



Frances Kelsey Whale's Tale – November 18, 2022

A Message from the Admin Team

Dear parents / guardians,

It is hard to believe that it is already mid-November! Things at FKSS are moving along nicely and we have settled into a nice flow as a learning community. Clubs, teams, and activities are in full swing, and students continue to be responsive and great.

A note to parents that report cards will be issued via the parent portal as soon as they are ready next week. We will alert you via a special email once they are ready.

We hope that this Whale's Tale finds all of our families well and enjoying the Fall weather. Thank you all for your continued support and remember to reach out to any of us anytime.



Please read this edition of the Whale's Tale for summaries of past events, important messages, upcoming events and some fun photos of things happening around the school 😊

Upcoming Dates:

- **Wednesday, Nov 23** – 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- **Friday, Nov 25** – Non-Instructional Day – No School
- **Wednesday, December 7** – School Dance
- **Friday, December 16** – Grad Skate
- **Friday, December 16** – Last Day before Winter Break
- **Monday, January 3** – Classes Resume

JOIN OUR SCHOOL PAC!



Our next PAC meeting will take place Tuesday, January 17th.

We will be meeting IN PERSON (yay) in the FKSS library at 6:30 PM.

A huge thank you to the PAC for funding the following:

- Sports Jerseys
- A new jumbo projection screen
- Photography equipment

Remembrance Day Ceremony at FKSS



A HUGE thank you to all of our students for being so incredibly respectful during our Remembrance Day assembly. We took the time to pay tribute to all those who have served and to all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom that we enjoy today. A special shout out our cadets, our student presenters and to the school Band, who did a fabulous job performing O' Canada. We are also grateful to Mill Bay Legion President Isabell Hamar for being a part of our assembly.

Post-Secondary Visits

Representatives from several post-secondary institutions were at FKSS this past Wednesday to tell students all about their programs. Students in Grade 11 and 12 all partook, and the presentations went very well. The following institutions were here:

- UBC – University of British Columbia
- UVic – University of Victoria
- VIU – Vancouver Island University
- CAF – RMC – Royal Military College of Canada
- Quest
- BCIT – British Columbia Institute of Technology
- SFU – Simon Fraser University
- NIC – North Island College
- Camosun
- UNBC – University of Northern British Columbia
- TWU – Trinity Western University
- TRU – Thompson River University



Interact Club Winter Wear Drive

The Interact Club ran a Winter Wear Drive. They managed to collect bags full of used and new winter gear. Donations will be provided to Cowichan Women Against Violence and Warmland. Well done, Interact Club, and thanks to all those who brought in donations.



Junior Boys Soccer

Shout out to our junior boys soccer team who earned a berth to the Island Tournament held at UVic this year! The team played well and were excellent representatives for FKSS placing 8th overall. This picture was taken returning from a win over Saltspring Island in their last league game.

Thanks Mr. Achurch and Mr. Hart for your work with the team!



Senior Girls Volleyball



On Friday November 4th the senior girls volleyball team competed in a tournament at Cowichan Secondary School. They played very well and won the tournament! After some hard fought close games they emerged undefeated, beating Brentwood, Gulf Islands Secondary and Vanier Secondary twice. Congratulations, girls!!

Everyone on the team has been working hard all season and grown immensely as volleyball players.

Big thanks to coaches Mr. Brooks and Mr. Reed.

Junior Girls Volleyball

The junior girls' volleyball team wrapped up their season on November 17 at Brentwood College. Following an impressive regular season which saw the team notch 7 wins and only one loss, the girls reached the semi finals of the Cowichan Valley tournament but fell to a strong team from Shawnigan Lake. Congratulations girls on a great season!

Huge thanks to Mr. Rettie and Mr. Brooks for coaching the girls 😊



Whalers Hockey

Whaler's Hockey is off to a great start! We have a Jr and a Sr team, and they have begun their league games.

In order to keep things manageable at the arena, and to keep the learning going at the school, we are limiting spectating to students who are attending with their class /teacher.

Thanks Mrs. Gillis for organizing and coaching the team!





FKSS Cross Country

Our Cross Country team had a very successful season. Congratulations to all runners. You all represented the school so well. Pictured here are Alexa Dow and Miles Powel who both qualified for Provincials, which were held at Royal Roads University in Victoria. Alexa came in first out of 248 and Miles came in 41st out of 234. Congratulations!

Big thanks to Mrs. Wellwood for coaching the team and driving students to their events!



VIU Career Fair

- Some of our students had the opportunity to attend an Indigenous Forestry Career Fair at VIU this week where they got to try out simulators for some of the heavy equipment operations. They also saw a carver, Rupert Scow, that welcomed them to the Hub to see what he is working on. Learning outside of the classroom!

Grad Spirit Week

We are at the end of Grad Spirit Week. From Movie Monday to Freaky Friday and everything in between, our grads had a great time showing their spirit!



YEARBOOK

FROM THE YEARBOOK CLASS...

Consider purchasing a yearbook as a holiday gift for a student in your life. Our staff will deliver a beautifully wrapped box tagged 'Do Not Open Until Dec. 25' with a certificate for the 22-23 FKSS yearbook inside alongside a sweet holiday treat on Dec. 16, the last school day before winter break. Add a private note to your gift box by simply emailing fkssyearbook@sd79.bc.ca. You can order a yearbook now for our pre-sale cost of \$50.00.

The book is coming along nicely. We are so lucky to have student artists, writers, photographers and designers taking a strong interest in the quality and content of our book this year. We're excited to have submitted our cover design and can tell you that it will be a very island-friendly design with a journal-style format that will speak to the current youth generation in our school. Our large yearbook staff represents a great cross-section of our student population and they are committed to representing each grade level in a robust and colourful way, so each student, in every grade, can be proud of their representation in our book.



GRAD GEAR IS ALMOST HERE!

Grad Gear is now available for pre-order on the FKSS website. Items include hoodies, crewnecks and sweatpants with screened logo and custom names. There are also crewnecks and toques with logo embroidery. Grads decided on their preferred design this year.

The deadline to order is Friday, December 9th, 2022. Please note there will only be ONE order done this year, due to changing prices and supply chain issues. If the cost of Grad Gear is in any way cost prohibitive, please do not hesitate to contact the school in confidence. We will be able to support.



FOOD SAFE COURSE FOR STUDENTS

FOODSAFE Level 1 is available for students Friday, December 9th at Kelsey. It is a full day course, and participants will receive a certificate upon successful completion.

The fee for this course is \$50 includes your certificate

Interested students can go to the board outside of the Foods room for registration forms, and can see Ms. Melnyk in the Cafeteria with any questions.

A Message from the Dry Grad Committee

ADHOC Dry Grad Meeting

November 22 (6:30 pm to 7:00 pm) in the FKSS Library

Decision on venue location - date of dry grad.

Outcome of meeting: Vote on Venue / Vote on Date



We need to decide on the venue and date so that we can book services/equipment/event activities.

Regular Dry Grad Meeting

December 6th (6:30 pm FKSS Library)

Regular Committee Business

**Outcome of meeting: Provide forecasting budget for dry grad events
and update on fundraising**



INFORMATION FROM THE CAREERS CENTRE



Read the next few slides for
important Careers Centre Info!

DUAL CREDIT:

- Dual credit courses and programs allow students tuition free opportunities to begin career training in trades, technical programs, and first year university courses prior to graduation. Students who participate receive credits towards their Grade 12 graduation requirements as well as University or College credit.

TASK:

FKSS also offers the Trades Awareness, Skills and Knowledge (TASK) program in partnership with Camosun College. Please contact the Career Centre if you are interested in this program: fksscaredsecretary@sd79.bc.ca

VOLUNTEER WORK:

- All of our grads need 30 hrs of volunteer time, or 30 hrs of work experience, as part of their graduation requirement. If you would like to add your company to our roster of work site sponsors, you are helping our grads! (please note we can only accept companies that are Worksafe registered).

WORK EXPERIENCE 12:

- All students working a part-time job can get 4 credits for Work Experience 12. Details in the Career Centre.

EMPLOYMENT AND RESUME WRITING:

- Looking for a Job? Need help with your resume and cover letters? Stop by the Career Centre.

POST SECONDARY:

- With registration dates fast approaching, due dates for post secondary applications are posted regularly in the daily Newsbreaker. Students can also stop by Career Center for help and support with post-secondary information.

Please also check our school Facebook Page frequently. We post a large amount of Post-Secondary information there.

[Connecting Students with Opportunities - Post-Secondary BC
\(postsecondarybc.ca\)](http://postsecondarybc.ca)

Frances Kelsey Clubs Schedule (note the new Writer's Guild)!

FKSS Clubs 2022/2023				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Drop-in Chess</u> Sponsor: Mr. Grbavec Room 122 at Lunch	<u>Drop-in Chess</u> Sponsor: Mr. Grbavec Room 122 at Lunch	<u>Drop-in Chess</u> Sponsor: Mr. Grbavec Room 122 at Lunch	<u>Drop-in Chess</u> Sponsor: Mr. Grbavec Room 122 at Lunch	<u>Drop-in Chess</u> Sponsor: Mr. Grbavec Room 122 at Lunch
<u>Open Door Workout</u> Sponsor: Mr. Groicher Mezzanine at Lunch	<u>Grad Council</u> Sponsor: Ms. Boucher Library at Lunch	<u>Open Door Workout</u> Sponsor: Mr. Groicher Mezzanine at Lunch	<u>Cooking Club</u> Sponsor: Ms. Melnyk 8 – 8:45 AM in the Cafeteria	<u>Open Door Workout</u> Sponsor: Mr. Groicher Mezzanine at Lunch
<u>Drop-in Volleyball</u> Sponsor: Mr. Owens 3:15 – 5:00 PM in the small gym	<u>Dungeons and Dragons</u> Sponsors: Mr. Owens, Mr. Edey, Mr. Livingstone Portable 2 at Lunch	<u>G.S.A.: Gender and Sexuality Alliance</u> Sponsors: Brooke Chapman, Ms. Marshall, Ms. Nussbaum Room 148 at Lunch	<u>Compassion Club</u> Sponsor: Ms. Lawrence Boardroom at Lunch	<u>Photography Club</u> Sponsor: Ms. Pryor Room 223 at Lunch
		<u>Student Parliament</u> Sponsors: Mr. Hart, Ms. Baker Library at Lunch	<u>Dance Club</u> Sponsor: Ms. Scott Room 145 Thursday at Lunch	<u>The Dead Musician's Society</u> Sponsor: Mr. Ludwig Studio at Lunch
		<u>Tech/Robotics Club</u> Sponsor: Mr. Page Room 138 at Lunch	<u>Interact Club</u> Sponsor: Ms. Rocheleau Room 214 at Lunch	<u>Badminton Club</u> Sponsor: Mr. Edey Gym at Lunch
		<u>The Hangout Club</u> Sponsor: Ms. Wright Room 166 at Lunch		<u>Homework Help Club</u> Sponsor: Ms. Shave, Ms. Grymaloski Room 166 at Lunch
		<u>Students Supporting Students</u> Sponsor: Ms. Lawrence Boardroom at Lunch		<u>Frances Kelsey Writers Guild</u> Sponsor: Ms. Nussbaum Room 213 at Lunch
		<u>Badminton Club</u> Sponsor: Mr. Hogeweide Gym at Lunch		
		<u>Ski Club</u> Sponsors: Mr. Niessen and Ms. Roach Room 133 at Lunch		

Have a GREAT Weekend

On behalf of the entire staff, we wish all of our students and their families a great long 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.



These photos are of our
luncheon badminton club
and luncheon weight
training club 😊