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Head of School

Stewardship and a Connected Community

As our guiding principles help to remind us, we all play a stewardship role at Southridge. “Contribution is at the heart of what we inherit and pass on” is an excellent reminder that we all have the responsibility to leave Southridge a better place for having been a member of our community. Certainly, the perspective we are called to take is one of a contributor and not a consumer. Consumers take with a narrow perspective and an orientation directed towards themselves; whereas contributors understand that life is not for one self alone (derived from the Latin, *non sibi*). This disposition toward *non sibi* is one that is clearly reflected in the fourth priority of our strategic plan.

The Board of Governors set the tone and took a leadership role in our fourth strategic priority, devoting an entire meeting to revising their collaborative, decision-making process. As part of the decision-making process, ideas brought forward are given close consideration by the entire Board before making a determination about next steps. If the idea stimulates further interest, an additional investigation is undertaken to scope out a multitude of implications and resource requirements that would be needed to enact and follow-through on the idea. Once sufficient research has taken place and the Board is satisfied with the comprehensiveness of the scoping process, it makes a decision about the idea’s fate - implemented, shelved for consideration at a later date or dropped entirely. Using this research-based, data-driven, collaborative decision making process, the Board positions itself to be effective stewards for the school community; its decisions are very well informed and they take into consideration multiple points of view while keeping a watchful eye on what is in the long term best interest of the school community. By projecting forward into the future and thinking about what the school will look like for their children’s grandchildren, the Board commits itself to *non sibi* leadership practices and the stewardship of the school for future generations to come.

One of the strong elements of Southridge that sets it apart from other independent schools is its focus on community. Connecting our community has always been important for our school and it continues to be a focus for our strategic plan. Our fifth priority is a connected community. In this regard, it is important that we do our best to ensure that “who we are” is clearly communicated to our internal and external audiences. As such, Debbie MacDougall, our Director of Community Relations, has been working closely with Alan McInnes, our Web and Audio Visual Services Manager, to capture the essence of who we are through interviews and stories told by members of our community – teachers, students, alumni and parents. We are excited that these stories will form the backbone of how we communicate our message as we redevelop our website and make it more accessible from a variety of user media interfaces. In the near future, our website will be even more responsive than it has been in the past, and it will have the ability to change its orientation and layout depending on what kind of device is being used to access it.

Looking to the future of Southridge and recognizing that we continue to shape our history as we work with our students on a daily basis, our archives and alumni relations have continued to receive our consideration and energy. In our archives, we have devoted much time and attention to properly cataloguing and managing our records. Statutory regulations are important drivers in establishing archiving policies and procedures, but so too is the desire to ensure that the story of our school is preserved for generations to come; and as generations invest their time and energy in our school community, our alumni will remain central in our efforts to connect the present with the stories of our past. Under the direction of Christiane Hodson, our Director of Advancement, and Mr. Porpaczky, our Alumni Association has moved from a fledgling beginning to a more solid entity.

Stewardship and community are closely aligned and when a community has an orientation toward *non sibi*, its ability to truly make a difference comes to light very quickly indeed. The power of our community resides in our common values and

our orientation to responsibly make a difference on a daily basis. I am proud to be a member of our Southridge community most notably because it recognizes the importance of stewardship and acting beyond self-interest.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Junior School Grade 4 Exhibition Presentations	Wednesday, May 14 th	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Junior Great Hall
Senior School TREK	Friday, May 16 th	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Senior School Field
Victoria Day - No School	Monday, May 19 th	All Day	Both Schools
Late Start	Tuesday, May 20 th	10:25 a.m.	Both Schools
Junior School Volunteer Spring Tea	Thursday, May 22 nd	8:10 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Junior Great Hall
World Partnership Walk	Friday, May 23 rd	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Southridge Grounds

Human Resources Update

Ms. Heather Nolan-Wood is the successful candidate for the Upper Division Coordinator position in the Senior School and will be starting in her new role September 1st, 2014. She brings to this position nine years of teaching experience and has a long-standing interest in advisory programming, which includes previous leadership roles as an Advisory Programme Coordinator, Learning Coordinator and International Baccalaureate Programme Coordinator. Ms. Nolan-Wood is currently a member of the Senior School Advisory Committee and a member of the Restorative Action Committee. Ms. Nolan-Wood prides herself on being able to establish strong, positive relationships with students and is looking forward to the opportunity to support the senior school students in achieving their goals in all areas of student life.

Mrs. Darcie Sagert
Human Resources Manager

Junior School News

Learning Outside the Classroom

As I was glancing over the school calendar for the week, I was quite amazed at the number of events happening within the Junior School. We have a great variety ranging from PYP exhibition, rugby championships, trip to Nitobe Gardens, Kwantlen Music Festival, Katari Taiko Drumming, and the Grade 5 favourite, “Physics for Fun” trip to Playland. Yes, believe it or not, these events are all happening in the same week! I believe that an important part of the educational experience at Southridge is the learning opportunities that the students have to participate in outside of the classroom. I know that coaching, planning and organizing field trips and special events take extra time and extra care, and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers for being committed to providing our students with learning opportunities like the ones mentioned above. I certainly feel that they enrich our program and contribute to our mission of developing well-rounded students.

Grade 4 and 5 Sea to Sky Outdoor School Presentation

Just a reminder that the parent presentation for the Grades 4 and 5 outdoor education trips will be held on Thursday, May 15th from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. in the Junior School Great Hall.

Grade 5 - 7 Parent Laptop Evening

Thursday, June 5th, 2014 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Junior School Great Hall

As the year draws to a close we want to prepare our existing Grade 4 and new to the school Grade 5 - 7 students and parents for the upcoming MYP programme. Perhaps the most exciting addition to their educational programme is the use of computer laptops. We view the laptop as an educational tool and work with the students to teach proper laptop care and usage.

We are also mindful that the students have access to the internet and email with the laptop and we teach the appropriate use of these tools as well. We do feel that it is very important for our parents to understand our philosophy for these laptops and our expectation for their use at home. As such, we are hosting a parent laptop information session on Thursday, June 5th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Our education at Southridge School is a partnership and Mr. Anderson, our MYP Technology Coordinator, welcomes you as we present the laptop program goals and recommended use at home.

Ms. Alison Graham
Interim Head of Junior School

PYP Speech Celebration and Year End Dates

We need to begin preparing for the PYP Speech Celebration. All students in Grades 1, 2 and 3 will participate. (Grade 4's did their speeches during exhibition.)

The goal for the students is to gain confidence and feel successful speaking in front of an audience. It is not a speech competition at the PYP level, but a celebration of all the students' courage! It takes tremendous courage to present in front of a crowd of people. The students will present their speeches first to each other, then to other classes and finally to the parents.

The Speech Celebration will take place on Tuesday, June 17th in the morning. The MYP Competition will be happening the same day in the afternoon. The teachers will send home detailed instructions on how the students will be prepared for the great event.

Details for the year end will be coming soon. Meanwhile, mark your calendar with these dates for the PYP special days:

- Monday, June 3rd: Sign up to bring items to the year end picnic/beach. Sign up sheets will be on the classroom doors.
- Monday, June 16th: Sports Day (Grades K-7)
- Tuesday, June 17th: Speech Celebrations (Grades 1-3)
- Wednesday, June 18th: PYP Picnic (Grades K-4)
- Thursday, June 19th: Regular Classes (Grades K-4) casual clothes
- Friday, June 20th: 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Closing Ceremonies (Grades K-7) full winter uniform

Enjoy these last weeks of school!

Mrs. Rowena Raber
PYP Division Leader
Grade 4 Teacher

MYP Junior School Term Tests

This year, all MYP students will write only one term test: math on Friday, May 30th. Study schedule will run from Friday, May 23rd - Thursday, May 29th. No new material that is taught after Friday, May 23rd will be on the math term test, and regular homework will not be assigned during this time period. Study guides will be distributed by math teachers by the beginning of study schedule time. Please see below for answers to frequently asked questions.

What are study guides? Study guides outline the content and skills students are responsible for on the test. They help students identify what they should be studying and may offer suggestions about how to study it.

What will students do at home during the study schedule? Some study blocks will be self-directed with students choosing how to review content and practice skills. Others may be teacher-directed with teachers assigning specific exercises designed to reinforce concepts that will be on the math term test.

What will students do in class during the study schedule? Students will continue to learn new material as they move through their units of study in accordance with the Southridge curriculum.

When and where do students write term tests? Students write the term test in their homeroom during the *first two periods* of class on Thursday, May 29th. Please do not schedule any appointments for your child during this time.

How much time do students have to complete their math term test? They have 90 minutes to write their test.

How will term tests affect student learning? The primary goal of term tests is to help students learn how to prepare for tests and exams. Effective study and time management skills become increasingly important when students proceed to the Senior School. Term tests also provide students and teachers with valuable feedback about their learning. Combined with unit tests, quizzes, assignments, projects and observation, term tests form one part (between 10-20%) of the student's overall evaluation for Term 3.

Ms. Sue McNeil
MYP Division Leader
Grade 7 Teacher

Senior School News

End of Year Ceremonies - A Reminder

Last year, due to a number of reasons, we changed our end of year celebrations in the Senior School and I wanted to remind everyone of these changes for this year. One aspect of a school's cyclical calendar is that often one year seems to blend into another in people's thinking. This can, at times, cause events from previous years to seem slightly 'clouded' in clarity and give rise to comments such as, "We did that event last year...I thought that was the year before." Nevertheless, the details below will hopefully clarify the events and expectations for students and parents. We will be hosting two distinct ceremonies again this year, one for Prize Day and a separate one for Closing and Commencement.

Prize Day

Wednesday, June 18th, 2014 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Senior School Gym

Prize Day will have a Grade 8-11 focus in terms of awards and acknowledgements. Last year we changed the timing of our original Certificate Ceremony to be in the afternoon in order to allow parents to attend. All Grade 8-11 students are expected to attend and parents are encouraged to attend this important celebration. Grade 12 students are not required to attend this event.

Closing and Commencement

Friday, June 20th, 2014 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Senior School Gym

Closing and Commencement will focus on our Grade 12 graduates, combining all the awards and scholarships awarded to this group, along with the graduation ceremonies that include the Valedictorian address. All students from Grade 8-12 are expected to attend to celebrate the graduation of our senior grade of students. As a community, this is an important milestone to mark and I encourage parents to attend this event as well.

Exams, those written as internal Southridge ones as well as provincially legislated assessments, have been scheduled and students are expected to arrive in summer uniform **with blazers** to write. During exam times, students are only required to be in school for their designated exams. Other events, such as exam return times, the Athletics Banquet and the lunch BBQ can be found on the calendar on the school website. Students can ask their Advisor for any specific details regarding year end events.

I hope to see many of you in attendance for these important celebrations of your children's achievements.

Have a great week.

Mr. Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

BC Student Leadership Conference

Last Thursday, the spirit captains accompanied by Mdme. Beer and Mrs. McCaw ventured out to Pacific Academy in order to attend a leadership conference. As we sat down in the school's beautiful theater, we were excited for the inspiration that lay ahead. The day started with a burst of enthusiasm from an extremely happy man by the name of Andy. He won us over with his jokes and expressive story telling. From him we learnt about taking initiative and setting an example for the rest of

the student body. After a brief lunch break we heard from a Calgary PE teacher by the name of Dickson. He was an excellent speaker and even prepared a presentation for us that included a very clever video that his school captains had created. He gave us ideas for fun events that we could do in our school such as *touch of class* and *human mud bowling* ;). Finally, and in my humble opinion, the most influential speaker was a lady by the name of Lelo. Lelo was a beautiful woman of Serbian decent who stood tall and proud at 5'11 (she informed us that was her height since the tender age of 11). The remarkable thing about Lelo's story was that she was clinically blind and despite this disability was a world record holding Para Olympian athlete. She entranced us with her story of perseverance and bravery. To wrap up the whole conference she ended with a beautiful quote that I think hits a chord with all of us no matter what our goals in life may be. "God did not create any of us winners or losers, God created us all as choosers."

Nirvon Soraya-Galo
Grade 11 Student

Fraser Valley AA Finals!

The Senior tennis team competed at the Fraser Valley AA Finals in Port Coquitlam on Tuesday, May 6th. Being undefeated in regular league play, the team went into the regional tournament extremely focused and keen to retain the Fraser Valley banner. In the first match up against Archbishop Carney Secondary School, the girls' doubles pairs consisting of Jackie Liu, Megan Tang, Kyla Davies, and Linda Otamendi dominated in their matches to give Storm a 2-0 lead. After a few close games, Storm was down 2-3. Then the guys' doubles A pair of Peter Kwak and Minhoo Kim won a crucial match to give the Storm another win. In the second rubber, the girls' doubles pair mentioned above dominated once again to give the Storm a 5-3 lead. Then after a hard fought set, the guys' A doubles pair, again mentioned above, won their match to give Storm the sixth match. Jullia Ayre also won a tightly contested girl's singles match to give the Storm a 7-4 win over Archbishop Carney. Against Holy Cross, the Storm raced to the finish line in under an hour, winning all six matches in the first rubber to secure a berth into the AA Provincial Tournament which is to be held during May 22nd to 24th, along with the Fraser Valley banner for the third year in a row.

Minhoo Kim
Grade 12 Student

Senior Girls Soccer Team Wins Fraser Valley Championship: On To the Provincials!

The Senior girls' soccer team has found a way to win again and are on their way to yet another provincial championship tournament. The team features seven different players from last year's squad and the girls have adapted well to the new faces.

After winning the league, they breezed through the first two rounds of Fraser Valley's winning 13-2 and 7-1. This allowed them to advance to the Fraser Valley Final, which was held this past Monday at Southridge. It was a glorious day to be on the pitch and the sidelines were packed with fans. Laura Podmore opened up the scoring with a beautiful finish. The opposing goalkeeper was tough to beat, but a couple minutes after the first goal, Jill Brockman was able to squeeze one past her putting the Storm up 2-0. Sarah Boughen helped anchor the backline giving newly acquired goalkeeper, Claire Pak, her first shutout of the year, in a convincing 3-0 win over Langley Christian School.

It was truly a team effort that allowed Southridge to defend their Fraser Valley title for the past three years. They will be heading up to UBC at the end of the month and are looking forward to making a run at another provincial championship.

Mr. Gordon Smith
Physical Education Teacher
Senior Girls Soccer Coach

Southridge School Educational Program & Discussion Based Learning (Harkness)

The Southridge Senior School invites you to learn a little more about our educational programs and share the experience of a more student centred, discussion-based approach to learning on Thursday, May 15th from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

The evening will begin with registration from 6:30 - 6:45 p.m. We invite parents to sign up for one or two sessions in classrooms where they will be encouraged to sit at the table and participate as our students do. However, no prior homework will be required! Parents can select from the following subject areas: English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Modern Languages and Science.

Following the registration there will be a short overview of the Senior School Educational Program in the library and the classroom sessions, facilitated by our faculty, will begin at 7:15 p.m. At the end of each session you will be invited to complete a feedback form.

In addition, there will be a 'Suggestion Box' available for any additional comments, questions or observations on the evening and the ongoing implementation of the SSEP.

I hope the evening will provide a great opportunity for communication and collaboration and that it will provide further insight to this ongoing professional practice. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, May 15th.

Mrs. Jan Holt
Senior School Academic Program Director

High School Artists - Youth From the Semiahmoo Peninsula

You are invited to view our latest student art exhibit named *High School Artists-Youth From the Semiahmoo Peninsula* on now until Friday, June 13th, 2014 at the White Rock Community Centre, 15154 Russell Avenue, White Rock.

Participating Artists are: Sally Gudewill, Jessie Eriksen, Laura Hansen, Sami McBryer, Mica Kantelia, Jullia Ayre, Simarpreet Pattar, Sarah Grimm, David Bond, Stephanie Sung

Ms. Susy Baranszky-Job
Arts Curriculum Leader

Tickets for Café Concerto 2014

Tickets are now available on the [school website](#) for the Music Department's annual Café Concerto. The concert dates are Tuesday, May 27th and Wednesday, May 28th, 2014 and the cost of the ticket is \$10.00 per person.

See you at the show!

Ms. Parker, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Burrage
Music Teachers

Do You Have a Rain Stick??

The Senior Choir is putting together an energetic African song for Café Concerto and we are in need of several rain sticks of various sizes to accompany the choir. If you have one at home that you are willing to lend to the Music Department until the end of May, it will really enhance our performance. Please bring rain sticks to room 102 in the Senior School or leave with Ms. MacKinnon or Ms. Schaub at reception. Thank-you!

Ms. Parker, Music Teacher
and the Senior Choir

Cafe Concerto Needs Volunteers

It's that time again! Cafe Concerto is just around the corner on Tuesday, May 27th and Wednesday, May 28th.

It is an evening of Senior School musical and drama performances with a "dinner theater" atmosphere. It takes place in the Senior School Great Hall where we have beautifully set tables and serve desserts and refreshments throughout the evening. It is a lovely evening to take part in, even if you do not have a child performing. It is also a great way for all parents to meet other parents, especially Grade 8 parents, since all your children will perform. We always have a great time working together and at the same time enjoy all the enormous music talent at Southridge School!

I am looking for volunteers to help with set up, serving, and clean up on both days. The shifts are as follows:

- Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. for setting tables, plating fruit and general preparations

- Tuesday and Wednesday evening serving from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for preparing coffee and tea, helping serve dessert and general clean up
- Tuesday and Wednesday evening clean-up from 9:00 - 10:30 p.m. for stacking dirty dishes, cleaning tables
- Wednesday evening for putting away tables and chairs (here is where we could use some dads).

If you are available and can help for a shift of two, please contact Sangita Verma at 604-617-5224 or csveverma@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Café Concerto Committee

News for Both Schools

Spring Tea For All Junior and Senior School Parents

*“Volunteers are the sun, moon and the stars of our universe!”
Volunteers light up our world!*

The teachers would like to thank all the parents for all their contributions to making Southridge School a fantastic place to work. We really appreciate all the ways that you assist us, the teachers, to make a wonderful learning environment for your children. You are the sun, moon and stars of our universe and make Southridge a great place! Thanks for making a difference! Please join us for coffee/tea, treats and a chat on Thursday, May 22nd from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the Junior School Great Hall so we may personally thank you for all your help. Thank you!

Southridge Teachers

SAVE THE DATE - Southridge School Golf Tournament

On Friday, June 6th, 2014, join your fellow Southridge parents and bring your friends to our annual Golf Tournament at Morgan Creek Golf Course!

Golf is \$225.00 per person and includes a great day on the course, power cart, food sampling, games and activities, and a delicious buffet dinner! Dinner-only is also available for \$65.00 per person. Space is limited so [register](#) today!

Sponsorship opportunities are also now available, so click [here](#) to see how you can participate in this year’s event.

New this year, in place of the silent auction, will be seven fantastic raffle prizes. Tickets will be available at the event for \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

The more items we have for each category the better, so check out these [suggested donation items](#) for each category. The deadline to drop off your donation at the Junior or Senior School is Tuesday, June 3rd.

Thank you so much for your support. See you on the links Friday June 6th!!!

2014 Golf Committee

A Historical Week for Southridge Alumni

On Wednesday, May 7th, the Southridge School Alumni Association held its first Annual General Meeting. The meeting, just one event of many that were celebrated last week as part of our first annual Alumni Week, was held in the Alan Brown Great Hall in the Senior School. As a result, seven graduates, ranging in grad years from 1999 to 2010, were elected to their Board of Directors. The Southridge School Alumni Association was incorporated in June 2013 and has worked hard this year to identify priorities and programs that engage and connect alumni with each other and the school.

Saturday, May 10th was a big day for Southridge and the Alumni Association. The day began with a friendly co-ed soccer game, followed by a fiercely competitive alumni basketball tournament. Four teams participated in the tournament, with ‘Team Jessa’ coming out on top and taking home the trophy!

On Saturday evening, the Class of 2004 celebrated their 10-year reunion while our inaugural Class of 1999 celebrated their 15-year reunion! Both reunions had an excellent turnout and attendees received an alumni scarf with their graduation year on it that they will wear proudly at future alumni events.

The Association will be planning additional events and activities in coming years, so stay tuned!

Mrs. Christiane Hodson
Director of Advancement

Country Fair Lawn Signs

Thank you to everyone who posted a Country Fair sign on their property this year. Now that the event is over, please drop your sign off at either the Junior or Senior School this week and we'll make sure they're ready to go again next year!!!

Country Fair Committee

Country Fair Re-imbusement Forms

If you incurred any expenses for the Country Fair, please click [here](#) to print off the reimbursement form to submit with your receipts by Friday, May 16th. The form can be dropped off at either the Junior or Senior School to the attention of Shelley Slaughter, in the Advancement office.

Shelley Slaughter
Advancement Coordinator

Volunteer To Be A Buddy Family!

Every year we ask current school families to act as 'buddies' for our new incoming families. The buddy family plays a very important role in welcoming their assigned family to the school, introducing them to other Southridge families, answering their questions, helping them to navigate and select volunteer opportunities, and checking in with them regularly throughout the year to ensure that they are transitioning well.

Specifically, a buddy family will:

- Make contact in June before the end of the current school year to introduce themselves, exchange contact information, etc.
- Make contact during the summer; offer to meet with them
- Make contact again during the 1st week back at school. Introduce them to other parents in their class
- Meet with them during the Welcome Back BBQ event. Introduce them to other parents. Help them sign up for volunteer opportunities
- Touch base with them in mid-October; invite them to attend the Gala and/or volunteer
- Touch base with them again in March/April. Help them to sign up for Country Fair
- Touch base with them in May. Invite them to attend and/or volunteer for the Golf Tournament

A buddy family is:

- Friendly and welcoming
- Knowledgeable about the school, the school calendar, volunteer opportunities, protocol, etc.
- An ambassador for the school
- Accessible and available
- Dependable

Please note that **buddy families are different from buddy students**. Buddy students are selected in August.

If you think you have what it takes to be a buddy family, send an email to chodson@southridge.bc.ca, subject line 'Buddy Family' by Friday, May 16th. We will try our best to match buddy families with someone who has a child of the same gender going into the same grade, with similar interests, etc. So, although we thank everyone for their interest, not everyone will necessarily be chosen this year.

Buddy families for 2014-2015 are especially needed for Kindergarten and Grade 8! Thank you!



Week of: May 12th – May 16th

Monday

Curry Chicken with Naan Bread

Tuesday

Sweet and Sour Meatballs and Spring Roll

Wednesday

Mac n' Cheese

Thursday

BBQ Pulled Pork

Friday

Beef Burgers/ Spicy Fries

***Menu Subject to Change to Availability**