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Head of School

The World Remembers

Just this past weekend I returned from the Annual Heads and Chairs Conference hosted by our national organization, the Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS) association. At the conference I had the good fortune to meet R.H. Thomson, the creator of the World Remembers vigil, which is currently running in the Senior School foyer. The vigil will also form part of our Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, November 7th.

If you have not had the chance to see the vigil, the World Remembers project is a privately-funded venture that strives to commemorate and honour the people who lost their lives during the First World War. The project is organized in a way that allows schools and communities across the world to display the names of soldiers who were killed in 1914, the first year of the war.

From October 20th to November 11th, the name of each Canadian killed will be projected prominently onto the fire place in the foyer of the Senior School. Each Canadian name will be surrounded by six other names. The other names commemorate the soldiers from other participating nations who died in the war. Over the course of the three-week period we will see the names of all 290,000 people from around the world who were killed during the war in 1914.

The names of those killed after 1914 will appear in subsequent years, each name appearing in the 100th year after their death. All names will appear in all displays in all countries and will appear at the same time relative to their time zone.

We are proud to be participants in the World Remembers vigil (www.theworldremembers.org), and I invite you into the Senior School foyer at any time to see how Southridge has made an effort to remember those men and women who died during the war.

CAIS Accreditation Visit - November 2nd to 5th

As you may be aware, Southridge has been a member of the Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS) association for close to 20 years. There are many benefits associated with our membership in the CAIS organization, one of which is the feedback we receive as a school regarding our operations in eleven key areas.

Known as accreditation standards, the CAIS school review process uses these eleven key standards to assess our whole school performance. While our association with the International Baccalaureate provides valuable feedback regarding our Junior School academic program in particular, our association with CAIS provides important feedback regarding our whole school operations. By that I mean, in additional to accrediting our school academically, CAIS examines Southridge in ten other essential areas summarized by the following standards:

- Vision, mission, values and strategy
- Co-curriculum and the learning environment
- School leadership
- Human resources
- School and community
- Admissions procedures
- Governance
- Finance
- Physical plant, health and safety
- Commitment to school improvement

As part of our accreditation requirements, Southridge is required to undergo an extensive and comprehensive on-site visit from November 2nd to 5th. There will be nine people from CAIS-member schools across the country on our Visiting Committee. We are excited to welcome our guests and anticipate a positive school review experience; one that will provide valuable feedback for our school community as we continue on our pathway toward consistent and determined whole-school improvement.

As described by Anne-Marie Key, the Executive Director of CAIS, the accreditation standards and their associated effective practices are congruent with internationally accepted criteria and model core standards adopted by the National Association of Independent Schools' (NAIS) International Commission on Accreditation. The standards are updated annually based on current research and exceptional practices.

The process for accreditation includes an internal evaluation conducted by all members of the school itself. Dr. Kevin Bespflug led our school through its internal evaluation and went to great lengths to include multiple voices with varied perspectives. The comprehensive manner in which Dr. Bespflug conducted our internal evaluation helps support our school's commitment to excellence and on-going improvement. In essence, the internal evaluation process allowed us to examine all aspects of our programs and operations, seeking to discover strengths and weaknesses, while examining how well our varied operational programs (academic and otherwise) fulfil Southridge's vision and mission. The self-study measured Southridge against all eleven accreditation standards.

The Visiting Committee will be on our campus next week for four days and will work with our internal evaluation report. Committee members will observe classes and all other activities of the school to assess alignment of our report's discernments and findings with what they observe taking place in our school. Inevitably, the Visiting Committee will challenge Southridge to reflect on how we can continue to make whole-school improvements by offering both commendations and recommendations. CAIS values a commitment to excellence and that commitment will help our school be even better, which is, of course, at the heart of our current strategic plan.

Your Opinion Matters to Us

If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the parent survey through the link that was provided to you last week. We value your views and opinions, and we want to gain insight into areas that Southridge can improve as well as highlight our areas of strength. The purpose of the parent survey is to measure our performance in a number of key areas, compare data with past results and provide input into the process of continuous whole-school improvement.

As was stated in the email invitation to the survey, completing the questions will take about twenty minutes of your time. If there are any questions you would prefer not to answer, please feel free to leave them unanswered. We encourage you to complete the survey once for each child in your family.

Please read the instructions at the top of the survey before you start, and remember that individual responses to the survey questions are confidential. Responses are sent directly to a third-party service provider who will complete an analysis of the data independently. Southridge will receive summative results of the analysis.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in our parent survey.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Drew Stephens Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Interim Reports Sent Home	Wednesday, October 29 th	3:00 p.m.	Senior School
Spirit Day (Halloween dress-up)	Thursday, October 30 th	All day	Both Schools
Pro-D Day	Friday, October 31 st	All day	Both Schools
Open House	Tuesday, November 4 th	6:00 p.m.	Both Schools
Half-Term Holiday	Monday, November 10 th	All day	Both Schools
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11 th	All day	Both Schools
Late Start	Wednesday, November 12 th	10:10 a.m.	Both Schools

Human Resources

Reto Tschan will be leaving Southridge as of November 13th, as he has recently accepted a new full-time positon as Archivist with the City of West Vancouver where he will document and preserve the city's heritage. Reto joined Southridge in March of 2012 on a part-time basis and has played an instrumental role in managing the schools archival materials. During his time with us, Reto has worked to raise awareness of the archival function and has worked proactively to address key record keeping requirements. We would like to thank Reto for his contribution to our community over the past 2 ½ years and wish him all the best.

Mrs. Darcie Sagert Manager, Human Resources

Junior School News

Warm Words from Grade 3 - Pay it Forward

The Grade 3 students have been working on a unit of inquiry focused on how circumstances shape our attitudes and behaviours. Through this unit, they have studied many individuals whom have had exposure to significant challenges in their lives such as hearing loss, vision loss, or a physical deficiency, and how they faced these challenges. As an action at the end of their unit, the students decided to denote the money from the October casual day to the *Rick Hanson Foundation*, and although they were pleased with taking this action - they felt they should do more.

The concept of choice resonated with many students in this unit, and the importance of choosing your response. The Grade 3 class thought that they could each write 20 inspirational phrases to pass out to our parents and students on Friday morning; hopefully these would help effect their choices in a positive way. Students met parents at the front door or in our parking lot with wee baggies filled with strips of coloured paper. Written in Grade 3 printing came these samples of motivational phrases:

Have a positive attitude, no matter what happens in your life

Work hard and be nice

Believe in yourself and be strong

Keep trying

See the good in everyone

Be kind to others and they will be kind to you

Stay calm and carry on - you're the best and nothing will stop you

Be inspired

Never say: "I can't"

Believe you can and you are half way there

Be strong and never give up

And finally, my personal favourite delivered to one of our dads: Keep your sparkle on!

I watched the parents leave our Junior School Great Hall with a renewed lift in their step with these unexpected words of motivation and inspiration. One never can guess what an individual is facing each day, and an unexpected warm word from anyone, but especially a tender Grade 3 student, can make all the difference in the world. Thank you Grade 3 students for making a difference in my day and in the days of many of our parents.

Halloween Activities

On Thursday, October 30th, 2014 (Day 4) we will be hosting a Halloween assembly for our entire Junior School followed by a PYP parade of costumes to our Senior School. This assembly is great fun and we ask that students select costumes that are engaging and appropriate. We do not allow any weapons to come to school, even 'fake' weapons such as sickles, axes, and others that may accompany costumes.

Pro-D Day

On Friday, October 31st, 2014 (Halloween), our faculty will be spending time on professional development and the students will enjoy an extended weekend.

Half-Term Holiday, Remembrance Day and Late Start

We are pleased to offer Monday, November 10th as our half-term holiday, followed by Remembrance Day on November 11th, 2014. Please note that this coming Wednesday, November 12th, 2014 will be a late start morning. Please ensure that the students are here between 10:10 and 10:25 a.m. as we start classes at 10:30 a.m. Note also that there will be no supervision for any students as our faculty are in meetings for the entire morning.

Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Although Remembrance Day is a time to reflect, mourn and remember - it is also a time to celebrate being a Canadian. Canada has always answered the call to stand up for freedom and human rights. Our commitment to these values is being shown again in Afghanistan, and Canadians, all of us, are proud of the work our brave soldiers are doing to help those less fortunate than us. Our troops are making a difference in a very tangible way, in the countries where they are serving.

In the 20 years of Southridge, Remembrance Day has always been honoured and respected. Our MYP students write Remembrance Day selections and the top pieces are read at the next few assemblies. May the Canadian heroes who lie beneath the poppies in Flanders fields, and in other places, rest in peace knowing that their lives are being honoured, remembered, but mainly that our young people are thriving in this free country of peace bought by the sacrifice of others.

On Friday, November 7th our Grade 3 - 12 students will be attending the full school Remembrance Day assembly in our Senior School gym from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Our PYP students will have their own age appropriate ceremony at the same time. Please join us as we honour those whom have sacrificed for our freedom.

Have a great week.

Mrs. Laurel Middelaer Assistant Head/Head of Junior School

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

Over the past few days, we have been informed that a couple of students in our school who have contracted hand, foot and mouth disease. The students have remained at home, but we encourage all our families to familiarize themselves with the symptoms as it is essential students stay home if they have the coxsackle virus.

Please see this link from the Fraser Health Authority: http://www.fraserhealth.ca/your-health/health-topics/hand-foot-and-mouth_disease/

At Southridge School, we already have an excellent cleaning regimen for banisters and door handles, as well as all surface areas; however, we have asked our cleaning staff for an additional level in high traffic student areas. We also will continue to emphasize good hygiene practices with hand washing. Thank you for your support in this area.

We Scare Hunger

Millions of people around the world go hungry every day. Many of them are children. At We Day last year, a group of us, Ethan, Harrison, Will and I were inspired to take action. We began brain storming ideas as to how we could do this. Last year, we choose to do **We Scare Hunger** as an initiative to support our local food bank. Again, Will, I and this year, Jaden all wanted to help, so we are doing a food drive over the next few days. All the food collected will go to the South Surrey food bank.

Did you know that in Canada the food bank use has gone up by 20% in the last 10 years? Did you know that 38% of the people who use food banks are youth and kids? I didn't know this. Child poverty is extremely high in Canada which is very surprising as it is a rich and resourceful country. No one should have to live in poverty or go hungry. So what can we do? We need to share more.

Imagine what it would it feel like to have no breakfast, lunch and dinner - it may not seem too bad for one day but day after day it would be awful.

We Scare Hunger has donated over 833,000 pounds of food to food banks around the world. We want to continue to do this, but we cannot do it without your help. Starting tomorrow, Tuesday, we will be collecting food for the food bank. Please bring in soup, peanut butter, pasta, rice, cereal and any other non-perishable food item. Please place food item in the bin in the front entrance of the Junior School. Senior School students can donate there as well. Please support us to make a difference in our local community.

Brandt Muncey-Buckley Grade 7 Will Markey Jaden Leach

Grade 7 B Girls Volleyball Team Undefeated in ISEA League Play

The Grade 7B girl's volleyball team is having an outstanding season by going 6-0 in ISEA league play. They defeated York House, Crofton House, Stratford Hall, Brockton School, Collingwood and Mulgrave. They will be ranked 1st going into the ISEA championships being held at Stratford Hall on Wednesday, November 5th, 2014.

They also played in "The Thunder in the Valley" volleyball tournament in Hatzic School in Mission on October 24th and 25th, 2014. They had a good day on Friday, October 24th, beating Fraser Middle School but losing against Hatzic (Sater) and Pacific Academy (Red) placing them 3rd in the pool. On Saturday the girls lost their first game to Pacific Academy (Blue) then had an outstanding performance against Pacific Academy (Red) splitting the first 2 games and eventually losing 15-13 in the 3rd game.

Congratulations on a great season so far.

Mr. Kirby Gallant Junior School Athletic Director

Senior School News

Halloween!

I'll begin my Wednesday submission with a bit of a confession I love Halloween! It might actually be one of my favourite days of the year and surprisingly, this feeling hasn't changed very much despite the four plus decades I have been celebrating the day. There are a few reasons for this, which I'm sure many of you share if you enjoy this particular day, but there are more subtle reasons as well. Let me explain these to you in addition to connecting them to the Senior School at Southridge.

For starters the idea that one can get candy by dressing up and traveling door to door in your neighbourhood seems to be too good of a deal! And now, as a responsible house owner, I have to ensure there is enough candy for all of the children that visit. Which often means there is quite a bit left over to enjoy.

The second reason for me being a fan of Halloween is that I love the fall season. This is admittedly born out of growing up in the east where the fall colours were spectacular and the days are cool and crisp with the warmth of the sun just enough to warm you. Although we don't get as many of these types of days on the "Wet Coast", last Sunday was exactly what I am trying to explain and we have enjoyed quite a remarkable fall season this year.

The last more obvious reason for my possibly abnormal adoration of this day is that it is very close to my birthday and as such has always been linked to this celebration. To me, they are almost interchangeable in terms of the timing of when I had parties or dinner celebrations and the themes of these were always Halloween. It is a good time of year for me - even now that I am not quite as enthusiastic to have another year under my belt...

However, two more subtle reasons for me being a fan of the day, I believe, are actually why I continue to love it after so many years. The first one is the idea that this day provides the opportunity to dress up and become someone new. There is no limit to the choice - person or object, well-known or very vague. It can be something that shows your inner self or interest or it can be the furthest thing connected to you. You can dress up a little bit - like a tiny prop or two or you can fully invest in your new persona and transform completely for the entire day (Have you ever seen a person in their costume as they drive to or from work?).

Second, the creativity that is unleashed from the each person choosing to celebrate is a wonderful testament to the opportunity that the day provides. Working at a school allows such a wonderful 'stage' to see everyone participate. As a student I was most excited at finding out what the teachers were going to become on October 31st. I can recall some of my more disciplined and conservative teachers becoming characters so beyond our expectations that it changed how we saw them forever - in an incredibly positive way! I can still see my Grade 9 teacher arrive to our class as a fried egg! It was a brilliant and creative costume and we spent many hours marveling at his idea and how he made it a reality.

As I have been reflecting on these thoughts I have continued to realize that Southridge provides similar opportunities to our students throughout the year. Students are encouraged to look for new opportunities to try with our many co-curricular offerings. Each year, there are always students that have found these opportunities, and not only enjoy the new challenges, but literally blossom into a leader within the activity. This reminds me of a new Grade 8 student last year that came in such an elaborate and impressive costume it impacted how everyone saw him that day and beyond. There are similar stories about students trying out for the production, getting a major part and this leading to a career in the field.

Similarly, the staff and faculty being involved as coaches, sponsors and coordinators allow students to see them in a different light from their classroom 'persona' and creates stronger and more meaningful relationships with their students. These connections outside of the classroom help to create that ever-so-important safe environment in the classroom where students will take necessary and vital risks in their learning.

So, if you arrive at school and see all of us whom are "Halloween people" enjoying the day for all of the obvious reasons, be sure to remember those other more subtle purposes that the day provides. And also how we can enjoy a little Halloween every day in a caring and supportive environment that allows students to try new opportunities to let their spirits soar!

I hope you enjoy a wonderful All Hallows' Eve!

Mr. Doug Palm Head of Senior School

Senior Girls' Field Hockey - Fraser Valley AA Play Offs

Congratulations to our senior girls who, last Thursday, in very windy and wet conditions in Chilliwack, won a chance to compete for a berth in the upcoming Provincial Field Hockey Tournament in Oliver.

We had a shaky start against a very fast and competitive G. W. Graham team and Katie Punia, out stellar goalkeeper, had to play without a kicker on her left foot throughout the first half as we had left it behind in our hurried departure. We gradually fought our way into the game and our play in the second half was much improved. From 4-0 down at the end of the first half, the team let in only one goal in the second and could have scored two.

Scheduled to play our second game immediately after our loss to G.W. Graham, the girls' performance against Agassiz was the best I have seen so far this season. They rallied from the earlier defeat to play a much smarter tactical game (thanks coach Ranjit) and their tenacity, competitiveness and teamwork paid off with a 5 - 0 victory. The girls moved the ball well through the midfield and attacked our opponents' goal repeatedly, particularly down the right side. Offensively this was by far their best performance to date. Congratulations to captains Jeanne Balloffet and Laura Podmore for their excellent leadership on the field and to Laura for her fine hat trick. Much kudos also goes to our two "youngsters" Azra Panjwani and Emmala Alfaro for scoring their first goals at the senior competitive level.

With this victory the girls travel to Kelowna for a wild card game against Stanley Humphries School from Castlegar. The winning team will secure a place in the Provincial Championships, to be held in Oliver, from November 5th to 8th. Go Storm go.

Ms. Ira Alexander Mrs. Jan Holt Ranjit Rai Senior Girls Field Hockey Coaches

Mountain Biking Trip

Last Friday, while the most of the student body was at school, myself and nine other lucky students went up to North Vancouver along with Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Burrage to participate in the very first mountain biking day trip. This was an all-day trip comprising of a skill session in the morning and a ride after lunch. When we arrived at Endless Biking (a North Vancouver bike rental shop) we were fortunate that against the forecast it wasn't raining. Our luck continued through the entire day with no rain. During the morning skill session we learned valuable skills that we would be using during the ride in the afternoon. When we hit the trails after lunch we were split up into two groups each led by a guide from Endless Biking. Since some of us had little to no experience, we took it easy, while soaking in the North Shore trails. Overall this trip was a great success with no major injuries and I know I am not the only one who went who would do this trip again. So if that ever happens, I hope to see others coming out to shred the trails.

Declan Byrne Grade 8 Student

Princess Project Reminder

As October ends, our formal wear rack is now up in the front lobby of the Senior School, beside the fireplace. Hopefully, as the sweater weather prompts you to take out your fall wardrobe, you come across gently used formal wear that is cluttering your closets. The Great Gatsby Gala is also quickly approaching; this is the prime opportunity to dig into all the rarely visited crevasses of your closets. Please donate all unused or gently used items by hanging them on our donation rack. We

accept all types of female formal wear including long and short dresses and dress shoes. This is a change from last year as the Princess Project is a different charity that does not accept male formal wear. Thank you.

Allisen and Julia

Drama Props Requested

The Drama Department is looking for two matching prop (fake) switchblades. If you see any when Halloween shopping, please let us know where you saw it or buy it and I will reimburse you. Thank you!

Mr. Glen Pope Drama Teacher

Purdy's Chocolate Orders

The 2015 Grads are holding their annual Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser. If you would like to order chocolates for the holiday season, please go to www.purdysgpp.com and create an account that is linked to the grad **customer number:** 24019. Orders must be placed by **Friday, November 21st.** Orders will be ready for pick up on **Monday, December 15th**. If you would like a paper copy of the order form, please pick one up at the Senior School reception. Thank you for all of your support!

Grad Committee & Ms. Mosher (hmosher@southridge.bc.ca)

Fraser Valley Swimming Championships

The Southridge swimmers were very successful at the Fraser Valley Swim Meet last Thursday, October 23rd at Fleetwood! The swimmers placed 3rd overall out of 36 schools and were only beaten by two Peninsula schools (Semiahmoo and EMS) with much larger swim teams. The girls alone placed 2nd. Way to go, Storm!

At the end of an exciting day of racing, we qualified for 10 relays and 15 individual events in the Provincials on November 14th and 15th at Watermania in Richmond, BC. Here are the highlights:

First places and 2014 Fraser Valley Champions:

Jessica Lee (Girls-50 free - B) Melissa Liu (Girls-50 free - Open) Mikaela Wilson (Girls-50 back -B)

400m free relay girls - Open: Melissa Liu, Catherine Grimme, Katherine Toy and Isabelle Lei

200m free relay girls - Open: Melissa Liu, Jessica Lee, Katherine Toy and Isabelle Lei

Second places:

Isabelle Lei (Girls-100 free - Open)

200m medley relay girls - Open: Mikaela Wilson, Melissa Liu, Isabelle Lei, Katherine Toy 4x50 free relay mixed - Open: Tony Ma, Jessica Lee, Mikaela Wilson, Karl Rumm

Other qualifiers for Provincials:

Young Ye, Avery Martin (Boys- 50 free-Open)

Ryan Kniel (Boys- 50 back- B/ Boys- 50 fly- B/Boys - 100 free B)

Malcolm Beaton (Boys -100 free- B)

Catherine Grimme (Girls- 100 back- Open)

Alan Kniel (Boys- 50 breast- B)

Ethan Han (Boys- 100 breast- Open)

Katherine Toy (Girls- 100 free- Open)

Karl Rumm (Boys- 100 free- Open)

200m medley relay girls - Open: Catherine Grimme, Cassidy Fu, Jessica Lee, Nicole Ure

200m medley relay boys - Open: Alan Kniel, Tony Ma, Avery Martin, Karl Rumm

200m free relay mixed -Open: Ethan Han, Ingrid Rumm, Mark Liu, Cassidy Fu

200m free relay boys - B: James Adamson, Ryan Kniel, Malcolm Beaton, Alan Kniel

200m free relay girls - Open: Nicole Ure, Cassidy Fu, Mikaela Wilson, Catherine Grimme

200m free relay boys- Open: Tony Ma, Young Ye, Avery Martin, Karl Rumm

This day could not have happened without our many parent volunteers. It was exceptional to see seven Southridge moms spend most of their day on the pool deck giving up their entire day. We thank you so very much for supporting our swimmers and us, as coaches.

Stroke and Turn Judges:

Wendy Lei Ruby Chan

Timers:

Annie Ma Marit Rumm Yang Lin Effie Cheung Queenie Wu

We are so proud of everyone who swam at the Regional meet! We may not have been the biggest team, but we certainly showed that we have the biggest spirit. All the very best to all swimmers at Provincials!

Ms. Heike Beer and Ms. Cecilia Rodriguez-Lang Swim Coaches

News for Both Schools

Open House is Next Week

Just a reminder that next week, Tuesday, November 4th is Open House - doors open at 6:00 p.m. Please pick up an invitation at the front desk and ask your friends and family to join us for our 20th Open House!

Ms. Renee Lepp Director of Admissions

Volunteers Needed for Next Week!

We are looking for some dads (or moms!) to help out next week with parking/traffic for the Open House on Tuesday, November 4th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please contact Kristine directly at kmathiasen@southridge.bc.ca if you can help out. We still need 3 more people!

The Great Gala Gatsby

"And I like large parties, they're so intimate. At small parties there isn't any privacy." F.Scott Fitzgerald

<u>Get your tickets</u>: The Great Gatsby Gala is just around the corner and we need you there to make the party complete! The evening promises to be an amazing event filled with great friends, fabulous music, delicious food and fun times. We've had a great response to ticket sales, so to avoid disappointment, buy your ticket now!

<u>Sponsorships</u> are still available and we need your help to reach our goal and make the evening a success. Your contribution is tax deductible and your support is much appreciated!

<u>Volunteers needed</u>: We are still in need of volunteers to lend a hand on Friday, Saturday during the event, and for the post gala clean-up on Sunday. If you are able to help, please sign-up via the Volunteer Corner on the Southridge website for positions and times.

A sincere thanks to everyone who has already supported the event – we look forward to seeing you on November 15th! 2014 Gala Committee

Friends of Southridge Cycling Team

The Friends of Southridge Cycling team is inviting all of you to join us on The Ride to Conquer Cancer 2015. No previous experience necessary. All you need is a strong desire to help raise funds which are donated to the Cancer Society.

Cancer is not selective: man, woman, or child can be affected by this disease. Fortunately, because of research, the outlook for cancer patients is much more positive than before. Research, however, is costly, and the net proceeds from this ride go to support: "Finding the right treatment for the right patient, at the right time."

Dr. Rob Skleryk is the team captain, and this is the 3rd year that the Friends of Southridge team will participate. Some of our members are participating for the 4th or 5th time.

We are hosting our first meeting on Sunday, November 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the Junior School conference room. Even if you are only curious about the ride, please plan to attend, or if you are unable to attend but interested, contact Rob at drrob@laserhealth.ca.

Fundraising as well as imagining that you need to be an accomplished cyclist tend to scare people away from participating. Yes, fundraising is a factor, but that is why we do this as a team, and it is much easier. As long as you have a bike and you can ride it, the rest is easy. Everyone can do this, especially when we know the results cancer has on all those who are near and dear to us.

Last year the team focused on raising funds for blood related cancers because of the impact of this deadly disease on our former head girl, Serena Bonneville. Serena is now attending the University of Victoria, but she is still undergoing treatments. You all contributed to the success of our ride last year and we hope we can count on you again for 2015. Support comes in many forms and encouragement, as well as donations, is always appreciated.

Ms. Anne Boyle

MYP French Teacher and Former Member

Southridge Gets a New Postal Code

Canada Post has informed us that we have a new postal code, as of Monday, October 20th! We are now V3Z 0C8.

Community Relations



Grad 2015 Purdy's Chocolate Holiday Fundraiser

Dear Students & Parents,

With the holidays just around the corner, the Southridge Grad Committee is excited to announce our annual Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser. Pre-order all of your chocolate gifts for friends and co-workers or have some boxes at home for when friends and family come to visit during the holidays!

In addition to supporting our grads with this fundraising opportunity, there are prizes for ordering chocolates!!!

Online Draws – order your chocolates online and you are eligible to win a Sweet Traditions Gift Basket!!

There are two options for ordering:

- Order Forms Send your order form to the senior school, attention to Heather
 Mosher along with a cheque for the amount of your purchase payable to Southridge
 School (memo: Grad Committee)
- 2. Order Online go to http://www.purdysgpp.com and click on "Sign in as Group Member". The Southridge Grad group number is "24019". It will ask you then to fill in your personal information, create a personal password and then you can order your chocolates (and see an online catalogue).

Please get your orders in by **NOVEMBER 21st, 2014**. All orders will be delivered to the school on December 15th and will be ready for pick-up after school in the cafeteria.

We greatly appreciate your support!!

Grad Committee & Ms. Mosher (hmosher@southridge.bc.ca)