



Frances Kelsey Whale's Tale – January 6, 2023

A Message from the Admin Team

Dear parents / guardians,

Happy New Year to our entire FKSS community!

We have enjoyed a great first week back with our wonderful learners. As we are weeks away from the end of Semester 1 and our mid-point in the year, we are encouraging students to focus and continue to work hard.

Over and above their classes, students continue to engage in clubs, sports, and the arts, with lots going on every day.

We are looking forward to an awesome 2023!



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:

- **Tuesday, January 17** - PAC meeting at 6:30 PM in the FKSS Library
- **Jan 23 - 25** - Literacy and Numeracy Graduation Assessments.
- **Wednesday, January 25** – 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday, January 25** - Last regular day of Semester 1 classes (Grades 8 through 12)
- **Thursday, January 26** - Learning Review Day
- **Friday, January 27** - Turn Around Day. NO CLASSES
- **Friday, January 27** – Band and Dance variety show at 6:30 PM
- **Monday, Jan 30** - 1st day of Semester 2 classes (grades 9-12)
- **Feb 2-3** – Grad portrait retake days



Semester End Details

- **Wednesday, January 25** - Last regular day of Semester 1 classes (Grades 8 through 12). Wed, Jan 25 is also an Early Dismissal Day (1:15 PM). This day is also a 2-Hour early dismissal
- **Thursday, January 26** - Learning Review Day (formerly known as "I" Day). This is a day where all teachers are available to all students, but only those students who need to complete work in order to be successful need to attend. This includes all grades (8-12). There will be no regular classes on this day.

Semester End Details – Con't

- **Friday, January 27** - Turn Around Day. This is a day where teachers are preparing for Semester 2 courses. There are NO SCHEDULED CLASSES on the 27th, and all students will remain at home.
- **Monday, Jan 30** - 1st day of Semester 2 classes (grades 9-12) and regular classes for Grade 8.

Report Cards will be posted to the Parent Portal the week of Feb 6th





Winter Activity Day

February 23, 2023



Your child will have an opportunity to participate in one of the following activities on Winter Activity Day. There is no required curriculum content or assessment attached to these field trips. Permission slips and further details will be given out at meetings for each activity. Please note that an activity may be cancelled due to lack of interest. This is a regular school day. Those students not participating in a field trip will be able to work under teacher supervision. School bus service will be at normal times.

Permissions Forms will be provided during long advisor on January 20, 2023.

This activity is considered an extra-curricular activity and is optional. It is not evaluated or part of curriculum requirements. If you wish your child to participate and the cost is a concern, please contact N. Boucher (Principal), H. Roach/B. Niessen (coordinators).

SKIING (Mt. Washington – Grades 8-12)

Leave Kelsey at 6:00 a.m. using Wilson Chartered buses. Arrive at Mt. Washington just after 8:00 a.m. Ski until 3:00 p.m. Leave Mt. Washington by 3:30 p.m. and arrive at Kelsey between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. Cost will range from \$80 (own equipment and lift ticket) to \$145. **Helmets are mandatory and are included in the cost.**

Winter Activity Day – Con't

SNOWBOARDING (Mt. Washington – Grades 8-12)

Leave Kelsey at 6:00 a.m. using Wilson Chartered. Arrive at Mt. Washington just after 8:00 a.m. Snowboard until 3:00 p.m. Leave Mt. Washington by 3:30 p.m. and arrive at Kelsey between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. Cost will be range from \$80 (own equipment and lift ticket) to \$145. **Helmets and wrist guards are mandatory and are included in the cost.**

SNOWSHOEING/TUBING (Mt. Washington – Grades 8-12)

Leave Kelsey at 6:00 a.m. using Wilson Chartered buses. Arrive at Mt. Washington just after 8:00 a.m. Snowshoe for two hours. Tube for one hour after lunch. Leave Mt. Washington by 3:30 p.m. and arrive at Kelsey between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. The estimated cost is \$118.00.



Winter Activity Day – Con't

BOWLING, SWIMMING, MOVIE (Duncan – Grades 8-9)

Students will be travelling by school bus (9:10 a.m.) to Duncan where they will participate in each of the activities listed above. Return to school for a movie. Cost is approximately \$20.

Vancouver SCIENCE WORLD (Grades 8-9)

Leave Kelsey by 6:40 a.m. to catch the 8:25 a.m. sailing at Nanaimo. Travel by charter bus to Science World. Opportunity to view exhibits for about 2 hours. Leave by 1:45 p.m. to catch the 3:45 p.m. sailing back. Arrive back at Kelsey between 6:15 and 6:30p.m. The cost will be approximately \$67.



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



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

FIND YOUR FIT TOUR



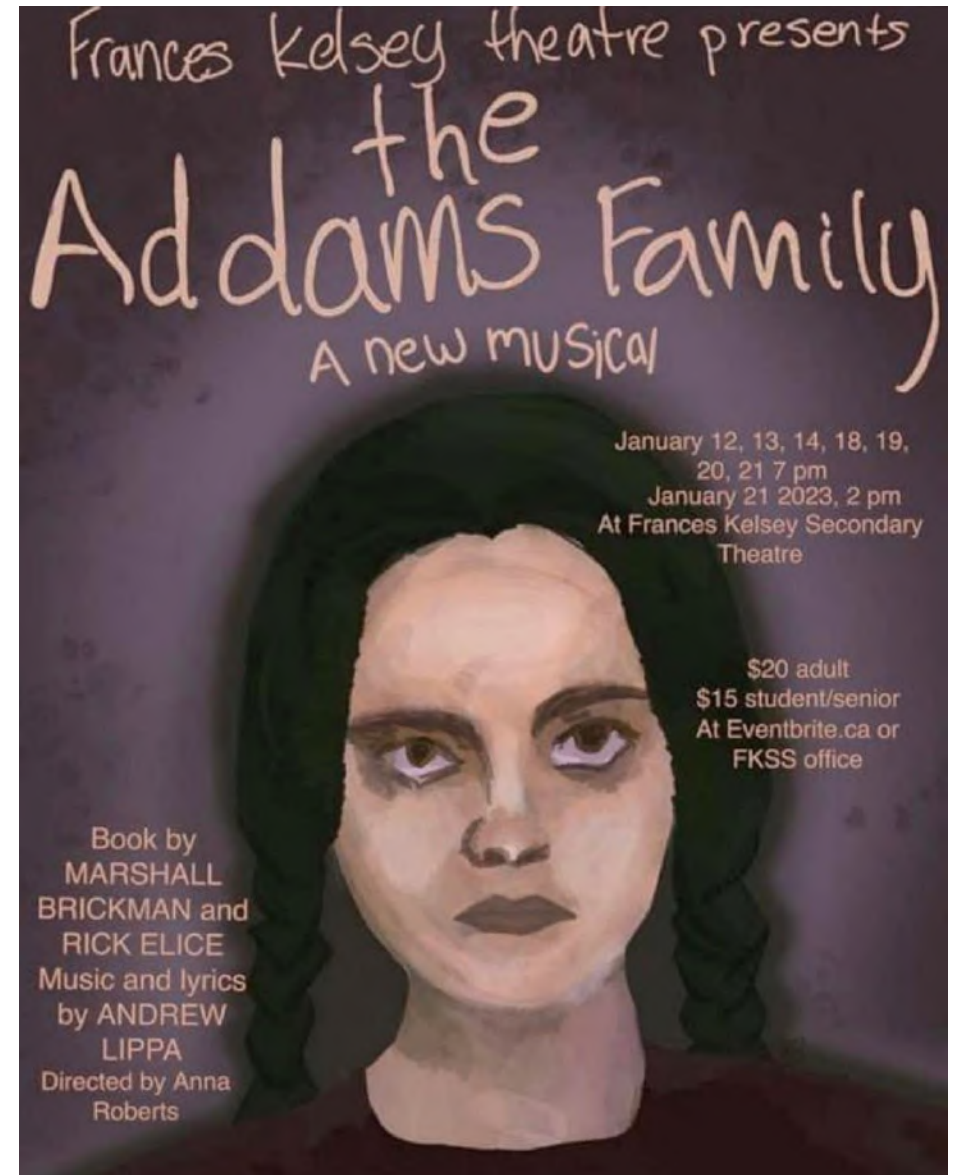
Find Your Fit BC is coming to FKSS

Work BC's 'Find Your Fit' program is coming to FKSS Feb 3rd. Find Your Fit is designed to be a fun, interactive event that helps students discover and explore careers—from a nurse to a technologist to a carpenter and everything in between —getting hands-on experience at up to 16 different stations. Sign up and have the tour visit your community today

Musical Theatre Performance

The Addams Family: Our Musical Theatre Academy has been working hard on their presentation of the Addams Family (a musical). Shows are happening Jan 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20 and 21st. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite. Come and support these hard working and talented students, see them shine, and take in a great show!

- <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/fkss-presents-the-addams-family-a-musical-tickets-482758873787>



Band and Dance Variety Show

Ms. Barker's band class and Ms. Scott's dance classes are putting on a variety show at the school at 6:30 PM, Friday, January 27th. Come and support our amazing performers. Tickets will be \$10.00. More info coming soon!



Administrative Change

Ms. Madelin Rocheleau was here as Acting Vice-Principal from late August until Christmas Break. She has now moved on from FKSS to be the Vice-Principal at Khowhemun Elementary. Ms. Rocheleau did excellent work during her time here and made many great connections with students. We all really appreciated her enthusiasm, thoroughness, professionalism and positivity.

Ms. Venessa MacDowell, who holds a VP position at FKSS, is returning from an acting Principalship at Maple Bay Elementary. She is expected to return in the coming weeks. Until she returns, we are very happy to announce that Penny Butler, who is a teacher and department head at FKSS, will be filling in as Acting Vice-Principal. She will be assuming Ms. Rocheleau's duties, including the Interact Club.

Our current team, pictured left to right: Mr. Hart, Ms. Boucher, and Mrs. Butler.





Dry Grad Committee Dates

- **Tuesday, January 10** – Dry Grad meeting at 6:30 PM in the FKSS Library
- **Saturday, January 14** – Dry Grad Bottle Drive at Evergreen School from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
- **Sunday, January 29** – Dry Grad Fundraising Event Night (see email that was sent to grad parents)
- **Tuesday, February 7** - Dry Grad meeting at 6:30 PM in the FKSS Library

A Message From the Careers Centre

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. Students interested in Dual Credit can visit the Career Centre.

WORK EXPERIENCE (WEX):

- Work Experience students are reminded to complete their Unit 3 paperwork and have their employers sign off on their hours. Once they have returned their log sheet to the Career Centre, they can pick up their final unit. Ms. Brinkman and Mrs. Pimenta are available to support!






Photo Gallery



Dance



Everyone had such a great time at our December dance. Students were awesome, and even the supervisors had fun!

Student Parliament is already planning another dance in the Spring.

Grad Skate and Pancake Breakfast

Our Grads had a very nice pancake breakfast, thanks to the hard work of some grad volunteers. They also participated in a Grad skate on the last day of school before the break!





Dance Class Performances

Ms. Scott's dance classes put on an awesome performance for their peers before the break. Well done, talented dancers!



Foods Class

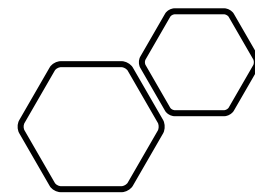
- Ms. Kaye's Foods Class made home made perogies this week, and gave them an enthusiastic thumbs up!





Flash Mob

The Addams Family cast surprised our school yesterday with an energizing flash mob at the beginning of lunch!





Science 8

Ms Mayner's Grade 8 students have been learning about the Scientific Method and forming questions, performing experiments and communicating findings. This week they will be sharing results of their Scientific Inquiries that took place before the break.



Sports



Basketball season is in full swing! We have teams at all grade levels, and athletes are doing a fabulous job representing our school. We wish all of our teams the best of luck as the season progresses. Pictured here is our Senior Girls Basketball team.

Whalers Hockey is also still going strong!



School BBQ

Once again, Mr. Pimenta led the charge and organized hot dogs and hamburgers for the entire school on the last day before the break. It was a great time for staff and students to come together. Thanks Mr. Pimenta!

Frances Kelsey Clubs Schedule

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		

These photos are of Sr boys
Basketball team and our Grad
Pancake breakfast 😊



On behalf of the entire staff, we wish all of our students and their families all the best as we begin 2023. 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.