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Head of School

What a Basketball Coach Taught a College Professor About Teaching

This week, I have decided to share Kim Marshall's review of a reflective article about good teaching practices. They were originally published in the *Marshall Memo* earlier this year.

In his *Chronicle of Higher Education* article, Craig Owens (from Drake University) says he wasn't into team sports growing up and didn't worry very much about this gap in his skill set. But then two of his students invited him to be an "honorary coach" at one of their women's varsity basketball games. "Luckily for the team and the fans, no actual coaching was involved," says Owens, but what he saw as the coach prepared his team for the game opened his eyes.

"I witnessed questions and answers, discussion and debate, part Socratic dialogue, part collaborative problem solving," he says. "The players identified tactics their opponents would probably rely on, linking their predictions to precise moments of video they had examined. They discussed scenarios they might encounter, asked questions, and offered one another advice on how to capitalize on their own strengths and the visitors' weaknesses. They were engaged in what we professors might call problem-based learning, working together to solve a problem to which they were deeply committed: How do we win this game?"

Owens compared this dynamic to his own English classes, where students almost always direct their comments to him, "relying on me to validate, synthesize, and articulate them in tidy explanations to be transcribed into their notebooks and reproduced on exams and essays. I have often felt myself to be the center of their attention, sensing that it's my job to demonstrate knowing and thinking, and to dispense wisdom while they observe and record. In doing so, I offer my students the impression that the best understanding is one that reflects what others, wiser and more experienced, already know... They aren't investigating open, urgent questions essential to their understanding of our material."

Owens traces this familiar dynamic back to his own days as a student, when participation in class was "a chance to shine, not an opportunity to share and collaborate, to learn from and to teach my classmates, and to fail openly in the hopes of improving... How much better at this work might I be now if, at some point in my young life, I had been urged to think of my successes as the fruits of a culture in which others must also succeed?"

Soon after, Owens shifted the focus of his classes and students "started responding directly to one another, asking questions and following lines of thought suggested by their classmates' insights. They sensed that they had found a way into the text that gave them something to hold on to, some agency over the task at hand, and they took part enthusiastically and with genuine intellectual curiosity."

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Cafe Concerto	Wednesday, May 28 th	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Alan Brown Great Hall
New Parent Night	Thursday, May 29 th	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Alan Brown Great Hall
Casual Day	Friday, May 30 th	All Day	Both Schools
Grade 5 - 7 Parent Laptop Evening	Thursday, June 5 th	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Junior Great Hall
Golf Tournament	Friday, June 6 th	1:00 p.m.	Morgan Creek Golf Course
Grade 7 Band Concert	Thursday, June 12 th	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Junior Great Hall

Board of Governors

The Five Year Strategic Plan

Last year we rolled out our five year Strategic Plan which guides the strategic direction of Southridge. The plan outlines five key priorities for our school: programs, accessibility, campus, stewardship and community. Essentially, these five areas will be our focus over the next few years to ensure we are making Southridge even better in the years and decades to come.

The “campus” priority simply states that we will develop a long term vision for our campus. We have now taken the first steps in creating a campus master plan and have recently hired, through a professional and detailed pre-qualification and proposal process, the architectural group that will lead us through this priority. Cornerstone Architecture, a well-respected Vancouver firm with experience in education building design, has partnered with an Ontario architect with independent school expertise to create a uniquely qualified team that has had tremendous success with other schools and, in particular, independent schools similar to Southridge.

This past week, two senior architects from this team spent significant time with our senior management, curriculum leaders, administrative staff and, informally, the faculty in order to gain an understanding of our current and future programs. In the fall, these same two architects will carry out several school visits meeting with faculty, staff, parents, students and alumni in an effort to gather consensus on the future direction of our campus and, ultimately, to provide us with a campus master plan. This new campus master plan will outline how future improvements will be laid out on our campus and within our existing facilities in the decades ahead.

This is not to say that a building program will commence in the near future but the campus master plan is a vital part of the overall equation the Board will use in its efforts to be good stewards of Southridge. We will utilize options presented in the master plan process, along with robust and accurate financial modeling, to make the best decisions for the future of our school with respect to allocating our financial resources wisely between program development, endowment growth and building plans while also controlling tuition fees. These, of course, are all reflective of our strategic priorities.

Mr. Doug Wilson
Chair, Board of Governors

Human Resources

We are pleased to share that effective September 1st, 2014 Ms. Jenni Watson will be transferring from the role of a full-time Kindergarten Teacher to a part-time Learning Resource Teacher; a role in which she has been fulfilling since April. Ms. Samara Ridley-Thomas will be transferring from her role as part-time Learning Resource Teacher to a full-time Kindergarten teacher; a role she has been fulfilling since September 2013.

Ms. Jenni Watson has been a teacher at Southridge since 2005 and holds a diploma in Special Education. Ms. Samara Ridley-Thomas is a founding teacher at Southridge and brings to her new role over 20 years of teaching experience at the primary level.

Mrs. Darcie Sagert
Manager, Human Resources

Junior School News

Exemplary Student Leadership

This week I was planning to write about Southridge's involvement in, and commitment to, the World Partnership Walk. However, there is someone else who can do a much better job of this. Tareeq Mangalji, a Grade 7 student, has been involved in raising awareness of, and support for, the World Partnership Walk for the past 3 years. It has been a pleasure to watch him embrace this leadership role and continue to grow from year to year. I want to thank Mrs. Ramji-Motani, Ms. Mauricio, and Dr. Besspflug for their support and mentorship of Tareeq. On behalf of the Southridge community, I want to thank Tareeq for his commitment and outstanding leadership as the team captain for the World Partnership Walk. Please enjoy Tareeq's article below.

Ms. Alison Graham
Interim Head of Junior School

World Partnership Walk 2014

On Sunday, May 25th, 2014, the Southridge School World Partnership Walk team participated in the 30th World Partnership Walk at Stanley Park in Vancouver. This walk is aimed at raising awareness for global poverty and collecting funds for projects that seek to address the issues associated with poverty. The Southridge team was represented by a number of students, parents, teachers and a member of the Southridge Board of Governors.

All in all, despite the rain and cool weather, the team showed great spirit and raised a record \$31,077.00; the highest ever raised by the Southridge school team. Congratulations to Taric and Raeya Somani for being chosen by the Partnership Walk media team to be interviewed on camera for their experience and participation in the walk for the second year in a row. Both were poised and represented the team really well. Thank you to all who participated in the Mini World Partnership Walk at school. The money raised was part of the school's overall donation.

For the first time ever, three schools: Mulgrave, Stratford Hall and Southridge collected almost \$100,000.00 altogether. The Canadian Government will match this three-fold and as a result, the Aga Khan Foundation will receive \$400,000.00 to fund numerous projects around the world to alleviate global poverty.

As the Team Captain, I want to thank everyone who participated in raising awareness and funds for the World Partnership Walk. I also want to sincerely thank all our donors, both individual and corporate.

Thank you all for choosing to make a positive difference in the lives of others around the world.

Tareeq Mangalji
Team Captain

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 students and parents for the upcoming MYP programme. Perhaps the most exciting addition to their educational programme is the use of the computer laptops. We view the laptop as an educational tool and work with the students to teach the proper care and usage of the laptop. 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 also 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 goals of the laptop programme and our recommended use for the laptop at home.

Ms. Alison Graham
Interim Head of Junior School

Junior School Mini-World Partnership Walk

Thank you really much for all your co-operation and support for the Junior School Mini Partnership Walk. This walk was held on May 27th, 2014. The Grade 6s appreciated all of your contributions. In total, we raised approximately \$1,200.00! All proceeds will go towards the Aga Khan Foundation Development Network to help support people to meet their needs in

developing nations. Thank you to all of the Grade 6s; you had wonderful leadership skills. Also, thank you to all the parents who helped out during that afternoon and to all of the teachers for organizing and delivering the class lists; you also played a big part in this event.

Thank you for participating and hope to see you running next year!

William Liu, 6SA

Senior School News

Legacy

As I write this I am in Winnipeg for the weekend visiting St. John's-Ravenscourt School where I spent five years as the Principal of Middle School, prior to coming to Southridge. The Head of School is retiring this year and they had a farewell get together to thank him for his efforts and commitment to the school. I was asked to speak and as I reflected on what I wished to say, I focused on the legacy that I felt he had left. I believe he had created an environment where the community was inspired and motivated to become a better school. There were the obvious ways such as new buildings and important renovations that were necessary to provide new environments for learning, but there were also the subtle, quiet ways that he affected the culture through his personal interactions. For me personally, it was a pleasant opportunity to see many colleagues and to be able thank him for the strong mentorship he provided.

After the celebration I continued to reflect on the idea of legacy and the fact that our Grad Class of 2014 is very close to finishing their time at Southridge. As I have made reference at various times this year, this is a wonderful group of graduates and I wanted to take a few moments to attempt to capture the legacy they are leaving.

When a group of people are brought together, the individual personalities and the traits, experiences and attitudes they possess create the group's identity. A group can be a family, a team, friends, a class or a common grade. And as I am certain you understand, there are some pretty complex dynamics into the way that this group's overall 'personality' is exhibited. For the Grad Class of 2014, this is in the form of a very cohesive and engaged group of students. They seem to appreciate each other as people and show a respect not only for each other but to the School and community as a whole.

They are incredibly involved in each of the four pillars of the school - academics, athletics, arts and service - and not only do they show a commitment in this regard but they have also been highly successful in their endeavors and pursuits. I am always hopeful that the Grade 12 class each year can set a positive tone and culture in the school because as the oldest students, they are looked up to by each of the younger grades below, especially our Grade 8s! This year I couldn't be more proud of this group's modeling. They bring empathy, joy and positivity to the halls on a daily basis through their interactions with everyone - students, staff, parents and guests to the school.

Each year we put forth the challenge to the Grads to be leaders in the school in their attitude, involvement, energy and tone. There are many people that have approached me to let me know how impressive this group has been in setting the example, both as a group and individually by way of the role they hold or just their understanding of the responsibility that they have as the elders of the Senior School.

Over the next month or so, we will be able to celebrate and congratulate these fine young people and the impact they have had here at Southridge. These events include the final Monday assembly, last games and matches they might play, the athletics banquet and finally the closing and commencement ceremony as we watch them graduate and become the new alumni of the school.

If you have had any positive and meaningful connections with any of the Grade 12s, I encourage you to take a moment to let them know this personally. I know they will be very appreciative and it will allow them to take away some special memories of their legacy.

Finally, I believe their example has helped all of the future Grad classes that will begin their own journey with a model that is effective and impressive and one that should be emulated. I believe this is truly their lasting legacy to Southridge and I thank each member of the Grad class for this.

Have a great week!

Mr. Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

Grade 8 Students and Café Concerto

If your child is involved in the Grade 8 Concert Band only, he will be finished his part in the concert by 8:00 p.m. Please arrange for pickup in front of the Junior School at this time. As we hope all of the parents will join us on one (or both) of the evenings, on the evening you are in attendance, you may pick your child up at the Junior School Great Hall after the concert.

Should you have any questions, please email me at jparker@southridge.bc.ca.

Ms. Jenna Parker
Music Teacher

Southridge Track Star - Hannah Morrison!

Southridge does not have a large contingent of track and field athletes. However, a number of students did compete in mini-meets in April and the Surrey Championships in early May. Following a stellar performance in the 100m, 200m and sprint hurdles at the Surrey Championships (winning the aggregate medal for best overall Grade 9 female athlete), Hannah Morrison finished 1st in the 200m, 2nd in the sprint hurdles and 6th in the 100m at the Fraser Valley Championships last week. She now advances to the Provincials for her three events this Friday and Saturday in Langley. Good luck Hannah!

Mrs. Yvette Livingston
University Counsellor

Relay For Life

Last Friday, over 40 Southridge senior school students and 5 staff did the *Relay For Life* at St George's. As cool as it was that we were participating in a ground-breaking, collaborative, student-driven, service initiative between our two schools and that we smashed the fundraising goal of \$11,000.00 by collecting over \$28,000.00, no doubt the highlight was listening to Serena share her story. As students, alumni, and parents listened intently, she inspired both communities by explaining how cancer research has made her grad year so much better through the creation of better medical protocols that lessen the negative side effects of chemotherapy. This powerful evening was the result of months of hard work by Serena and her committee. A special thank you to Ms Raber, Ms Reid, and Ms Chong who stepped up to supervise.

At the same time, so many St George's teachers, parents, and students complimented me on being a part of the same school that produced a stunning One Act Play in the Independent School Competition they also hosted Friday evening. The most common comment was amazement that our production was student-directed (with co-directors Spencer Reichert and Bryan Redies being recognized, along with actor Nick Adams, as top performers). Ms Kelly's legacy as an artist empowering her kids to exceed their expectations was so evident. We are so lucky to have had her as part of our community over the last several years.

Mr. Daryl Weaver
Assistant Head of Senior School/
Director of Experiential Education

Grade 8 and 9 End of Year Party

This memo is to inform you that the Grade 8 and 9 students are planning an end of year party in the evening following their last examination on Friday, June 13th, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. in the Alan Brown Great Hall. The activities will include games such as ping pong, dancing, music and feasting. This year the students have chosen "glow-in-the-dark" as the theme of the event. In the past parents have helped out with a small amount of baked goods. I will provide more information regarding the ways in which you can help through the grade parent representatives. Tickets for the event will be \$7.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door.

Mr. Norman Dods
Lower Division Coordinator

International Service Trips - Spring 2015

This Thursday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. we will host a guest speaker from *Me To We* talking about the India trip experience. We will be in Room 118 so as not to interfere with the New Parent Evening.

Deposits for both Guatemala and India are due by the end of this week. Please contact Mr. Weaver at dweaver@southridge.bc.ca or 604-542-1796 if you'd like further details or have any questions.

Mr. Daryl Weaver
Assistant Head of Senior School/
Director of Experiential Education

One Act Play Festival

This past Thursday and Friday at St. George's School in Vancouver, ten drama students from Grades 10 to 12 performed at the first BC Independent School One Act Play Festival. The students presented a shortened version of *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde. Their performance was well received by the audience and Spencer Reichert and Bryan Redies were awarded the best student directed play. Nick Adams was also acknowledged as one of the best student actors out of the nine plays presented by Crofton House and St. George's.

On Monday night, we had the pleasure of watching all of the One Act Plays from the entire Theatre Performance Class. The students truly celebrated their acting and directing talents as parents and audience members were thoroughly entertained.

Congratulations! I would like to sincerely thank all of the parents who volunteered their time for the festival.

Ms. Jennifer Kelly
Drama Teacher

Final Drama Scenes!

Over the past year, the Grade 10 drama class has had fun working on multiple productions such as the student's self-directed One Act Plays and their performance of "A Spectrum of Clues" that was student edited and directed by our drama teacher.

As we near the end of the year, our class has been working on their final scenes for the year. The class has split into groups of two, and one group of three, to prepare 10 minute scenes that will be performed in the new drama theatre for classes this Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. and Friday at 9:30 a.m.

With multiple groups there is a broad range of performances including; comedies, satires, dramatic period pieces, and even theatre of the absurd. All of the groups have put in an enormous amount of work and effort into these performances that it's near impossible for them not to be enjoyed by not only the audience, but the actor's as well! So this week, come out and support drama - you won't want to miss it.

Genevieve Hilton
Grade 10 Student

Southridge Students Win Two Runner-up Awards at Vancouver Sun Student Video Contest

Two groups of Southridge media students were selected as "runners-up" in the Music Video and Experimental film categories at the Vancouver Sun Student Video Awards. Students attended the awards gala on May 21st, 2014 at the CBC building downtown and mingled with other student filmmakers.

With a competitive field of over a hundred entries from around the province, congratulations to our students for their hard work and tremendous achievements! To learn more about the contest click [here](#).

Runner-up, Experimental Film Category

["Black Snow"](#)

Michael Pinte

Traven Blaney

Matt Kennell

Runner-up, Music Video Category

“Before You Go”

James Adamson
Coltin Porter
Kyren Bueckert
Nicole Ure

Chris Westendorf
Media Arts Teacher

Southridge Students Win Top Junior Film at Provincials!

Multiple teams of Southridge media students were recognized in front of their peers from around the province on Saturday, May 24th, at the B.C. Student Film Festival awards gala at SFU. The awards, adjudicated by industry professionals, recognize the top high school films in British Columbia.

In addition to the category awards, Southridge Media 10 students Spencer Berry, Rachel Edelmeier, Nick Chan, and Shayla Tocher were presented at the end of the gala with the prestigious “Best Overall Film Award” in the Junior age category for their film “*Left Behind.*”

The film, directed by Spencer Berry and starring Rachel Edelmeier, features beautiful cinematography and a compelling story about a girl left all alone in an abandoned town before the world is about to end. To view the film, please click [here](#).

A big congratulations to all of the Southridge winners at the festival! Please see the list below:

“Left Behind”

Best Overall Junior Film

1st place, Junior Dramatic Narrative

Spencer Berry
Rachel Edelmeier
Nick Chan
Shayla Tocher

“REM”

-2nd place, Junior Dramatic Narrative

Ishaan Kohli
Michael Marr
Josh Barrett
Mostafa Fahim
Harjap Dhillon

“Before You Go”

-3rd place, Junior Music Video

James Adamson
Coltin Porter
Kyren Bueckert
Nicole Ure

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

Graduation Transitions Interviews At Southridge!

There was a buzz of energy in the Senior School Library on Tuesday and Wednesday last week, as the space was transformed into a mass interview room. All Grade 12s participated in an “exit” interview where they answered questions and discussed their plans for life after high school. The Interviews are the culmination of three years of career and educational research completed as part of the Graduation Transitions Program (GTP) in the Grade 10 Planning, Senior Planning 11 and Portfolio 12 classes. Through the guidance provided by University Counselling, the GTP covers four main components 1. Who am I? 2. What have I done? 3. Where am I going? 4. How am I going to get there?

The Senior School is very grateful to the Junior School parents who participated in interviewing the Grade 12s. The information shared and the practice in resume writing and interview skills are valuable tools that the students will take with them as they begin their university programs and apply to co-operative education. Thank you again to Danielle Reed, Calla Oxley, Barry Spence, Laurie Brown, Kara Partovi, Meera Virk, Jason Fuller, Yvette Plante, Heidi Nyline, Scott Sheng, Jackie Christofferson, Azeem Moledina and Alison Fuller. We appreciate the time you gave to make the Graduation Transitions Interviews happen!

Mrs. Yvette Livingston
Director of University Counselling

Book Return Process for Senior School Library

Here are some details about the book return process for the end of the year.

Library Books

- In an effort to save paper, students have received an email detailing all of the library books and textbooks on their accounts.
- Students need to return all library books by Tuesday, May 27th.
- The library will be closed to borrowing starting Wednesday, May 28th for a few days while we conduct our annual inventory. Students can sign out books again when we reopen.

Text Books

- Most textbooks will be returned in the Great Hall on exam days. We will begin collecting textbooks at 7:45 a.m. for morning exams and from 11:30 a.m. for afternoon exams.
- All textbooks should be returned by the final day of exams on Friday, June 20th.

Please note that charges will be incurred for any library books and text books not returned by Tuesday, June 24th, at which point replacement orders will be processed. A summary of the return process and related dates is in the attached file.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Ms. Maggie Yee
Senior School Teacher-Librarian

Are You Interested in Studying Medicine?

Students who have shown an interest in pursuing a career as a physician are invited to attend Caribbean Medical University School of Medicine's FREE Information Seminar on Saturday, May 31st, 2014. The seminar will consist of an in-depth presentation about our 4 year and 5 year Premedical & Doctor of Medicine program which enables students to:

- Complete 3 semesters of focused intensive pre-medical program in Canada or Curacao which provides 90 prerequisite course credits required for acceptance to medical school
- Study medicine on the island of Curacao for 4 semesters
- Return to Canada and take US and Canadian board exams
- Complete 72 weeks of clinical rotations in Canada, the US or the U.K.
- Apply to Canadian and US Residency positions
- Practice medicine in Canada or the US as a licensed Physician

[Event Information](#) & Registration:

Location: Kwantlen University - Surrey Campus
Fir Building - Theatre Room 128
Address: 12666 72nd Avenue, Surrey
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Information seminar by CMU's Academic Advisors and meet and greet with current students, faculty, returning physicians and more.

Mrs. Yvette Livingston
Director of University Counselling

News for Both Schools

The Southridge Community Golf Tournament Is Almost Here!!!!

Friday, June 6th is almost here and we need you to sign up today for our annual golf tournament at Morgan Creek! Not only is this an important fundraiser for our school, it's also a fun tournament featuring a shotgun start and lots of on-course games and activities.

The cost is \$225.00 per golfer and there are fantastic prizes, the always popular wine raffle, a delicious buffet dinner, raffle prizes, trophies, registration goodie bags, great friends, new friends, and much, much more!!

Sign up as a single, pair or foursome - everyone is welcome! And, if you sign up a foursome by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 3rd, your team will be entered into the "Procrastinators" draw and you could win four sleeves of Titleist ProV1 golf balls and four bottles of wine!!! So, stop sitting on the fence and [sign up now!!!](#)

If you have any questions about registration, please contact Lisa Boudot at lboudot@southridge.bc.ca .

Golf Committee

Golf Tournament Volunteers Needed!!!

Friday, June 6th is going to be a busy day on the golf course and we need your help!!! Please have a look at the Volunteer website to see what positions are available that day. Rain or shine, it's going to be a fun day on the links!

Golf Sponsorship and Raffle Prize Opportunities

With less than 2 weeks to go until the golf tournament on June 6th, there are still some amazing sponsorship opportunities available! Check out how you can be involved by clicking [here](#).

We are also asking for donations in the form of gift certificates, products, and services for our raffle prize draws. We have seven great theme packages, so please click [here](#) to see the list of suggested items for each package.

The success of our fundraising events rests on community participation and we hope to count on your support for the last fundraiser of the school year!

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will close its doors for the summer break on Tuesday, June 17th. We will be preparing for our year end full physical inventory count. We will open again just before the end of August. Dates to be announced. Please keep in mind that the end of August dates are always extremely busy; our lineups are out the door, you may want to bring a sleeping bag!

In the meantime, for those of you who like to be proactive, we welcome you with open arms to visit us in the uniform shop before we close for summer.

Don't forget our hours of operation are Monday to Thursday:
7:45 – 9:00 mornings
2:00 – 4:00 afternoons

Barb Collett
Southridge School Uniform Shop
604-542-2337

BOOK RETURN 2014

By Tuesday May 27th

Return all library books to the library



Before Exam Day

Return textbooks in person to the library

Return textbooks in person to the class teacher



On Exam Day

Return textbooks in person in the Great Hall

From 7:45 am for morning exams

From 11:30 am for afternoon exams



After Exam Day

Return textbooks in person to the library to ensure the books are removed from the correct account

Students will be charged for any textbooks and library books that have not been returned by Tuesday June 24th.

After this date, orders for new textbooks will be placed.