

Southridge Wednesday

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Head of School

Southridge Reach

In last week's *Southridge Wednesday*, Mr. Kurylyk, one of our Senior School social studies teachers, wrote an article about the Battlefields Trip that took place over the summer. I hope you have taken a few minutes to visit the Battlefields Tour [blog posts](#). In his article, Mr. Kurylyk also made reference to acknowledgements he received from people who had visited some of the same battlefield sites as Southridge.

As part of our school's effort to remember and give thanks to those Canadian men and women who sacrificed so much for our freedoms and liberties, our Junior School students prepared special messages of thanks, which our Senior School students took with them to Europe. When at memorials and graveyards during the trip, our travelers placed our Junior School messages by Canadian graves. The messages were written on the back of small Canadian flags that our students coloured themselves. The small flags were each affixed to a small stick that could easily be pushed into the soft ground.

Later in the summer, I received a letter from the principal of St. Francis High School in Calgary. He wrote, "On July 4th of this year, a group of 24 teachers from across Canada had the opportunity to visit Canadian War Cemeteries in Normandy, France. I was part of this group and, at the Beny-Sur-Mer Cemetery, I noticed a number of small Canadian flags at numerous gravestones. Upon closer inspection, I was surprised to see that a message was written on each of the small flags by students in your school. It was quite touching to read these messages written by students in Grade 2. On this dreary, cool day in France, it was heartwarming to see that many Canadian children appreciate the sacrifices that the soldiers made in 1944."

The actions our school takes to make a difference in the world are often made in these kinds of personal whispers that demonstrate the spirit of Southridge and the reach of our influence beyond the walls of our school. It is precisely these kinds of contributions that make Southridge such a very special place.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Sr School Mini School Night	Wednesday, Sept 25	6:30 – 9:00 PM	Alan Brown Great Hall
Casual Day	Friday, Sept 27	All Day	Both Schools
Grade 6 Immunizations	Monday, Sept 30	8:30 – 10:00 AM	Jr School Great Hall
Sr School Leadership Experience Week	Monday, Sept 30 – Friday, Oct 4		Sr School
Winter Uniform	Tuesday, Oct 1		Both Schools
Kindergarten Begins Full Days	Tuesday, Oct 1	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Jr School

Human Resources Updates

In September 2012 we hired Agnes Jamont on a one year contract to provide support and assistance to the Advancement department. It's hard to believe but the one year contract is coming to a close and Agnes will be leaving Southridge on Thursday, September 27th. During her time with us, Agnes has shared her expertise in the field of Advancement and was instrumental in the role out of various projects including the alumni art project, stewardship and recognition. Agnes enjoyed working closely with our volunteer committee and donors as well as the faculty and staff. We wish Agnes all the best with her future endeavors.

We are pleased to share with you that Victor Raghwan will be joining Southridge on October 1, 2013 as a Facilities Assistant. While A S Building Maintenance Ltd will be leaving Southridge at the end of September, we are fortunate to have Victor remain part of the Southridge community. Victor has spent the past five years working with A S Building Maintenance LTD providing cleaning and janitorial services to Southridge School. Victor brings to this position previous work experience as a Facilities Assistant with Southridge as he recently had the opportunity to fill the role for on a temporary basis for eight months. Victor's customer service skills coupled with his strong work ethic and attention to detail are a perfect fit and he is delighted to be able to continue to support the Southridge faculty, staff and the community as a whole.

Ms. Darcie Sagert
Manager, HR Services

Junior School News

Much to be gained from Outdoor Education

At Southridge, we strongly endorse Outdoor Education, as this experience allows a student to grow in many areas in an alternate setting. Growth in character development, personal and practical skills, as well as relationships are a wonderful by-product of an outdoor education experience. Outdoor Education is a natural way to develop and demonstrate character. In challenging themselves, finding ways to overcome obstacles and supporting their peers, students learn that character is about how you deal with difficult situations and interact with others. Some of the practical and personal skills that students learn involves the ability to communicate with members of a team to accomplish tasks. One of the most memorable and meaningful parts of Outdoor Education is the relationships built on trust, and support. When we remove the classroom setting, the teachers and students get to know each other in a new environment which sheds a fresh light and understanding on an individual. Strong relationships make our school that much stronger. For these reasons, we are proud to have our grade six and seven students away at two different camps this week, knowing that they will come back with renewed skills, a chance to build character, and a refreshed lens on their relationships. Indeed, much to be gained from Outdoor Education.

Have a great week,

Mrs. Middelaer
Head of Junior School

Winter Uniform

Students have a few more days to enjoy their summer uniforms because on Tuesday, October 1 the wearing of the winter uniform becomes mandatory. Just to remind students that the winter uniform includes the green school sweater, white dress shirt, school tie, black shoes, grey flannel pants for boys, tartan kilt for girls (hemmed no higher than 3 inches above the knee), dark grey socks for boys and black knee socks or tights for girls. Thank you for making sure the uniform is clean, pressed and worn in a smart manner. We are representing our school in our actions and deeds, but also attire. Let us represent the school well.

Thank You for a Great Terry Fox Run!

This past Friday was our Junior School Terry Fox Run. It was a great day for the run and we ended the fun with oranges and freezies. We would like to thank all the children and families for their awesome participation, and congratulations to the grade seven leaders for their encouragement and support for the younger kids. Through the student donations, we raised over \$1500.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation and cancer research. Big thanks also goes to the teachers who helped with preparing and making sure the run was as fun as it was. We would also like to thank the many parent volunteers for all the

help they provided us with before, during, and after the run. Thank you, parents, for all that you do to make this school a better place! Overall, the Terry Fox Run was a blast! Thank you to everyone who participated.

Asha Sandhu, 7SM

Students and Volunteers Showed Great Spirit for our Terry Fox Run!

It is always such a pleasure to work with my students, my colleagues, and our Junior School families to host and participate in the annual Terry Fox Run, and this year was no exception. It's a wonderful way to kick off the year, connecting as a community and making a positive difference in the world, and we always have so much fun, too! I want to thank all the Junior School teachers and staff for their support; everyone has a part to play to make a special day run smoothly. I would also like to thank all our parent volunteers, especially the many folks who pitched in to help with safety on our "new" route. In particular, I am very grateful to Chantal Goodmanson and Stephanie Schmidt who very capably led our parent volunteers and provided the freezies and water coolers. Last, but not least, I want to congratulate the Grade 7 students on a job well done; you demonstrated teamwork and leadership from start to finish, and I am so proud of all of you! Thank you, everyone!

Ms. Jackie Janzen

Cops for Cancer

This Friday, September 27, from 10:45 - 11:15 AM. Southridge School will be honoured to be a stop on the last leg of the 'Cops for Cancer' Tour de Valley. A team of over 20 emergency response workers who has already been cycling for many days will make a stop at our Junior School before proceeding on to other destinations. The purpose of this cycling trek is to raise awareness and funds for children's cancer research. The team will speak at our assembly that morning, and cycle through our great hall before resuming its journey. As it is a casual day on Friday let's welcome them in a sea of *blue and yellow* which are the theme colours of the 'Cops for Cancer' ride. Students are encouraged to wear as much blue and yellow as possible; they may also wear temporary hair dye and our school will provide temporary tattoos for the cause. Parents are welcome to come and cheer on this team and support the members' efforts to raise funds for cancer research. We ask that each child contributes a minimum of \$2.00 via the homeroom teachers to support this incredible effort. Thank you very much for your embracing the spirit of this event and donating to such an important cause.

Mrs. Jo-Ann Murchie
Junior School Service Coordinator

Playground Supervisors Still Needed!

We are still in need of your help! As of today, we have only 70% of the number of parent volunteers needed to ensure the safety of our children on the playground. We need 4 parent volunteers each day from 12:20 -1:20 PM. The scheduling is flexible, you can commit to one shift per month or twice a week. We are happy to accommodate your busy schedule. Please visit the Volunteer Corner on the website for more details.

AR information sessions

We are holding two information sessions for parents who are new or unfamiliar with the AR program or if you would just like a refresher on ZPD's, BL's and points goals. Please join us on Wednesday, October 2nd at 8:30-9:20 AM with Mrs. Raber and Ms. Chong

OR

Thursday, October 3rd from 6:00-7:00 PM with Mrs. Khangura, Mrs. Raber, Ms. McNeil and Ms. Chong (This session will answer questions for those in MYP as well as Grade 3 and 4 questions).

Junior School Lost and Found ALERT!

There are many sweaters, cardigans and vests that are all Unlabelled ! We cannot hand them back to owners without a name. Please label your child's new and old uniform pieces. Unlabelled uniform items will be sent to the grad committee that sells used uniforms.

Some of these pieces are brand new!!! However old uniforms often have washed out or blurred names. If we can't read it, we can't return it. We have some wonderful parents who organize and clear out the lost and found each week but we can't

help your child find their items if you don't help us by labelling. Thanks for checking the labels each time you fold the laundry.

Mrs. Raber

Senior School News

Senior School Leadership Experience Week (LEW)

At Assembly on Monday, we introduced the students to this year's Leadership Experience Week that will take place from Monday, September 30th through to Friday, October 4th. For this entire week, we will be offering an alternative program from regular classes for all grades in Senior School. We are very excited to be able to continue to give students this opportunity to further learn about themselves in a wonderful array of activities.

As a reminder from our launch last year, I wanted to focus on the themes that this leadership will take in each grade level. Grade 8 begins with the theme of "Identity" with their trip to Strathcona Park Lodge. While there and through a number of activities, students will explore personal character through challenging themselves in order to start developing leadership and their grade identity. It also allows an important shared experience that our many new students can share with our veteran Southridge students that have come from the Junior School.

In Grade 9 students return to Strathcona Park Lodge within the theme of "Cooperation". However, the program is more challenging as they focus on specific small group outings that they are able to choose. This continues to build leadership and teamwork in our students and increases the grade cohesion.

This will be the fourth year running that the Grade 10's have a focus on "Service". Through the wonderful facilitation of the Me to We organization that bookends the week of local service opportunities for the students to experience, they learn the leadership skills to move beyond themselves to helping others. For this particular grade level's experience, the feedback from the students has been tremendous and, in many cases, incredibly empowering for them to become more service oriented individuals.

Our Grade 11's will focus on a theme of leadership through "Exploration". This theme allows students to explore future options and develop valuable skills in order to make a contribution. The Monday of their week will have them participate with the Grade 12's in a Careers Day on campus. We will have a keynote speaker, and smaller groupings to allow students to choose specific individuals to listen to, and ask question of as they learn about this career. Finally, we will host the CUE Fair in the afternoon where students can connect with most Canadian Universities' representatives right in our own gym. Tuesday will have them all receive First Aid training as a valuable life skill. Finally, they will enjoy a three-day workshop on Restorative Justice; the first two days at Alexandra House in Crescent Beach and Friday at Southridge. Learning to facilitate conflict resolution will not only allow our senior students to assist their younger peers in working through issues in our community, but it will be a valuable life skill regardless of the career path they choose to pursue.

Our Grade 12's will also explore leadership through the theme of "Legacy". Throughout the week our Grad Class will look back at contributions made, look forward to university life and, as a class, formulate how they can assume leadership of the Senior School as the senior grade. Along with the Career Day and CUE Fair on Monday, the Grade 12's will leave late afternoon where they will be traveling to Princeton, BC for a two and a half day Grad Retreat. This affords the opportunity to connect as a class and reflect and decide on the legacy they wish to leave as Grad 2014. For the final two days of the week, the Grade 12's will have the opportunity to visit Simon Fraser University on Thursday and UBC on Friday.

As Harris Wong and Serena Bonneville, our Head Boy and Girl stated at Monday's assembly, there are three key types of leadership that this week can help foster. The first is leadership that can be attained through a title or a position. Second, peer leadership where students can help each other to become leaders as well as leading through the example they set. Finally, they explained the last type of leadership as silent leadership. In explaining this, they asked their fellow peers how one would act as a leader when no one else was watching!

We are excited for the opportunities the students will enjoy during this week. Each year as they develop through the Senior School we can support their growth as leaders within our community and beyond, both for the present but equally important, for the future.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Daryl Weaver, Director of Experiential Education.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Mini School Night!

Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

Leadership Experience Week 2013

We are excited for our second annual Leadership Experience Week in the Senior School, which will take place from September 30th - October 4th, 2013. This is an opportunity for all of our senior school students to learn outside of the classroom, building practical and leadership skills in real-world situations. Instead of the regular class schedule, each grade will be involved in a specialized program:

Grade 8

Theme: Identity: exploring personal character through challenging themselves in order to start developing leadership and their grade identity

Location: Strathcona Park Lodge

Timing: Sunday, September 29 – Friday, October 4

Cost: Approx. \$540.00

Attire: Appropriate outdoor wear as per packing list

Grade 9

Theme: Cooperation: focusing on specific small group challenges and building leadership and teamwork to further develop grade cohesion

Location: Strathcona Park Lodge

Timing: Sunday, September 29 – Friday, October 5

Cost: Approx. \$540.00

Attire: Appropriate outdoor wear as per packing list

Grade 10

Theme: Service: learning the leadership skills to allow students to move beyond themselves to helping others in their local community

Location: Southridge School (Monday and Friday); 10 Non-Profit Organizations in the local community (Tuesday - Thursday)

Timing: Monday, September 30 – Friday, October 4, regular school hours

Cost: \$250.00 (to cover transport & professional Me to We facilitators)

Clothing: Casual but appropriate to be active at school and specific to the volunteer work being done.

Grade 11

Theme: Leadership I: Exploration: exploring future options and developing valuable skills, notably those of restorative justice, to prepare students for making a contribution

Components: Career Day, Monday; First Aid Training, Tuesday; Restorative Justice Training, Wednesday - Friday

Location: Southridge (Monday - Tuesday), Alexandra House (2916 McBride Ave, Crescent Beach) – students will be bussed together to and from Southridge

Timing: Monday, September 30 – Friday, October 4, regular school hours

Clothing: Professional attire (as for a job interview) Monday; Active athletic wear Tuesday; Comfortable but appropriate casual wear Wednesday - Friday

Cost: Approx. \$250.00 (for Justice Institute mediation professionals & St John's Ambulance)

Grade 12

Theme: Leadership II: Legacy - looking back at contributions made, looking forward to university life, and assuming leadership in our school community in the present

Components: Career Day, Monday; Grad Retreat, Monday - Wednesday, SFU Visit, Thursday; UBC Visit, Friday

*Grade 12 University Parent Evening Monday, September 30th at 7:00 PM

**Students wishing to use Thursday – Friday to tour other universities need to have their parents contact Mr. Weaver or Ms. Livingston

Location: Southridge (Monday); Rockridge Resort, Princeton, (leave Monday at 3:00 PM, return Wednesday at 7:00 PM by bus from Southridge) SFU & UBC (Thursday, Friday, by bus from Southridge)

Timing: Monday, September 30, regular school hours; Monday, 3:00 PM depart – Wednesday, 7:00 PM return, Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Friday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Clothing: Professional attire (as for a job interview) Monday; Comfortable but appropriate casual wear Tuesday -Friday

Cost: Approx. \$300.00 (for Grad Retreat)

This will definitely be a highlight of the school year for all of our students. We appreciate your support and encourage any input, assistance or queries. Please contact Daryl Weaver at dweaver@southridge.bc.ca or 604-542-1796 for more information.

News for Both Schools

Volunteers for Baking Committee Needed

Many parents are surprised to find out there is a Baking Committee at Southridge School. This is an opportunity to nurture the educators that nurture our kids! Every Friday, home-baked goodies are delivered to our Junior and Senior School staff rooms by parents for faculty to enjoy as they attend faculty meetings. We are especially short on **Senior School volunteers**, but would be pleased to have more Junior School volunteers as well.

Participation involves preparing 2 dozen baked goods a couple of times a term. For more information contact Vanessa Reinheimer at Vanessa.Lapointe@shaw.ca. Happy Baking!

Ms. Vanessa Reinheimer

Criminal Record Check

In order to stream line the process for you, we have included all of the necessary documents in one link! Please print out all of the forms and take them to the Surrey detachment, with 2 pieces of ID. It is important to note that a family member CANNOT submit the forms on your behalf you will need to be there, in person, to submit the forms. To make it even more convenient, the detachment is open on weekends! Thank you for your cooperation!

http://www.southridge.bc.ca/data/files/gallery/ContentGallery/Criminal_Record_Check_Forms_Consolidated.pdf

Thank you!

Kim Bay (on behalf of the Volunteer Committee)

The ONE Gala 2013 – Saturday, November 16th, 2013

Join us for The ONE Gala where we will celebrate our true spirit of contribution and service at Southridge School. The ONE Gala will be a formal, black & white theme (optional) and we have many exciting new surprises up our sleeves for you again this year!

Tickets: Tickets will go on sale next week! Stay tuned for more information!

Bring someone new: Each year guests are amazed at how the senior school gym is transformed into a spectacular venue and this year will be no different. Feel free to bring out your friends and family, or even those who are new to the Southridge School community. It's a great way to connect and meet others in a lively and fun atmosphere.

We need your help: We are looking to our parent community for donation items for our live and silent auctions. If you have a business, connections to a business, a vacation property, or access to any other item you think would make a great auction prize, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Lisa Boudot at lboudot@southridge.bc.ca or by phone at 604-542-2303 for more information or to make a donation today.

Your donations for our live and silent auction greatly contribute to the success of our gala fundraiser!
Watch for more information about this incredible event for our school community.

The Advancement Team and
The ONE Gala, Co-chairs Karen Dosanjh & Krinder Rai

Storage Needed

Do you have access to a warehouse or shop with a lot of extra space? The School currently has 12 pallets of Country Fair ‘stuff’ in storage at a family’s warehouse that needs to find a new home as soon as possible. The stuff isn’t extremely valuable, but it is very important and needed for the Country Fair every year. The alternative is paying for storage (which we really do not want to do). So, if you have access to such a facility AND you can load/unload the pallets and get them to the school for a week in May, we want to hear from you! Contact Jim McGarry, Facilities Manager, at 604-542-2332 or via email a jmcgarry@southridge.bc.ca or Christiane Hodson, Director of Advancement at chodson@southridge.bc.ca.

Uniform Shop Hours

Open Monday through to Thursday 7:45 - 9:00 and 2:00 – 4:00

Return Policy :

All merchandise purchased in the uniform shop must be returned for refund no later than two weeks after purchase and include all packaging and tags on goods. Manufacturers defective merchandise can be returned within a reasonable time of purchase.

Thank you
The Uniform Shop

Southridge Café Menu for the Week of September 30th – October 4th

Tantalize your taste buds, Autumn is here.
Come enjoy all our fall flavors in the Cafeteria.

Pasta and variety of hot soups will soon be a standard as well as stews and of course turkey will be a feature quite soon.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Café

Marat Dreyshner
Chef/Unit Manager

Celebrate Autumn

WEEKLY MENU

September 30TH – November 4TH

MONDAY

Grilled Ham & Cheese

TUESDAY

Oriental Chicken Stir-Fry
Served over rice

WEDNESDAY

BYOB

Build your own burger
4oz patty with, mushrooms, cheese, lettuce,
tomatoes and caramelized onions

THURSDAY

Buffalo Chicken Quesadilla

FRIDAY

Spaghetti and Meatballs
In a Tomato Sauce