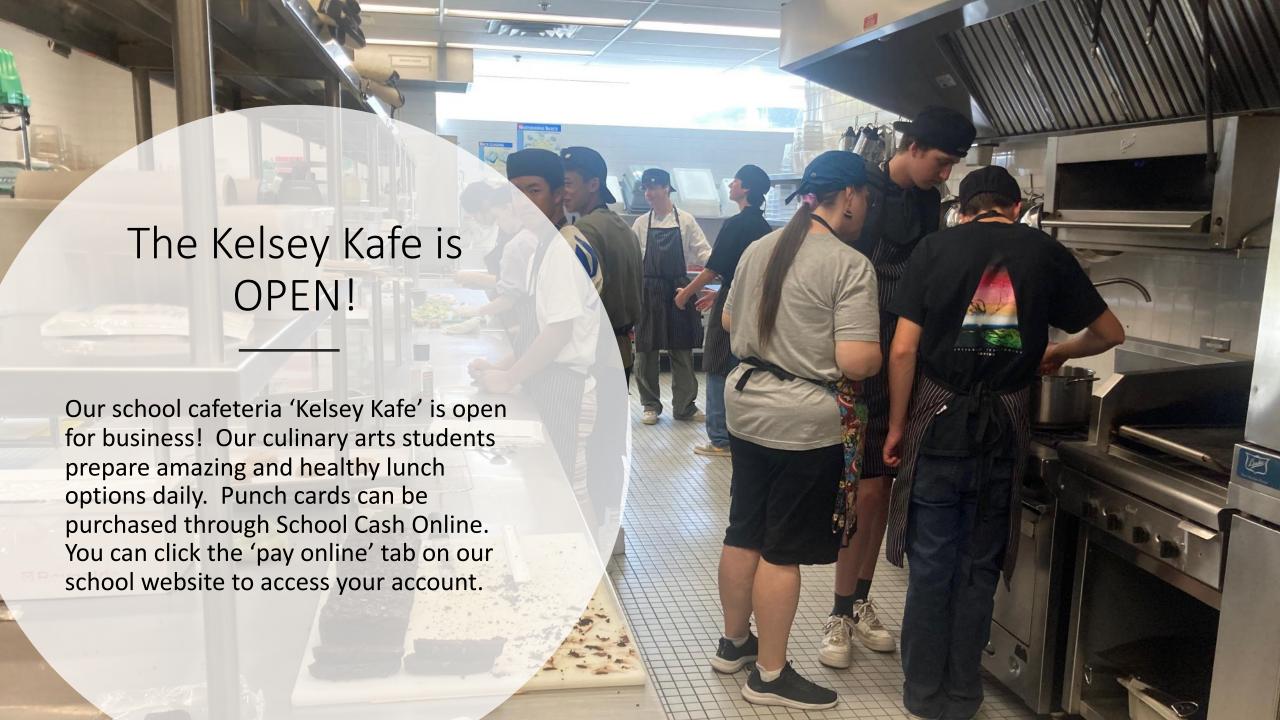
**Time:** 1:30 pm Doors open

2:00 - ~4:00 pm learning with Elders

A light dinner to follow



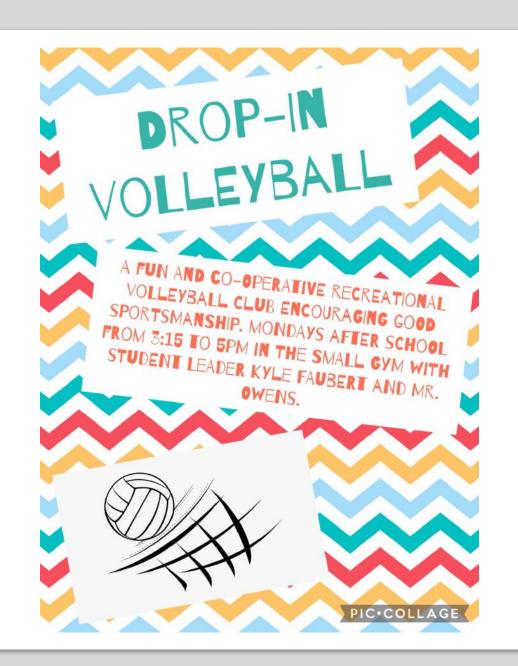




### Frances Kelsey Clubs

We have a number of clubs starting at FKSS. Scroll through the posters, and encourage your child to get involved!

Club Sign-up is next week in the dome!









## INTERACT CLUB

TAKE ACTION IN OUR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH STUDENT-LED FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEERING INITIATIVES.



JOIN MS.
ROCHELEAU IN
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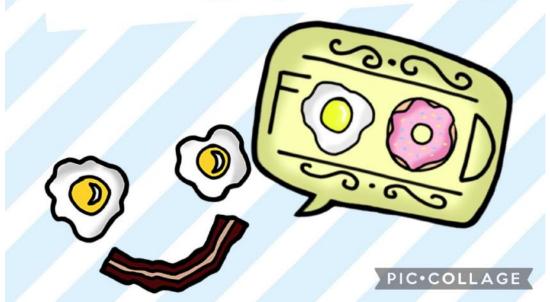
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Club of South Cowichan (Mill Bay) International District 5020

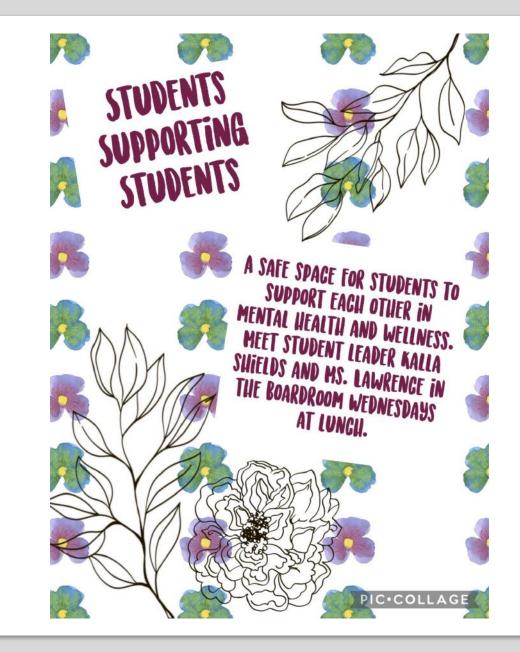
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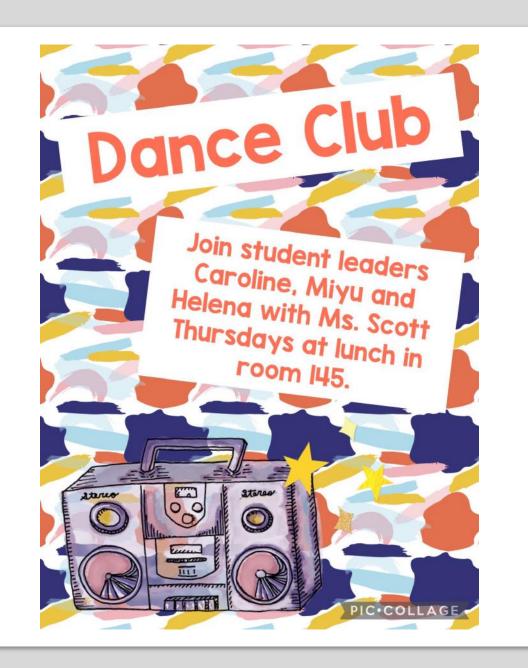
# Cooking Club

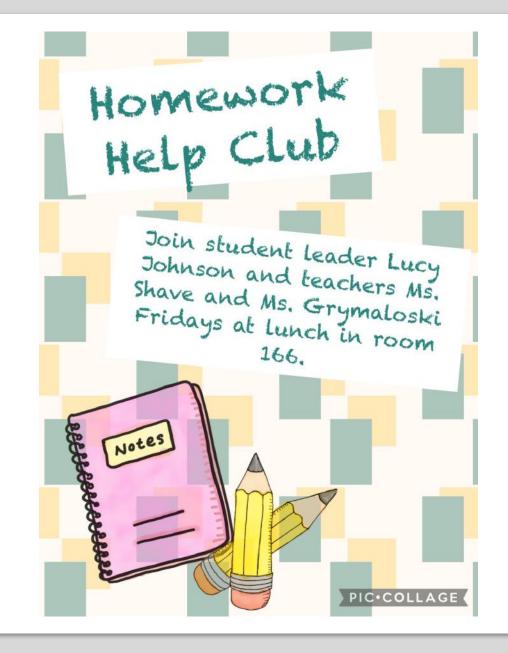
A club for people interested in food and cooking. Thursdays before school (8:00 - 8:45 am) with Ms. Melnyk in the cafeteria.

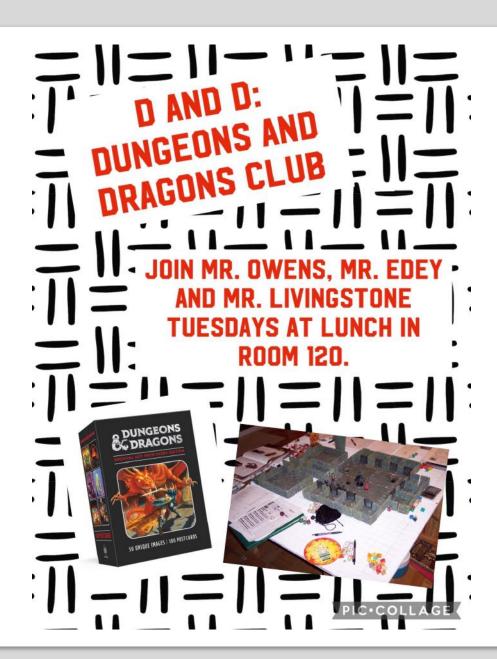


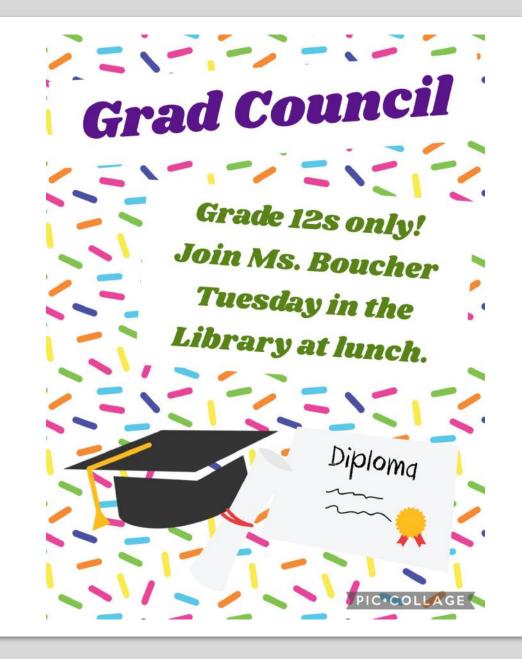






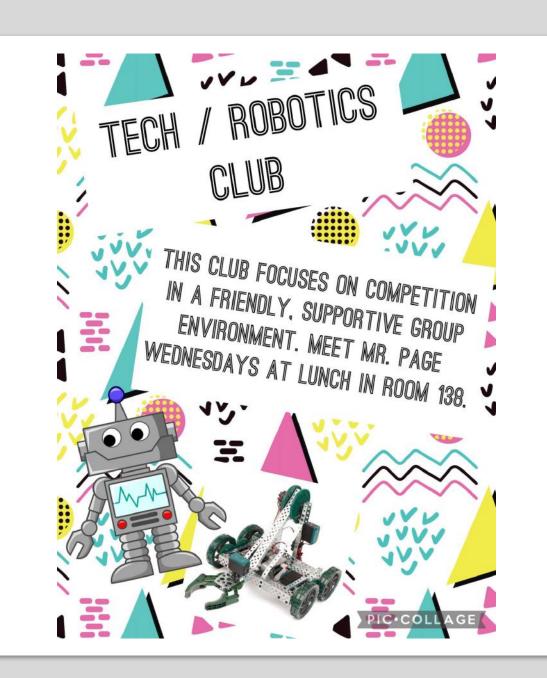




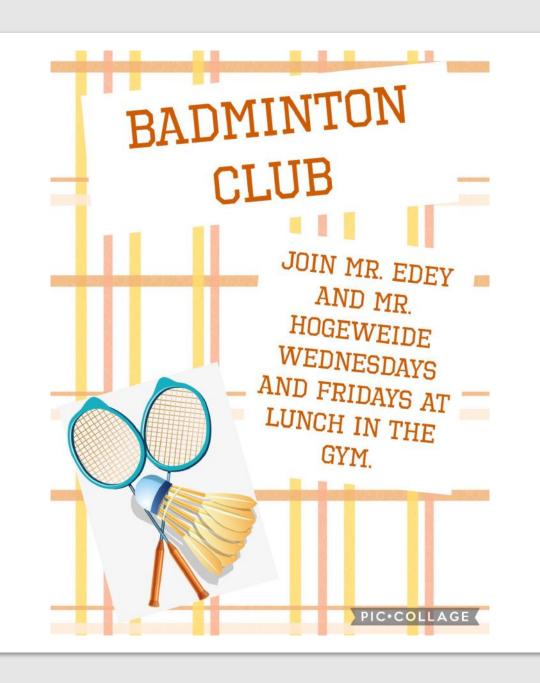














Polar Expressions Publishing poetry and short story contests are on now!
Deadlines are November 21st and 28th, 2022. Check out the details on their website: polarexpressions.ca

These photos are of our grads at an assembly today (where we talked about being safe on the roads) and of a Grade 8 PE class having fun on the field ©!





#### Have a GREAT Weekend

On behalf of the entire staff, we wish all of our students and their families a great weekend. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us at the school if you have any questions or concerns. You can find an up to date staff directory on our school website.