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#### Head of School

# What do Harvard and Columbia and our Grades 1 & 8 have in Common?

As part of my professional development experience this year, I enrolled in design course at the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) just before March Break. The course was offered in partnership with the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and it attracted people from all over the world. Surely, eighteen countries were represented in our relatively small cohort of seventy-five people, and my design team of eight people was representative of six different countries – Mexico, Columbia, India, Ireland, the US and Canada. The focus of the course was on designing learning environments for tomorrow.

Two years ago, I attended Teachers College at Columbia University in New York with thirty other heads of independent school from across North America and Europe for an intensive week of discourse, research and a range of theoretical and practical experiences in educational leadership focussing on the future of education. While at Columbia, I was involved with a research team that wrote a white paper focussing on six distinct topics. My topic of investigation was design thinking, and one of the heads of school on my team was Diane Rosenberg from the Nueva School in California.

For a number of years, the Nueva School has worked closely with the Stanford Design School to integrate design thinking into their school's curriculum. My relationship with Ms. Rosenberg eventually led to one of our own teachers, Mrs. Raber, visiting Nueva for one of their highly regarded summer institutes on design thinking. Without much delay upon her return to Southridge, Mrs. Raber joined forces with her Grade 1 teaching partner, Ms. Kooner, to create meaningful ways to bring design thinking into Grade 1 and the rest of the Junior School. The demonstrations of learning from our students based on their design thinking projects was fantastic. (To learn more about design thinking, visit this link to view a short video <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhQWrHQwYTk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhQWrHQwYTk</a>)

However, the Junior School was not alone in its integration of design thinking into our inquiry-oriented, discussion-based curriculum. At the same time, our Senior School was also working on using similar principles in a Grade 8 science project that challenged small groups of students to design creative solutions to everyday problems that would make life



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better. On Tuesday, April 18, our first ever Senior School Invention Convention presented a platform for our Grade 8 students to showcase, present and demonstrate their creations to peers, teachers, parents and, very importantly, our Grades 1 students.

At the HGSE the professors, sessional instructors and workshop facilitators strive to model teaching and learning principles in an effort to immerse education professionals in relevant and exemplary experiences. While I was at the HGSE, there was a distinct and clear focus on design thinking – the very same principles our Grades 1 and 8 students use. What's more, discussion played a significant role in the learning process at the HGSE . . . as did inquiry, mistakes, failures, false starts, dead ends, deep reflection, peer critiques and transparent (public) demonstrations of learning.

From my experiences at Harvard, to my research at Columbia, I can attest to the fact that the educational program at Southridge (from Kindergarten to Grade 1 to 12) is nothing short of exemplary in its thoughtful integration of relevant and engaging age-appropriate principles and perspectives on contemporary educational thought and practice. I can assure you that your children are in very good hands, indeed.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens Head of School

## **Important Dates**

Event	Date	Time	Location
Country Fair Collection	Thursday, May 4	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Senior Gym
Country Fair	Saturday, May 6	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Both Schools
Country Fair Volunteers Thank You- Free Coffee	Tuesday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:45 – 8:00 am	Both Schools
AUWH Auditions	Thursday, May 11	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Uganda Service Trip Info Night	Thursday, May 11	7:00 pm	Senior Library
Junior Assembly	Friday, May 11	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Making a Difference Fair	Friday, May 12	1:20 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Junior Assembly	Tuesday, May 16	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Grade 4 Exhibition Presentations – Day 1	Wednesday, May 17	1:30 pm	Junior School Great Hall



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Event	Date	Time	Location
Grade 4 Exhibition Presentations – Day 2	Thursday, May 18	5:30 pm	Junior School Great Hall
World Partnership Walk	Friday, May 19	1:20 pm	Junior School
TREK	Friday, May 19	1:45 pm	Senior School
Victoria Day Holiday	Monday, May 22	All Day	Both Schools
Late Start	Tuesday, May 23	10:25 am	Both Schools
Strategic Plan Review	Thursday, May 25	7:00 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Junior Assembly	Thursday, May 25	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Casual Day	Friday, May 26	All Day	Both Schools
AR Reading Deadline	Friday, May 26		Senior School
Cafè Concerto	Tuesday, May 30	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Cafè Concerto	Wednesday, May 31	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Junior Assembly	Wednesday, May 31	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall

## **Junior School News**

#### Head of Junior School

#### It's May and June is Coming!

Welcome to May (or as I have come to call it over the years, Mayhem)! This is a month that promises to be busy with learning in every classroom, and it is a particularly exciting time for our Grades 4 and 7 classes as they finalize and share their inquiry and action for their PYP Exhibition and MYP Making a Difference projects. Grade 7's will share their Making A Difference projects in the Junior School Great Hall on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Grade 4's will share their PYP Exhibition projects over two sessions on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Please join us for these informative and inspiring presentations, as they represent significant PYP and MYP milestones in the learning journeys of our Junior School students.

Knowing how quickly May is going to fly by, it's also time to start looking to June and all of our end of year celebrations and events. Please mark your calendars and save the dates for the events below which take place over the last week of school, June 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. Specific details about each event will be communicated in upcoming issues of The

Wednesday, as well as through Schoology.



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Date, Time and Location	Event		
Monday, June 19 <sup>th</sup> , all day on the Junior Field and Turf Field	Junior School Sports Day, Kindergarten - Grade 7		
<ul> <li>Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Junior School Great Hall:</li> <li>8:15 a.m. start. for 1RK, 2TW, 3MY</li> <li>10:30 a.m. start for 1RR, 2AJ, 3CK</li> </ul>	PYP Speech Celebration, Grades 1-3 students, parents and guests		
Tuesday, June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 1:20-3:00 p.m. in the Junior School Great Hall	MYP Speech Celebration, Grades 5-7 students, parents and guests		
Wednesday, June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9 a.m2 p.m. at Centennial Park Beach in Tsawwassen	PYP Picnic, Kindergarten - Grade 4 students, parents and siblings		
Wednesday, June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 10:30 a.m3:00 p.m. on the Commons and in the Junior School Gym	Greek Feast and Festival, Grade 7 students		
Thursday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 8:15-9:00 a.m. in the Junior School Great Hall	MYP Certificate Ceremony, Grades 5-7 students, parents and guests		
Thursday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 11 a.m12:00 p.m. on the Turf Field	Gr. 7 vs. Teachers Soccer Game (Grade 7 students dismissed at noon, following the game)		
Thursday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 12:00-3:00 p.m.	Grades 5 and 6 Class Celebrations		
Thursday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Junior School Great Hall	Grade 7 Graduation Ceremony and Dinner, Grade 7 students and parents		
Thursday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 8:30-10:30 p.m. in the Junior School Gym	Grade 7 Graduation Dance, Grade 7 students		
Friday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Senior School Gym	Junior School Closing Ceremonies, Kindergarten - Grade 7, all students, parents and guests		

I look forward to seeing you at the Country Fair on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>! Respectfully yours,



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Tanya de Hoog Head of Junior School

# Victoria Day Long Weekend and Late Arrival, Monday, May 22nd and Tuesday, May 23rd

Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is Victoria Day and school will be closed for this Statutory Holiday. Classes will resume with a late start on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:25 a.m. *Please do not bring students any earlier than 10:10 a.m. as all faculty and staff are in meetings and no supervision is provided.* 

### **Senior School News**

#### **Head of Senior School**

#### **13 Reasons Why**

Many students are talking about the Netflix series <u>13 Reasons Why</u>, and it is important for parents to understand that the themes in this series are for very mature audiences and it could have a negative psychological effect on vulnerable youth. Some mental health care workers have reported an increase in cutting and other maladaptive ways of dealing with pain among their clients after watching certain episodes of the series. Many adults who have watched the show have described it as dark, raw, disturbing and the addictive show is creating quite a <u>buzz in the media</u>. Although I am not seeking to create any undue hysteria over this, I feel that parents need to be informed of the effect 13 *Reasons Why* can have on youth.

The series revolves around a high school student who commits suicide following a series of demoralizing circumstances brought on by select individuals at her school. A box of cassette tapes she recorded before her suicide details thirteen reasons why she ended her life. The show's depiction of suicide may cause alarm for parents as well as for young people. The series also touches on themes of bullying, destructive use of social media, revenge, disengagement from adults, and risk-taking behaviours, and may elicit strong emotional reactions among young viewers; however, unlike the adult characters in the show who are often portrayed as absent, disinterested or incompetent, we, as parents and educators, are well positioned to respond thoughtfully to these issues. It is thus critical



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for parents to know what their children are watching and to engage them in reflective conversations.

A principal in the Burnaby School District summarized this well in a letter to parents:

"Although various reviews I have read state that this is an important show for parents to watch (Common Sense Media suggests 16 and over), many mental health organizations are highlighting concerns...urging school communities, parents and mental health services to be aware of the dangers and risks associated for children and young people who have been exposed to the series (Australia's National Youth Mental Health Foundation).

The linked article was created by the <u>Suicide Awareness Voices for Education</u> <u>Society (SAVE)</u> as a guideline for talking to children about the TV series. It explains much of the show's content, and the reasons why some mental health associations are *urging caution in allowing children/teens to watch the show unsupported.*"

Parents are urged to be aware of what their adolescent children are watching and to have open and honest discussions about how a show like *13 Reasons Why* may be having a negative impact on some youth. We will be assisting and engaging with students, staff and parents with concerns as they arise. If you have any questions about this series or your child's wellbeing, please contact our school counsellors Wendy Turriff, Graeme Swan or Natasha Bains.

\* Thank you to Wendy Turriff who provided the information in this article.

#### More Support Resources:

- Fraser Health Crisis Line: (604) 951-8855
- Crisis Centre: <u>https://crisiscentre.bc.ca/</u>
- Online Chat Service for Youth: <u>www.YouthInBC.com</u> (Noon to 1am)
- Kids Help Line: 604-310-1234
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868
- Call 911 if you believe someone's life is in danger

Brad Smith Head of Senior School



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#### Mentoring and Tutoring at Martha Currie Elementary School

There are not many things that are more rewarding than helping children in your community. Earlier this year I had the opportunity to start a mentoring and tutoring program at Martha Currie Elementary school in Cloverdale. The children at Martha Currie Elementary come from all walks of life. At Southridge, many of us are fortunate enough to have families with supportive parents that look after our needs. Unfortunately, many children in our community cannot say that they share the same.

Every Wednesday, a group of Southridge students visit Martha Currie to help elementary school children with everything from school work, reading and sharing stories, mentoring and guiding, to just spending quality time together. I think that I can speak for the tutoring and mentoring group when I say this experience is fun, joyful and most of all rewarding. It is great knowing that you are making a difference in a child's life.

If students are interested in joining the Martha Currie tutoring and mentoring program, please email Evanee Verma at: <u>everma@southridge.bc.ca</u> Service hours are applicable.

We would love to have you!

#### Upcoming Outdoor Ed Trip; Galiano Cycle/Kayak: May 11-13

Our next OE opportunity will take us to Galiano Island, one of the Southern Gulf Islands, with a very well protected harbour to give students an ideal condition to learn basic paddling skills, and see plenty of sea life while exploring the rocky shores. Students will also get to bike from the ferry to our campsite and back, as well as taking a ride up to Bluff Park where they can enjoy a breathtaking view of the Active Pass. A couple highlights of this trip include being on a shell midden (used by the Coast Salish for thousands of years), and seeing the bioluminescent phytoplankton from the docks at night.

This upcoming trip is one of many Outdoor Education trips that support Southridge goals for character building through experiential education, as well as developing an enjoyment for physical activity. There are many opportunities for leadership experiences and teambuilding. This also offers a venue for students to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Award bronze or silver adventurous journey. Or, they can use the trip as a practice journey preparing for a future kayak or cycle trip for their silver or gold.

Forms are available from Ms. Szymczak. Deadline to return them is May 5<sup>th</sup>.



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#### The University Counselling Department presents ...

Southridge is pleased to present Peter van Buskirk, an informative speaker, a renowned admissions advisor, and an expert in navigating the US university applications process. He will be presenting his workshop on "The Down and Dirty of the College Admission Process" to parents and students who are interested in applying to US universities.

When:	Wednesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m
Where:	Junior School Great Hall
RSVP:	bbecker@southridge.bc.ca

Admission is free, but please RSVP so we can prepare accordingly. Check out Peter's website at <u>https://www.bestcollegefit.com/</u>.

## **Both Schools**

#### **Country Fair Volunteers Still Needed!**

The *Country Fair* is only 3 days away and we still need 20 volunteers for the morning shift and 50 volunteers for the afternoon shift.

We ask that **every family commits to at least one shift** on Fair day. We have 480 families at Southridge and only 350 have signed up for Fair day to-date. Outdoor Games, Recycled Treasures, Security, Parking and Face Painting are particularly in need of your help.

On Saturday, between 5,000 to 8,000 people will be on our campus and in order to ensure a safe and fun event, we need every family to volunteer. <u>Sign-up today</u> if you haven't already! And thank you to everyone who has!

**Drop-off continues this week so please bring in your household items, toys, books and clothes.** Furniture and other large items can be dropped off on Thursday only. See the <u>Country Fair website</u> for more details.

**The bake table needs your help!** Don't forget, we ask every family to **donate 3 homemade items** for our bake sale. If you love baking and can do more, please do! We always sell out of baking and this is a popular spot on Fair day. See the <u>Fair website</u> for recipe ideas, packaging suggestions, etc. Drop your baking off at the school on Friday morning!



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*Thank you* to everyone for your contributions to our 22nd Annual Country Fair! It's going to be another great event!

2017 Country Fair Committee

#### Why I Volunteer at the Country Fair – Isabelle Lei

As a Lifer, I have had the joy of attending the Southridge Country Fair as an inquisitive four-year-old, a young student, and finally, in the last couple of years, a volunteer.

As a small child, the Country Fair was the highlight of my Spring Term, as it was one of the only days dedicated to the sole purpose of fun and games. There were always various different activities that popped up over the years and replaced others, but some continue to be a huge success. These activities are the ones manned by students and parents who put their heart and soul into making that station a fun, interactive, and maybe even delicious place to be.

This is why I hold the Country Fair so close to my heart, and continue to look forward to volunteering there every year. As a volunteer, I can now witness the ecstasy in the kids' faces as they jump from one bouncy castle to another, the excitement of picking a new favourite stuffy or gadget from the vast selection in the Toys area, the wonder of finding clothing for a fraction of the price in Recycled Treasures, or the pure delight of tasting a homemade batch of cookies or pies from the moms at Baking.

They say giving is better than receiving, and the Country Fair has taught me this truth. It is by far more rewarding to be a volunteer at the Fair, and to know that your efforts, and the efforts of those around you, have made a positive impact in someone's life.

#### News from the Bake Table

Only two more days until Baking Drop Off! Please bring your three packaged (and labeled) baking contributions to either the Junior School or Senior School on Friday morning. We are offering curb-side drop off to make it easier for you!

If you are needing any last minute packaging, please email <u>southridge.baketable@gmail.com</u> as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to another great Country Fair!



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Cari and Amanda Baking Committee Co-chairs

# Summer at Southridge – Student Volunteers Needed in Weeks 3 & 4

The April 28 deadline for summer camp volunteer applications has now passed, however it appears we are really low on volunteers in weeks 3 & 4.

If you have a child 14+, the summer camp program is a great opportunity for he/she to give back, earn hours, acquire practical experience, and have fun.

We are specifically in need for volunteers during the week of July 17 - 21 and July 24 – 28. As such, we will extend the application deadline to **Friday**, **May 5<sup>th</sup>** for volunteers available in these last two weeks.

For more information, or to obtain a volunteer form, click here.

If you have any questions, please contact the Summer at Southridge administration office:

Email: <u>summercampinfo@southridge.bc.ca</u> Info Line: 604-542-5385

Regards,

Ms. Jasmine Boyes Summer Camp Manager

# Seeking Designer Donations: The Country Fair Clothing Boutique needs your support!

Dear fashion-forward friends,

As you sort your closets in anticipation of spring weather (Any day now!), please consider parting with new or next-to-new designer clothing and accessories to help us stock the Clothing Boutique. With the growing popularity of local consignment fashion shops, the boutique needs more support. Your gently-used designer favourites can enjoy a second life as boutique inventory, helping to raise funds for our school. We look forward to receiving your donations up to May 4<sup>th</sup>.



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Thank you

#### **Volunteer Opportunity - Welcome Families**

Why did you apply for Southridge School? Your answer likely includes the hope that your child would belong to a community of like-minded children and parents who experience a sense of belonging and support from each other over the years. All of us can appreciate how challenging it can be to find your place in a new school.

Welcome Families can help to make that transition much easier, for both the child and the parents of our new families. You don't need to have all the answers—you just need to know how to find them. Please consider volunteering to help welcome a new family to our school, and to help strengthen the community we all value. Please read the attached description.

#### Join us 'fore' Golfing on June 9th!

If you haven't already registered for the 2017 Golf Tournament at Hazelmere Golf Club, now is the time to do it! Not only is this an important fundraiser for our school, it's also a great way to end out the school year and spend a day on the links with your friends from the Southridge community.

You can show your support by golfing, being a sponsor or volunteering – everyone is welcome! The cost is \$185/golfer and includes a registration goodie bag and burger lunch bar, plenty of on-course food and beverage sampling, skill testing games and activities, a gourmet bbq dinner and a night of dancing to a DJ in the Hazelmere Clubhouse. We sold out early last year and this year will be no exception, so please <u>click here</u> to register or purchase tickets.

Thank you to everyone who has already supported the event and there are a number of great <u>sponsorship opportunities</u> still available. The more money we raise, the more we can make a difference for our kids, so don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of this year's success!

2017 Golf Committee



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#### Southridge Café

The Café staff like feedback! Feel free to let us know some of your favourites and not-sofavourites. As we try out new dishes, let us know what you think. This way, we will know whether to add it to our menu or not. You can provide us with your comments or suggestions at: <u>southridge@canuelcaterers.ca</u>

Please see the attached menus for May.

#### **Uniform Shop News**

For parents of students going into Grade 8, we would suggest that you get the Senior School uniforms for your child before the end of the school year as early September is always a very busy time and students may have to wait for fittings. We may also be running out of stock on some items.

Our opening hours are:

Monday – Thursday:	7:45 - 9:00 am and 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Friday:	closed

Phala Tan Business Services Manager



Southridge School presents ...

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Discover who gets in and why!

## Wednesday - May 10, 2017 - 7:00 PM Junior School Great Hall

for parents and students considering US universities

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- Cost and affordability factors in the equation
- Strategies for **getting on colleges**' **"radar screens**"
- The biggest mistakes students make in applying to college

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Breakfast	Smoothie Day	Churro	Smoothie Day	Bacon Wrap	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Chicken Enchilada	Salad Bar	Tortilla Soup	Salad Bar	Burrito Bar
Pasta Bowl	Rose'	Primavera	Mac and Cheese	Cannelloni	Taco Pasta
Grill Central	Taquito	Stuffed Chicken	Spicy Chicken Brg	Mexican Flatbread	Pulled Pork Sandwhich
Weekly Panini	Thai Chicken	Thai Chicken	Thai Chicken	Thai Chicken	Thai Chicken
Great Greens	Thai Noodle	Salad Bar	Chef Salad	Salad Bar	Chicken Caesar







	Mon-15	Tues-16	Wed-17	Thur-18	Fri-19
Breakfast	Smoothie Day	Lemon Poppy scone	Smoothie Day	Bacon Wrap	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Perogies and Sausage`	Salad Bar	Lemongrass Chicken	Salad Bar	Chicken Strips
Pasta Bowl	Alfredo	Cannelloni	Gnocchi	Mac and Cheese	Marinara
Grill Central	Japa Dog	Beef Dip	Spicy Chicken Brg	Pizza	Fish Burger
Weekly Panini	BBQ Chipotle	BBQ Chipotle	BBQ Chipotle	BBQ Chipotle	BBQ Chipotle
Great Greens	Chic Pea Salad	Salad Bar	Caesar Salad	Salad Bar	Tossed Salad







	Mon-29	Tues-30	Wed-31	Thur-1	Fri-2
Breakfast	Smoothie Day	Peach Scone	Smoothie Day	Sausage Egger	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Chicken Quesadilla	Salad Bar	Chicken Chow Mein	Salad Bar	Fish and Chips
Pasta Bowl	Alfredo	Italiano	Macaroni and Cheese	Curry Pasta	Marinara
Grill Central	Meat Ball Sub	BBQ Ribber	Spring Rolls	Pizza	Pot Pie
Weekly Panini	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto
Great Greens	Chic Pea Salad	Salad Bar	Caesar Salad	Salad Bar	Chef Salad

