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Head of School

Speaker Series a Big Success - Dr. Madeline Lavine

A big thank you goes out to Debbie MacDougall, our Director of Community Relations, for organizing the latest installment of our speaker series at Southridge. If you were at the event, I am sure you appreciated Dr. Lavine's presentation and the perspective she offered on adolescent development, including the struggles our children face in this complex and complicated world. To be sure, the teachers and staff were treated to an excellent discussion just after dismissal at three o'clock.

Dr. Levine drew on some of the key messages of her two bestselling books, *The Price of Privilege* and *Teach Your Children Well*. She helped us think about and explore the reasons why teenagers from affluent families are experiencing such high rates of emotional problems. Dr. Lavine's concerns over the narrow definition of success resonated with many in attendance - especially in the context of how success relates to university entrance.

Outside her clinical practice that emphasizes child and adolescent problems and parenting issues, Dr. Lavine also teaches child development classes to graduate students at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center. An advocate for youth and how the complexities of maturation impact health, Dr. Levine was a co-founder of *Challenge Success*, a project at Stanford's Graduate School of Education. *Challenge Success* began in 2007 and believes that our increasingly competitive world has led to tremendous anxiety about our children's futures and has resulted in a high pressure, narrow-minded focus on grades, test scores and performance. The highly successful program provides families and schools with the practical research-based tools they need to raise healthy, motivated kids, capable of reaching their full potential.

It was most certainly a pleasure to have Dr. Lavine visit Southridge and I hope you were able to take advantage of the great opportunity to hear her speak.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Casual Day	Friday, April 24 th	All Day	Both Schools
April Break - No School	Monday, April 27 th	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

Human Resources News

Mr. Aaron Johnstone will be assuming the role of Physical Education Teacher in the Senior School starting September 2015. Mr. Johnstone is a recent graduate from the University of Victoria with a Bachelor of Education with teaching Secondary Physical Education and English. He spent this past year in the Junior School as our MYP Intern and is currently coaching senior rugby. Mr. Johnstone holds his level 1 coaching designation and will be coaching the U14 BC Rugby Team this summer. He is thrilled to be taking on this new role and is looking forward to contributing to the Senior School Educational Program at Southridge.

Mrs. Darcie Sagert
Human Resources Manager

Junior School News

'Twenty-first Century Learning' in Action - The Exhibition, Wednesday and Thursday, May 13th and 14th

There is a great deal of buzz in educational circles around the term 'twenty-first century' learning. While there are various definitions of the term, basically, what it means is that we are educating young people and equipping them to be successful contributors in their world. There is general consensus on some of the important skills of a 21 century learner - they must be collaborative, creative, critical thinkers, have good character, demonstrate cross cultural competency and be able to communicate effectively (Patrick Bassett, President of the National Association of Independent Schools *NAIS*, 2012). We believe that these skills are being nurtured and reinforced daily in our programming at Southridge. One fine example of this is our Grade 4 Exhibition unit.

In this unit, our students select a real life issue that has relevance to the world. In groups of 4 - 5, they develop their own inquiry into this unit and complete an analysis of the different sides to the issue. Working collaboratively and beneath the guidance of a mentor, they creatively consolidate and communicate their findings to a greater audience. Another component that is required is an action piece, where each group must 'do' something as a result of their learning, in order to make a difference.

Our Grade 4s have been very active these past weeks and are completing the finishing touches on their units of inquiry. We invite you to come and celebrate with us as they communicate their analysis and findings in an engaging, creative manner. The Exhibition will be held the afternoon of May 13th and the evening of May 14th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Again, the skills and research that are consolidated in this six week unit of study reflect those twenty-first century skills which are deemed to be essential for our future. This year's Exhibition has a refined focus on student speaking, quality research, design, and a fine arts component. At Southridge, we are helping to build students who are ethical and successful contributors and leaders in their families, their communities, the workplace, and the world. In summary... someone who makes a difference in the world.

Half-term Holiday on Monday, April 27th

This is a reminder of our half-term holiday break on Monday, April 27th, 2015. There is a regular start time on Tuesday, April 28th, so we will see students for our usual start time of 8:10 a.m.

Summer Uniform - May 1st

The day that many students have yearned for will be arriving soon; summer uniform commences on May 1st! Students are now able to wear black dress shorts or skorts, golf shirts and white socks. Of course, students may still opt for the winter uniform or a combination of the two. Please note that if grey pants are worn, the socks must be grey. Ties are no longer mandatory. This is a reminder that green sweaters, cardigans or vests must be worn on assembly days. Of course, the overriding principle of the Southridge uniform is that students wear them with pride. Shoes should be polished and the uniform should be neat and clean. Students are representatives of Southridge and are recognized because of the uniform. I know our students are proud of our school - let that be reflected in the pride of wearing the uniform well.

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.

Reminder to Lock Up in the Parking Lot

This is a reminder that when visiting Southridge School for any event, it is prudent to ensure that your vehicle is locked and that there are no valuables in plain sight. Although we are a community that has a common set of values in terms of respect and honour, this cannot be said for a small number of people in our local community. When the weather is nice people tend

to leave vehicle windows down and purses and cell phones in full view. Let's all be cautious in the safety of our belongings to alleviate any potential opportunities for anyone so inclined in this manner. Thank you.

Mrs. Laurel Middelaer
Deputy Head/Head of Junior School

Student's Making a Difference - Millie Nanji - Grade 2

Mrs. Murchie and I received a thoughtful letter from Colebrook Elementary School recognizing our Southridge Grade 2 student, Millie Nanji, for the difference that she has made in *their* school.

In December, Millie presented her '*Hats for Homeless*' project to Southridge School and Colebrook Elementary School to encourage other students to get involved in looming hats, with looms and supplies that she would donate. She promised to return to an assembly at Colebrook to collect the hats and distribute them to the homeless.

The principal of Colebrook Elementary School writes, "Millie kept her word, returned to collect them, and was a hit at our last assembly, which brought tears to everyone's faces. The impact that one young girl has made at Colebrook is very hard to describe on paper. All we can say is that Millie's attitude, service and heart are exceptional for her age and she is highly respected and loved by our students and staff."

Colebrook has awarded Millie two ribbons to honour her inspirational dedication and kindness. We celebrated this recognition at our own assembly, knowing that our mission is to nurture and encourage our students to make a difference each and every day. Thank you for making that difference, Millie.

Senior School News

Avoiding a Deficit-style of Thinking

Have you ever had the experience that by deciding to attend an event and subsequently participating in it that you realized you made an excellent decision? After re-reading this question, this might not make complete sense. Let me give you an example. I have had this thought a few times when I attend large family events. Sometimes, in order to be with my family, it takes time to arrange travel, working around busy schedules and can be costly. Once I am at the event however, and see the amazing interactions that I have with people I don't always have a chance to be with, I realize that my decision to attend has a lasting effect.

That is how I felt when I attended Dr. Madeline Levine's presentations last Thursday. Not only did I attend the evening event, which was geared more toward a parent perspective, but we were fortunate to have Dr. Levine speak with the faculty in the afternoon. Her talk, titled *Redefining Success: Raising Healthy, Engaged and Good Kids!* provided so many important insights to me as an educator, but more importantly as an individual and parent.

One particular point that Dr. Levine made was the criticism that society today has too much of a deficit focus. In turn, parents focus too much attention on areas and skills that their children are lacking and certainly, at times, schools can be guilty of that focus. Dr. Levine presented this idea by initially asking each of us in the audience to reflect on those things we are really, really good at. I will admit when I did this, I identified a skill or trait in me that might be able to be described as something I did really well; however, I quickly convinced myself that maybe I wasn't really that good at it and dismissed it. I was falling into that deficit thinking right away.

She then switched tactics and asked us to focus on things our children were really good at. I'll admit I found this much easier and was able to identify traits and skills in my children where they show success. But then Dr. Levine asked us if we let our children know this consistently. She wondered if instead, we thought of the areas that weren't their strengths and pointed them as we pushed them to develop these. I felt a little sheepish because I recall focusing too much of my attention on these areas with my two kids at times.

Dr. Levine explained that it is incredibly important for children to know that their parents see their strengths - that this positive encouragement is instrumental in developing confidence and positive coping skills such as resilience and risk taking. She explained that there are many reasons that parents might have this deficit-type thinking. These included worries such as a struggling economy, competition for post-secondary schools, increased global competition and finally, community and cultural pressures. However, even with all of these justifiably defensible reasons, it really was counterproductive to spend time looking at your loved ones through this lens.

I think it is important not to confuse this strengths-focus with that of artificially praising someone. Dr. Levine referenced the obvious example of focusing on the one mark that is lower rather than the myriad of top notch grades on a report card. Spend time looking deeply at the success that your child has exhibited through those very strong marks. There is likely a

real 'passion' amongst these and one you can develop and foster as a parent. As Dr. Levine explained, research shows that doing this has incredibly positive effects towards a child's personal successes later in life.

A colleague relayed a story where a student was feeling overwhelmed about all the various pressures in life - assignment due dates, a part-time job and parental pressure to succeed. It was becoming difficult to cope and feel productive and successful. This student said that the parents realized this and declared that they were very proud of the accomplishments and that there was no need to feel pressure as they loved this student very dearly. In the words of this student, it was the greatest day of their life because they felt affirmed by their parents and that their successes and traits had been noticed and acknowledged.

As part of Dr. Levine's shared parent mission statement reads, "while we all hope that our children will do well in school, we hope with even greater fervor that they will do well in life...and hold a deep belief that they have something meaningful to contribute to the world." This sounds remarkable similar to Southridge's mission statement and affirms that our focus needs to be on helping students identify their strengths to give them the confidence to make a difference in the world.

Have a great week focusing on what your child (and you!) are really, really good at! It is really, really important.

Mr. Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

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

My Experience Making a Zombie Film

A big part of my focus this year in Media 12 has been the making of 'Zomboy', a comedy-zombie film. This is not the first time I have worked on a "long form" film (over 10 minutes). However, with 'Zomboy', my team ran into many challenges along the way. These challenges came with a lot of frustration and stress but, as a team, we found innovative ways to persevere.

Since we had to create a zombie look, the biggest challenge was the makeup. As a group of guys, we were clueless. My team and I spent many hours trying to figure out a way to create the most authentic-looking zombie. Additionally, we also needed to figure out the most efficient method to apply the makeup. It took us about a month to master our makeup techniques, which was impressive considering that this was completely new for us. For each shoot it took approximately 30 minutes to apply and 15 minutes to remove the makeup. Looking back, I've gained a new respect for makeup artists.

One thing my group and I wanted to incorporate into our film was a zombie party. This was an idea that we had been considering for some time. We all knew it would take an extensive amount of planning but in the grand scheme of things, it would be worth it. Our idea seemed simple on paper but soon became a serious organization challenge. First, we needed at least six volunteers to show up on their own time, and also get makeup all over their faces. Second, we needed to keep

everyone on task for over four hours, throughout the entire party shoot, including ourselves. Thankfully, everyone at the shoot was extremely cooperative and things ended up working out fairly seamlessly.

Another idea we wanted to develop was a chase scene following our zombie party. Not surprisingly, this idea came with its own unique challenges. The most prominent one would be the way it was shot. The Director and I, the Producer, had very different ideas about what this scene should look like. We decided to collaborate by watching chase scenes together to see if we could arrive at a consensus. It didn't take us long to figure out how we wanted to approach this scene.

Making this film definitely came with new challenges. However, through teamwork and organization, we were able to come through with a project that we are proud of. I am looking forward to seeing this project on the big screen at Film Nights. It was a lot of fun to make and I hope you all enjoy it. To see a trailer by Nik Pinette for "Zomboy" please [click here](#).

The media students of Southridge proudly present the best of this year's student work at Film Nights 2015. Shows are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29th and Thursday, April 30th in the Little Theatre. To see a promotion for Film Nights, please [click here](#). To purchase tickets for Film Nights, please [click here](#).

Hope to see you there!

Mr. Chris Mitchell
Media Arts Teacher

My Experience Making a Biking Film

In Media 12 this year I was able to work on a directed study, which means that I was able to create a film about something I am interested in. My long-term passion for trials biking inspired me to create a film about this passion. The film was a new experience, as I had to work as a one-man team, which meant I had to write, act, film, and edit the video by myself.

One of the most difficult parts of this film was getting complex camera shots. As I am used to filming with a full crew, I had to problem-solve to be able to create the shots I was going for. After some trial and error, I realized I could get the complex shots by cheating them out and riding the obstacles multiple times.

Another difficulty I encountered was creating a story for my film. Most bike films or riding compilations contain no stories to go along with them, and are instead focused purely on the act of biking. However, I thought adding a storyline would add an extra dynamic and help the audience to become more engaged. I chose to focus on the preparation before a ride and the decompression after riding, as the anxiousness shown by the rider is relatable across all audiences. I believe that the storyline helps tie my film together and made it more enjoyable. The film was created by Anthony Hernandez and edited by Tatjana Cox.

Though it was a challenge, I had a lot of fun creating this film and I had the opportunity to enter my film in the BC Student Film Festival. My perseverance and dedication led me to win first place in the Extreme Action Lifestyle category. I am happy to have had the opportunity to work on this project and I owe a big thanks to Mr. Westendorf for all the help. I hope everyone finds time to come out to Film Nights and see the great videos that Southridge students have created.

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Café Concerto - Tuesday, May 26th and Wednesday, May 27th

Our musical year ends at Southridge with the annual Café Concerto. For two nights, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26th and 27th, in the Alan Brown Great Hall, our Senior School students will showcase the arts. This year our audiences will be taken on a short journey around the world with music from various cultures and countries. Tickets will be available through the school website shortly.

Students involved in the music department should reserve those two evenings, as well as Monday morning, May 25th for the dress rehearsal. In addition, if they would like to audition for a 'solo' spot, they should find an appropriate song (focusing on a different country) and audition on Wednesday, May 13th in the band room at lunch. Ethnic attire is appreciated, as is memorization of the music. (If you need an accompanist, speak to them early; you can come and see any of the music teachers for suggestions, if needed). Successful candidates will also need to attend the tech rehearsal on Friday, May 22nd from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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 actually 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. Tentatively the tour will begin June 27th and end July 6th, 2016 and will last for 10 days.

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

In addition, for those who are 16 years or older at the time of the tour, this trip may be used as their 'Residential Project' component of the Gold level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program. More information will be presented at the tour meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at jknihniski@southernridge.bc.ca. Thank you.

Mr. Knihniski
Social Studies Curriculum Leader

Cuba Jazz Tour - Spring Break 2015

During the first week of spring break, 24 students and their music teachers travelled to tropical Cuba for a truly memorable week of sun, sand, music and dance! For many, meeting the warm Cubanos and hearing them play music with such passion were the highlights. Others loved the heat and sunshine; we visited four different beaches on this tour and experienced everything from multi-person chicken fights to exotic jellyfish. Some students metaphorically morphed into Cubans themselves, playing the music we brought South with much more energy and emotion. Our guitarists experienced something akin to rock star status as crowds of smiling children cheered when they soloed.

This was our fifth tour to Cuba as a school. From a musical perspective, it is always great to witness the development of our students. Not only do they improve dramatically, both in preparation for and while on the tour, but they also get so comfortable playing the charts and soloing that they sound like 'pros'. Of course, as one can imagine, it is the little things, too, that will be long remembered, like Chris Zhang's now infamous dance, Peter's jellyfish fiasco, Elijah's amp-blowing vocals, Coltin, Karl and Rio's youthful fan club, Mr. Mitchell's ridiculous salsa moves, the lunch menu items being identical regardless of location, Jeff's crazy flight home (he definitely 'bagged' that one!), bargaining for deals at the artisan market, chillin' at the pool, or late night chats with friends.

Below are a couple of excerpts from slam poems that some students composed, one for each day of the tour. The first from Day Three, by Megan Galbraith, Peter Mittermaier, Justin Sanghe and Cory To:

*As we watched and started to play, you could feel the sense of music in the air
This was the best atmosphere for music beyond compare
Smiles and dancing soon filled the square
This was a great memory that we all can share
Now, music became a language to me
And that is how the day ended,
The end of Day Three*

From Day Four, by Cory To:

*In the afternoon we had a concert to play
Little did we know we would be signing autographs by the end of the day
Coltin, Maxton and Megan were the centre of attention
The Cuban girls should've been worried about getting a fan girl detention
This was the best concert to play by far
As they all made us feel like an individual star
After the glory of which was this concert which was basically a rave*

*We headed out to go swimming towards the caves
This basically sums up this day of where our spirits actually got to soar
As I believe this is one of the greatest days,
Day four*

For Ms. Parker, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Burrage, this was a delightful group of students to lead. They were at all times optimistic, respectful, energetic, musical and fun! We would like to thank the parents for giving your children this opportunity to grow musically, learn about a very different culture and create many wonderful memories.

Mr. Steve Burrage
Music Curriculum Leader

Galiano Kayaking and Biking Trip - Thursday, May 7th to Saturday, May 9th

Every year students look forward to the spring. Not only does it bring warm weather and get us closer to summer holidays, it also opens up many exciting trip opportunities. The Galiano kayaking and biking trip is the first spring trip running this year. Last year's trip boasted fabulous weather and an all-around great time. Students attending this trip will take the ferry to Galiano Island, on the sunshine coast, and cycle from the terminal to the campsite. This campsite will serve as the base camp for both nights away. From here, students participate in fun activities including kayaking, cycling, and hiking.

Galiano is the perfect trip to use for your practice journey as a precursor to any Duke of Ed kayaking or biking qualifying journeys. As well, it is a level one trip. This means that it is perfect for anyone wishing to attend an outdoor education trip but may have little or no experience. Moreover, the paddling is in a very sheltered bay, giving students an excellent opportunity to learn some basic paddling skills. These may include: wet exits, assisted rescues, solo re-entries and different types of strokes.

The trip dates are Thursday, May 7th to Saturday, May 9th. In past years Galiano has had one of the best attendances out of every trip the school runs. This is the second year Mr. Sterelyukhin is acting as trip organizer, so if you are interested, please talk to myself or Mr. Sterelyukhin right away to secure a spot! The trip will fill up very fast so be sure to get a form and hand it in as soon as possible! As always, I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Jake Strecker
Outdoor Education Steward

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 if you are interested!

Mr. Chris Mitchell
Mr. Darren Jones

Operation Smile

Here at Southridge, under the careful education of an institution whose motto is "we are all one," it can be assured that all our children get the equal rights and privileges they are entitled to. However, for many children suffering from cleft palate/cleft lip, the same cannot be said; cleft palate and cleft lip is a gap on the lip that can extend into the patients nasal cavity. These children not only can't talk, eat, drink, or breathe properly, but they are segregated by others. Due to lack of education, children suffering with cleft palate/cleft lip are often regarded as evil and shunned in third world countries. I decided that I wanted to change that.

In Grade 11 I founded the organization *Operation Smile* as one of the few non-profit medical organizations that help children in foreign countries get good oral health care. *Operation Smile* goes to poorer countries and does free cleft palate and cleft lip surgeries for children. These surgeries help transform the lives of many individuals as they are able to eat and talk properly but most of all they find a new place in society (after being sequestered as abnormal). Through an ice cream fundraiser and a casual day I was able to raise \$580.00 dollars; enough to conduct two free surgeries.

Now ladies and gentlemen a newer opportunity arises, one where we could possibly raise ten times as much as the funds I raised. Dr. Mahsa Soraya (a practicing dentist) is hosting a Gala for everybody on April 25th at the Aria Convention Centre; at this Gala people will enjoy a sumptuous dinner with lively entertainment. Some of the entertainment includes a comedy show by the hilarious Amir K who is coming from Los Angeles and a DJ and dance. There will be live and silent auctions, free parking, a jewellery show, and some promotional products. If you are looking to advertise your business at all, you can rent a promotional table at the event. All the funds collected from this event will go to surgeries for cleft palate and cleft lip.

Each ticket costs \$175.00 and is deductible under business expenses. To reserve your tickets for this event you can go online and pay at this website <http://www.angelforcharity.com/>. The website contains information about ticket packages and VIP tickets. You can also pay using your Visa and call 604-597-6711. If you wish you can even mail a cheque to Dr. M Soraya at Unit #103-7511 120th Street, Delta, BC, V4C 0C1. Don't hesitate to contact Dr. Soraya at dr_mahsa_soraya@yahoo.com or myself at ssainche@southernridge.bc.ca if you have any questions.

Imagine an event where you could both enjoy yourself and transform the life of an individual at the same time. The Gala on April 25th gives anyone attending both those privileges. It's such a great opportunity for anyone to get involved in both a local and global community. By transforming the life of others you transform your own life.

Samir Saincher
Grade 11 Student

News for Both Schools

Talent Stage at the Fair

Each year at the fair in the Junior School Great Hall, we are treated to a wide variety of student talent, from Grades 3 to 12. The morning is reserved for solos, duets and trios (3 or less) and the afternoon offers larger ensembles.

Music is the staple but we are open to other talents, be they dramatic, dance, or otherwise. If you are interested in performing, please contact Meagan or Mr. Burrage before Monday, April 27th. Thank you.

Morning acts: Ms. Galbraith: thegteam11@gmail.com.

Afternoon acts: Mr. Burrage: sburrage@southernridge.bc.ca

Dr. Bessflug, Ms. Galbraith & Mr. Burrage
Talent Stage Directors

Used Uniform Items

The Grad Committee is collecting used uniform items (based on the new uniform requirements) for their upcoming sale on May 5th, 6th and 7th. We will be setting up a table in the Junior School Great Hall from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. for students/parents to purchase the used items. Please drop-off your donations to the Senior School, attention: Heather Mosher or Grad Committee. Thank you.

Grad Committee

Mother's Day and Spring Flower Sale

The grad committee is happy to announce that we will be selling four flower options for the upcoming Mother's Day and Spring Flower Sale. We will have hanging baskets for \$25.00, a beautiful Swirl Deck Planter filled with colourful annuals which will bloom all summer long for \$30.00, a new Parisian Planter with four sun-loving annuals for \$15.00 and a new little Petal Pot with one spring annual for \$10.00. [Click here](#) to place order through the school website. The flowers will be available for pick up Tuesday, May 5th to Thursday, May 7th from the Senior School commons (of if it is raining, Senior School Reception) from 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thank you for all of your support!

Grad Committee

Baskets Needed for Country Fair

We are collecting baskets to use for Country Fair Gift Baskets. Please drop off any baskets that you can donate from now until Tuesday, April 28th. There are bins marked "For Baskets" in the Junior School Great Hall for drop off. Thank you for your support!

Carol Davis and Teri Lydiard

Country Fair Volunteers Urgently Needed!!!

As you all know, Country Fair collection week begins this Saturday, April 25th, and we need volunteers to fill pre-fair and fair day shifts. We're calling for all hands on deck to help sort recycled treasures, clothing and toys in the Senior School gym, so please consider volunteering a couple hours of your time this weekend and next week. Not sure what you want to do or don't have a preference? Sign up for a "**Wherever I'm Needed**" shift and we'll assign you a great position.

Having trouble signing up? Contact Lisa Boudot at 604-542-2303 or lboudot@southridge.bc.ca.

Volunteers make the Country Fair possible and your participation will make this event a success! Please [click here](#) to see the listing of all volunteer shifts. Thank you for your support!

2015 Volunteer 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 of you 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

Ten days to the Fair! If you haven't already done so, it is time to plan for your Bake Table contribution of **THREE HOMEMADE ITEMS (NO CAKE WALK CAKES OR CUPCAKES REQUIRED THIS YEAR)**. Remember to package your baking so it is enticing for our customers and is completely covered for freshness. [Click here](#) for further information.

If you prefer, you may pick up some simple packaging items in the entrance area of the Junior School at drop off and pickup on Wednesday or Thursday of next week. We have packaging for popcorn, granola, cookies, loaves, brownies, squares, and muffins!

Are you overwhelmed with other things to do? Consider participating in the Mother's Little Helper program to support our Grads and they will do all the work for you! Order forms are available by [clicking here](#)!

Bake Table Committee

Country Fair - Chair Needed!

The Country Fair is in need of a Chair for the Clothing Department. The first year is a "shadow" year where you will be guided through the role and duties, then lead for two (note that this is a co-chair position, you will have a partner). This is a great opportunity to connect with the Southridge community and beyond!

Clothing: This dynamic position is a great way to get involved with the Country Fair! Responsibilities include organizing and managing the collection of clothing during the seven days of collection, organizing the volunteers during this collection week and on Fair Day, to set up, run and tear down the area as directed. They will assist in determining volunteer requirements, preparing submissions for the Southridge Wednesday (as applicable) and will liaison with fellow department heads to determine logistical, equipment, supply, signage and space needs for assigned areas. Attendance at Country Fair meetings will be required as well as on Fair Day to supervise cash and to ensure volunteers follow policy and procedures of the assigned area. Fair Day hours will begin prior to the fair and will likely extend beyond the closure of the fair.

Contact volunteer@southridge.bc.ca for details or to express interest.

Country Fair Volunteer Committee

Jam-a-Jar: A Country Fair Favourite!!!

Jam-a-jar is back! These popular decorated jars are stuffed by kids/families with small new items, pre-wrapped candy, etc., and are then sold at the Country Fair in a reverse raffle like fashion. The empty jars are now ready for pick up in the Junior School lobby and once jammed, stuffed and decorated they need to be returned within a few weeks. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill their jars and return them. Please return jars (filled or empty) by Friday April 24th. Thank you!

Kelly French & Pilar Osing
Jar Jammers Extraordinaire

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, and you can show your support by playing golf, sponsoring an activity, or volunteering.

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 six 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.

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

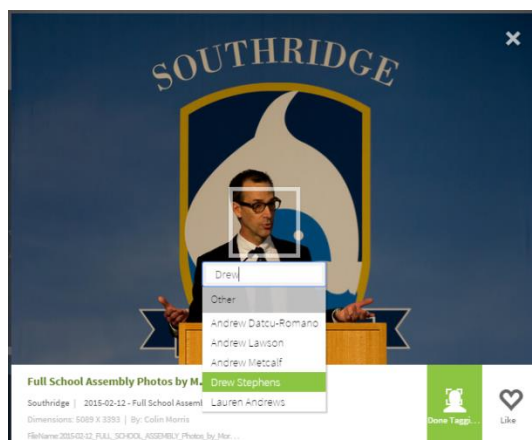
- Read the Summer Camps brochure or view it online [here](#) and find the camps that are of the most interest.
- Fill out a volunteer application that is available at the Senior School reception desk and hand in by **Friday, April 24th**.

Ms. Debbie MacDougall
Director of Community Relations

New Feature! - Tagging of Faculty and Staff in Vidigami

Vidigami is constantly improving the software and has just added tagging of our Faculty and Staff. Parents can also join in the fun and add tags to any Faculty or Staff that they capture in photos. To tag a Faculty or Staff person in a photo, do the following:

1. Click on the “Tag Faces” button below the photo.
2. Click on the face of the person you want to tag.
3. Start typing the person’s name and you will see a list appear as below. Click on the name of the person you are tagging.



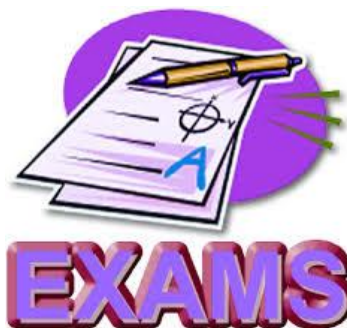
Once you have tagged the person in the photo, the tag will appear as shown below. If you make a mistake and tag the person with the wrong name, you can click on the “X” by the name tag to delete the tag and start again.



Please let me know if you have any problems logging onto or using Vidigami. You can contact me at amcinnes@southernridge.bc.ca. We want every parent to have access to the wealth of photos that are available in this rapidly expanding collection of great memories.

Mr. Alan McInnes
Web and AV Services Manager

Advanced Placement, Provincial & School Examinations - 2015



(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.)