

Southridge Wednesday

14-15

A Weekly Publication of Southridge School

April 29th, 2015

No. 30

Head of School

Our Parent Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our parent survey back in October. There were 340 completed questionnaires, which represents 72% of our parent population. Lookout Management Inc. conducted our survey and has assisted us in reviewing the results by studying the data closely. We are excited to share the results of the survey with you. Southridge conducts its parent surveys on a cyclical basis. Previous parent surveys were complete in 2004, 2008 and 2011; making the one completed in October 2014 our fourth.

The broad purpose of the survey was to gain a better understanding of the families we serve. In so doing, our Senior Management Team is now even better poised to respond effectively to the needs and interests of our constituents and to do so with improved efficiency with respect to the allocation of available resources. The survey you completed was designed to measure satisfaction levels, attitudes about the school and mission success.

I invite you to review the summary of our parent [survey results here](#). Overall satisfaction rating was 4.2 (on a 5 point scale), with 87.5% of respondents rating their overall satisfaction a 4 or 5. This is considered a very good result. Of particular interest was the success of our communication efforts. Typically, a school records approximately 67% of its communication measures over the 4.0 threshold. I am happy to report that all of Southridge's communication measures achieved a rating of 4.0 or higher - an excellent result!

There was also a strong success rating demonstrated with our mission statement and guiding principles. In fact, all components of our mission statement and all three of our guiding principles had a success rating of 4.0 or higher. These results are very encouraging because they mean our parents feel that Southridge does well delivering on what it believes in and endorses. Clearly, many of our parents feel that Southridge has an excellent reputation (4.4 rating), which is a wonderful result because positive word of mouth recruitment is very important for our school.

Our survey underscores the importance of providing individual attention to our students, and, despite the fact that our parents believe their children feel a strong sense of belonging at the school (4.4 rating), we recognize and commit once again to ensuring that our students are connected to their peers and are known by the adults in our community. Thank you once again for taking the time to complete the parent survey, and remember to click on the link above to access the results summary. Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
High School Artists Reception	Thursday, April 30 th	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Semiahmoo Arts and White Rock Community Centre
High School Artists Exhibit	April 30 th - June 12 th		Semiahmoo Arts and White Rock Community Centre
Summer Uniform	Friday, May 1 st	All Day	Both Schools
Country Fair	Saturday, May 2 nd	All Day	School Grounds
Battlefields Tour Parent Meeting	Thursday, May 7 th	6:30 p.m.	Senior Library
Café Concerto	Tuesday, May 26 th & Wednesday, May 27 th		Alan Brown Great Hall

Junior School News

Country Fair - A Celebration of Team Work

I have always commented that the most wonderful and unique feature of Southridge is its parents. The Country Fair highlights the best of all of us. I am always amazed and marvel at the outstanding organization and teamwork that occurs around fair time. Our parents work together in a highly efficient manner unlike any I have ever seen. There is the sense of common purpose and a shared interest that I know is always there, but it bubbles up to the surface and flows out of everyone at fair time. We make a great day for our children, the students, and the other members of our extended community. Thank you to everyone, in advance, for your involvement in our fair.

No Assembly on Thursday, April 30th

In support of fair preparations, there will be no assembly on Thursday as our great hall is transformed into the gift basket assembly area. We thank all the volunteers that are giving of their time, as they create wondrous gifts from the contributions of our families.

Class Lists

At this time of year some parents may be contemplating the upcoming school year. It seems like an appropriate time to restate our procedure for compiling the class lists. At Southridge, we strive to create the best educational groupings that we can. That means that we try to ensure our classes are balanced in terms of leadership ability, academic ability, athletic well-roundedness, gender, and social responsibility. We try to ensure that each student has at least one close friend in their class, and given the fact that we only have 2 classes, we do our best to create the best social dynamics. There is a great deal of thought and care in this process. After the lists are compiled by the present home room teachers, the specialist teachers and primary and intermediate division leaders look at the lists and discuss the groupings. At this time, there are no teachers' names on the class groupings. Once the lists are approved, they are signed by all the teachers and submitted to the Head of the Junior School. At that time, the teacher's names are then assigned to those groupings by the Head of the Junior School.

Given the extensive work that has gone into developing the groupings, it has always been our policy not to entertain parental requests for certain teachers. We strive to have parallel programming in all our classes, the teachers work collaboratively in their planning and their assessment, and we truly believe that our students will thrive in any classroom setting. We thank you for your confidence in our faculty as we strive to create the best learning environment for your child.

Mrs. Laurel Middelaer
Deputy Head/Head of Junior School

Senior School News

End of Year Events

To help ensure that families are aware of the expectations for our students with our two end-of-year ceremonies at the school, below are some additional details. We welcome parent attendance at both of these important events to help us celebrate!

Senior School Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, June 17th, 2015 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Senior School Gym

This event will continue to have a Grade 8-11 focus in terms of recognition and achievements. We have taken feedback from students, parents and faculty in order to gain insight as to how this event can improve and have made some changes this year. There was a general consensus that **all students, including Grade 12's, should attend this important event** to support the senior school community. Also, more opportunities have been added for artistic presentations and there has been a shift in emphasis so the program better aligns with the four pillars: academics, arts, athletics and service learning. In addition, we have added emphasis to our academic passion awards and will finish the program with a focus on character, leadership and citizenship. We invite all parents to attend and especially those with Grade 8-11 students.

Closing and Commencement Ceremony

Friday, June 19th, 2015 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Senior School Gym

This ceremony focuses on our Grade 12 graduates, combining all recognitions and achievements, 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 they will receive similar support upon their own graduation year.

An email was sent out yesterday explaining the time change to this Closing and Commencement ceremony. The time change is due to the English 12 Exam that the BC Ministry mandated to be written in the afternoon on this day. To allow our graduating class time to prepare for the event, the ceremony has been moved to 7:00 p.m. As a community, this is an important milestone to mark and I encourage all parents to attend.

I hope to see you at these important celebrations.

Mr. Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

London - Paris - Battlefields Tour: Parent Meeting on Thursday, May 7th

There will be an important parent/student trip meeting on Thursday May 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Library for the upcoming trip to Europe. This will be the 4th Battlefields Tour the school has conducted since 2001. It is a trip that the Social Studies department feels very strongly about and one that has definitely left a strong impression on those who have gone in the past. To actually be on Canadian soil in France at Vimy Ridge and see the impressive monument commemorating the Canadians who died for their country, or to go through the trenches at Beaumont-Hamel, or even witness the terrain at Dieppe or at the D-Day beaches, the trip is definitely an unbelievable experience. Stops in London and Paris are also part of the tour. The tour is tentatively scheduled to begin June 27th and end July 6th, 2016 and will last for 10 days.

The tour will touch on many educational subjects and will enhance the student's knowledge of the world wars, which is a key component to the Social Studies 11 provincial examinable course.

If you have any questions or want more tour information and a detailed itinerary prior to the meeting, please feel free to email me at jknihniski@southridge.bc.ca. Thank you.

Mr. James Knihniski
Social Studies Curriculum Leader

Outdoor Education Mountain Biking Trip Part 2!

On Monday, June 15th we will be offering a sequel to our popular mountain biking trip to the north shore. This trip, aimed at riders who came on our trip in October or who have previous mountain biking experience, will depart from Southridge at 8:00 a.m. and head to Mount Fromme in North Vancouver. There we will participate in a skills session followed by and ride up mountain highway (gravel road) and descent down Bobsled, a fun, flowing single track trail (we will repeat this loop several times while developing skills throughout the afternoon). We are pleased to be working again with Endless Biking, who will provide mountain bike guides as well as instruction. The two teachers on this trip will be Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Jones. The cost is \$50.00 or \$75.00 if you wish to rent a mountain bike and helmet. Please see Mr. Mitchell or Mr. Jones for a form if you are interested. Spots on this trip are limited to 10 and the last trip filled up very quickly so get your forms in as soon as possible!

Mr. Chris Mitchell
Mr. Darren Jones

10th Annual Southridge TREK Run

On May 15th Southridge School will be hosting its 10th annual TREK run. TREK stands for Teens Running for Every Kid; it is a student-led initiative to raise funds for under privileged children in Guatemala through Project Somos. The event is a five kilometer run open to students aged 13-19. Registration is \$20.00 and we guarantee that 100% of the funds raised will go directly to Project Somos.

This event cannot happen without the help of generous sponsors. Sponsorship in-kind or as a monetary donation is welcome and companies may choose to have their logos printed on any products they supply. If you are interested in supporting TREK, feel free to contact us. Any help is greatly appreciated. We are especially in need of t-shirts and prizes. All profits go directly to Project Somos.

Project Somos is a non-profit organization that works to build a Children's Village model in Guatemala. It was founded by Heather Knox and Greg Kemp, after exploring and volunteering at various projects in India, Jamaica, Honduras, and Guatemala. The Children's Village model most excited them and felt it was best suited for their love of children, their hope for creating a better future and allowed them to utilize their eclectic work and non-profit experiences they had gathered over the years. Since the inception of the vision in 2007, the couple has gathered increasing support with individuals,

communities and businesses in North America and beyond. All sponsorship will go directly towards supporting Project Somos through TREK.

Thank you in advance for your support; we look forward to hearing from you.

Balreet Dhatt
bdhatt@southridge.bc.ca

Southridge Student Wins “Most Promising Junior Filmmaker” at Provincials!

Multiple teams of Southridge media students were recognized in front of their peers from around the province on Saturday, April 25th at the B.C. Student Film Festival awards gala at the Rio Theatre in Vancouver. The awards, adjudicated by industry professionals, recognize the top high school films in British Columbia.

In addition to the category and craft awards, Southridge Media 10 student Chris Zhang was recognized with the prestigious “Most Promising Junior Filmmaker” award. This award is considered the top award at the festival for a junior filmmaker. Chris received the award for his innovative and compelling work on the film “*Speak*”.

Chris Zhang also received the “Best Junior Editor” craft award for his work on “*Speak*”. Additionally, Angad Maan received the “Best Junior Cinematography” craft award for his work on the ZoomFest Film “*Afterlife*.”

A big congratulation goes to all of the Southridge students who submitted their work to the festival! Please see the full list of award winners below:

“Speak”

- 1st place, Junior Dramatic Narrative
- Best Junior Editing (Chris Zhang)
- Most Promising Junior Filmmaker (Chris Zhang)
- Chris Zhang and Alan Hsu

“Afterlife”

- 3rd place, Junior Dramatic Narrative
- Best Junior Cinematography (Angad Maan)
- Angad Maan, Chris Zhang and Justin Sanghe

“Weekend Ride”

- 1st place, Senior Extreme Action Lifestyle
- Anthony Hernandez

“In Tracks”

- 1st place (tie), Senior Experimental Film
- James Adamson

All of these award-winning films will be presented as part of *Film Nights*, an exhibition of this year’s top work by media students. Shows are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29th and Thursday, April 30th in the Little Theatre. Hope to see you there!

To see a promotion for *Film Nights*, please [click here](#). To purchase tickets for *Film Nights*, please [click here](#).

Mr. Chris Westendorf
Media Arts Teacher

High School Artists Exhibit, Semiahmoo Arts and White Rock Community Centre

Once again Southridge Senior School art students, Grades 10-12, have been invited to participate in the third annual *Art on Display* program at the White Rock Community Centre Gallery. Students from Elgin Park Secondary, Earl Marriott Secondary, Semiahmoo Secondary, White Rock Christian Academy and Southridge School will be participating. The

students who were invited to participate this year from our fine school are Tasia Karasick (Grade 12), Jessy Sidhu (Grade 11), Nina Chen (Grade 11), Julia Lukaski-Dolecki (Grade 10) and Stephanie Pak (Grade 10).

The exhibition is scheduled for April 30th - June 12th, 2015. The opening reception is scheduled for Thursday, April 30th from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Please stop by and view the works of our talented students and their peers.

Ms. Susy Baranszky-Job
Visual Arts Curriculum Leader

News for Both Schools

Used Uniform Sale from May 5th to 7th

The Grads will be having their used uniform sale in the Junior School Great Hall on May 5th, 6th and 7th from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Update your spring uniform and support the Grads! Thank you!

Grad Committee

Mother's Day and Spring Flowers Sale

Thank you to everyone who placed orders. The flowers will be available for pick up:

Date: May 5th - 7th

Time: 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Senior School Commons (if raining, pick up at senior reception).

Thank you for all of your support!

Grad Committee

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

We are still DESPERATELY short of volunteers for fair day. If you have already signed up, thank you! If you have not signed up, please remember that we need ALL parents to pitch in on fair day in order for the event to run safely and smoothly. The afternoon shift is particularly low on volunteers. We are in dire need of volunteers in the following areas:

- Henna (both shifts)
- Face Painting (p.m. shift)
- Recycled Treasures (both shifts)
- Security (p.m. shift)
- Traffic and Parking (p.m. shift)

Don't have a preference? Sign up for "[Wherever I'm Needed](#)" and we'll slot you in!

On Thursday we will be contacting parents who have not yet signed up so [Click Here](#) to sign up TODAY!

Please remember that the Country Fair is the one event each year where it is "all hands on deck". When visitors attend the fair, they are always amazed at the level of participation and commitment of our community. In fact, new parents often say that they apply to the school after they attend the fair because they are so impressed by our sense of community. As this is our **20th Annual Country Fair**, it is particularly important that each of you are here to help celebrate this important milestone.

Thank you for volunteering and for all your support of the Country Fair!

Country Fair Committee

Sponsor the Country Fair!

The Country Fair is our biggest event of the year and requires your financial support to make the day a success. To those who have already sponsored Country Fair, THANK YOU for your dedication and generosity. There are still plenty of great sponsorship opportunities available that range from \$150.00 to \$500.00, and as a sponsor you will be recognized in The

Wednesday, on the Country Fair website, on signage and TV monitors at the Fair, and in a Thank-You ad in the Peace Arch News. **Your contribution is tax deductible and your support is much appreciated!** Please [click here](#) for sponsorship opportunities.

Ms. Shelley Slaughter
Advancement Officer

Urgent - Country Fair Storage Needed

Do you have access to a warehouse or shop with a lot of extra space? The school has eight pallets of Country Fair items that need to find a home on Saturday afternoon after the fair. The items aren't valuable but they are very important and needed for the Country Fair every year. The alternative is paying for storage (which will cost the School approx. \$390.00/month), so if you have access to such a facility and can keep everything in a dry storage place, please contact Shelley Slaughter at 604-542-2334 or sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca. Thank you!

2015 Country Fair Committee

News from the Bake Table

Only two more days until baking drop-off! Please bring your three, packaged baking contributions to either the Junior School or Senior School on Friday morning. We are offering curbside drop-off to make it easier for you! Thursday is the last day to pick up simple packaging items at drop-off and pick-up at each school.

Happy Baking!

Bake Table Committee

Calling All Classic Car Buffs!!!

Do you have a hidden gem in your garage that's a classic car, truck or motorcycle? If you do then we'd like to invite you to take part in the new "Show & Shine" classic car show at this year's Country Fair!

This is a great way to showcase your pride and joy and anybody can participate that has an enthusiastic heart when it comes to motorized machines. Admission is \$25.00 per vehicle and everyone will have a chance to vote on their favourite classic. The show takes place rain or shine and space is limited, so email a picture of your wheeled treasure to Shelley Slaughter at sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca to reserve your spot now! Thank you!

Classic Car Show Committee

Southridge Golf Tournament - Buy Your Tickets Now and Support This Year's Fundraising Endeavour!

Our annual golf tournament is just around the corner, and this year's event is being held on **Friday, May 29th at Hazelmere Golf Club**. It promises to be a fantastic day with the Southridge community, plus a great way to fundraise for a very special project.

This year, we are excited to announce that the proceeds from the Golf Tournament will be used towards the purchase and installation of a large screen TV in the Junior School gym! The TV will be used as a teaching tool for our PE and DPA teachers, as well as our athletics coaches. For example, the TV will allow us to:

- Videotape students and/or teams demonstrating skills/activities and play it back for them to watch
- Watch videos of games/activities played in other countries (Grade 4 IB link)
- Use dance, yoga and workout instructional videos and video clips
- Show force, friction and gravity videos (Grade 1 IB link)
- Show skills progressions
- Watch healthy eating videos (Grade K IB link)
- Plus many, many more uses and benefits!

This TV is the equivalent to the projector and screen system that our Senior School teachers, students and coaches use in the Senior School gymnasium on a regular basis. You can show your support by playing golf, sponsoring an activity, or volunteering.

The cost per golfer is \$195.00 and includes a full day on the course, followed by a gourmet BBQ dinner and a night of dancing in the Hazelmere Clubhouse. Dinner and dancing only tickets are \$75.00/person and available on a limited basis. Please [click here](#) to purchase tickets.

It's going to be a great day on the greens and proceeds from the event will go towards a very worthwhile item for our Junior School students. Sponsorship opportunities will be available soon so watch this space for more details! Thank you!

2015 Golf Committee

Summer Camps Are Filling Up!

We now have ten camps that are full with a number close to full. If you plan to send your kids to camps this summer - register now! We are expecting record attendance this summer and want to make sure you get your preferred choice of camps. [Click here](#) to view the camps and to register.

Ms. Debbie MacDougall
Summer Camp Director

Summer Camp Volunteer Applications are Now Being Accepted - Who Can Be a Volunteer?

Any student completing Grade 8 or above in June 2015 who is energetic, adaptable, enthusiastic, outgoing and willing to take initiative. Preference will be given to volunteers who are available for two or more weeks.

WHEN

- June 29 - July 3 9:00 - 3:30 (8:15 on June 30)
- July 6 - 10 9:00 - 3:30 (8:15 on July 7)
- July 13 - 17 9:00 - 3:30 (8:15 on July 14)
- July 20 - 24 9:00 - 3:30 (8:15 on July 21)
- Volunteers will be required to attend one training session during a lunch hour.
- Volunteers must arrive at 8:15 a.m. on the first morning.
- Must be available every day of the week.

WHY - Volunteers will:

- be part of creating great summer memories for student campers
- learn and practice leadership skills
- satisfy the 30-hour work or volunteer commitment graduation
- meet the Southridge expectation for service hours
- receive a reference letter upon completion

HOW

- Read the Summer Camps brochure or view it online [here](#) and find the camps that are of the most interest.
- Fill out a volunteer application that is available at the Senior School reception desk and hand in by **Friday, April 24th**.

Ms. Debbie MacDougall
Director of Community Relations

Advanced Placement, Provincial & School Examinations - 2015



EXAMS (ENGLISH 12 EARLY THIS YEAR: MAY 14)

Advanced Placement exam dates are outlined below:

“Mock” Schedule 2015

Date	Course	Time
April 14 & 22	French	10:40 - 11:40 a.m. 1:50 - 3 p.m.
April 14	Physics 1 (Grade 12s only)	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
April 22	Physics 2	12:30 - 3 p.m.
April 23	Literature	8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
April 28	Calculus AB/BC	8:00 - 11:45 a.m.
April 29	Chemistry	11:40 - 3:00 p.m.
April 30	Microeconomics	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
May 1	European History	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
May 1	Biology	11:40 - 3:00 p.m.
May 3	Physics 1 (Grade 11s only)	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
May 12	Human Geography	8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

AP Exam Schedule 2015

Date	Course	Time
May 4	Chemistry	8:00 a.m.
May 4	Psychology	12:00 p.m.
May 5	Calculus AB/BC	8:00 a.m.
May 6	Literature	8:00 a.m.
May 6	Physics 1	12:00 p.m.
May 7	Computer Science	8:00 a.m.
May 7	Physics 2	12:00 p.m.
May 8	European History	12:00 p.m.
May 11	Biology	8:00 a.m.
May 12	French	12:00 p.m.
MAY 14	ENGLISH 12 PROVINCIAL	8:30 a.m.
May 14	Macroeconomics	12:00 p.m.
May 15	Human Geography	8:00 a.m.
May 15	Microeconomics	8:00 a.m.

ENGLISH 12 PROVINCIAL

- Thursday 14 May (8:30 a.m.)
- Friday 19 June (12:00 p.m.)

This year the scheduled date for the English 12 examination in June is on June 19th which is the same afternoon as the Southridge Commencement ceremony. In consultation with the English **Curriculum Leader, Ms. Gail Robinson, and the English department we have decided to have ALL our students write on Thursday, May 14th** Students who achieve a satisfactory grade will NOT need to write on the 19, but those who wish to strive for an improved grade will have the opportunity to write for a second time on Friday, June 19th starting at noon. The commencement ceremony will need to be moved to a later time. (TBD)

Southridge School Examinations: Friday, June 5th - Thursday, June 11th

The last day of classes for Southridge students will be **Thursday, June 4th**. Grade 8 final science tests will take place on Wednesday, June 3rd and for Grades 9 and 10 on Thursday, June 4th during classroom time. School examinations, which take place in the Senior School gymnasium, will begin the following day on Friday, June 5th and end on Thursday, June 11th. Full details of the schedule for each grade level will be published early in the third term.

BC Provincial Exams

There are 5 mandatory Provincial exams that all Southridge students must write to meet graduation requirements in British Columbia: English 10, Foundations of Mathematics 10, Science 10, Social Studies 11 and English 12. The provincial exams, with the exception of the first session for English 12, will run from Thursday, June 19th until Wednesday, June 24th:

- English 12: Thursday, May 14th (8:30 a.m.)
- Science 10: Friday, June 19th (8:30 a.m.)
- **English 12: Friday, June 19th (12:00 p.m.) (Second Session)**
- Math 10: Tuesday, June 23rd (8:30 a.m.)
- English 10: Wednesday, June 24th (8:30 a.m.)
- Social Studies 11: Wednesday, June 24th (12:30 p.m.)