

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

*Welcome to John Morris's
Biography. Next issue
will feature Andrea Kelly*

John Morris

Foothills Academy 1979 - 1986



I look back on my days at Foothills Academy with great fondness. In fact, I think about those days quite frequently. I believe very strongly that my experience at Foothills played a significant role in helping create the life I live today. Without the dedication, effort and caring of the teachers, staff and volunteers I would not have the life skills and education that has so significantly aided my life. I owe a great debt to all those who had a hand in my time at Foothills.



Bobbi, Kayleigh & Charlie Morris

Another legacy that the Foothills experience has left me is a great sense of hope. When my life stalls or some challenge comes my way I know I will be able to deal with it. I believe that this sense of hope was gained by the culture of Foothills Academy. It gives me a comfort to know that Foothills was started from nothing more than a vision, from a group of people with an overwhelming motivation to do something to help others. By the way of enormous effort and tireless dedication they turned their vision into an amazing reality. From this example, I have learned that where there is hope, there is a way. I would like to thank Gordon and Tom for their part in teaching me this most valuable lesson. You both are my personal heroes, thank you.



My life today is great. I have two wonderful children. A daughter, Kayleigh, is going into Kindergarten this September and an 8-month-old son, Charlie, who is getting into anything that is not either locked up or tied down. I am also very lucky to be married to a wonderful woman. Bobbi, my wife, is an elementary school teacher who is staying home to raise our family. We live on Vancouver Island and enjoy all that it has to offer a young family.



John Morris

Professionally, I have had several positions within the Financial Industry. I have worked as an Investment Advisor with Nesbitt Burns and RBC Dominion Securities. In addition, I have acted as an Associate Regional Director with Investors Group and am presently a Sales Manager with Clarica/Sun Life Canada. I am as well involved with several local charities and in the process of writing a book on sales and marketing strategies for people entering the Financial Planning Industry.

I hope some day in the future to change the course of my career and work closer with the community. I feel a strong desire to help others improve their lives and their opportunities for success. This is, in a great way, mentality instilled within me from my days at Foothills Academy.

I wish you all the best and great hope for the future.

John Morris
(John Theodore Van Goor)

*Foothills Academy wishes
you and your family the
best of the holiday season
and a prosperous 2005*

Congratulations to Michael Lyons (attended Foothills from 1989 to 1994) who recently became the proud father of his second child. Michael lives in Winnipeg, and works in Information Technologies at The Canadian Mint. We wish him and his family the very best.

