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10 Things That Do Not Belong in Schools of the Future

The last article I wrote for The Southridge Wednesday focused on my attendance at the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) conference in Atlanta, Georgia. In that article, I promised I would write an article as a follow-up about some highlights of the conference. There were many outstanding sessions that Mr. Jones and I attended including a three hour workshop on the art of negotiations that was put on by The Klingenstein Center at New York's Columbia University, but the one I would like to write about here was a session put on by a Head of School and his Assistant Head from Austin, Texas titled *10 things that do not belong in schools of the future*. In this article, I will talk about five that I feel are most noteworthy.

1. **Status Quo or Tradition.** Now, I believe that there actually *is* a place for *traditions* at a school such as graduation events, things that we do at Southridge like Leadership Experience Week, the House Picnic, or roughing it outside in the rain under a tarp at Strathcona, but there is a danger of continually churning out the same events year after year and allowing things to become stale. Educators and school leaders must always ask whether or not the traditions that a school has established over the years continue to serve the community in the ways they were intended. It may be possible that always doing the same things keeps us from exploring new, fresh ideas that could really enhance our student's experience at Southridge. "We do that because we've always done it that way," can be a safe, comfortable yet dangerously limiting attitude.
2. **Recipes.** What the presenters meant by this is essentially this: if you are a teacher, and you give an assignment to your class, and students turn in 20 "projects" that essentially say or do virtually the same thing, then you haven't given an assignment, you've given a recipe. I can think of countless assignments I was given as a student in high school and university that I handed in that looked exactly the same as the projects handed in by other students. We didn't cheat or copy each other, we just followed the very clear expectations of our teachers and did it *their way*. Where is the deep learning in that? Where is the creativity and innovation? How was I challenged to figure things out on my own and create something unlike anything anyone else in the class did? Sadly, as a teacher I often assigned projects in a history or geography class and when students presented their findings, the results often looked unimaginatively similar. Was that the student's fault, or mine? Were they creating and being imaginative or

were they following the project recipe I gave them? As schools of the future focus on collaboration, inquiry-focused learning, discussion-based classes, creativity and innovation, perhaps the skill teachers must develop the most is the art of asking the *right* questions, not giving students a recipe to follow.

3. **Sacred Spaces.** This can be tied to the traditions of a school. Why do people in a library always have to be quiet? Do students actually need lockers and hallways and walls? Do all classrooms have to look the same? Do schools really need computer labs? Can deep learning happen online? Or outside in nature? What if we put power tools in the hands of students and ask them to build something? Does reporting and assessment need to look the way it did when we were kids? Do we need to give out awards for the “best” student in every subject area--how do we really even know who that is? These are just a few questions that can initiate the conversation around what we as a school community hold sacred, and what we might need to consider letting go of or changing.
4. **Isolation and Department-centrism.** Why do we teach? Is it to fill student’s minds with the knowledge we feel is important, have them write a test, give them a mark, and pat them on the head and move them along? Or do we teach for deep learning and understanding? To help students make connections across the curriculum? Since the Industrial Revolution, school leaders have organized students in classrooms, teaching them math and then moving them along to history, next to science, and then on to English. How can we connect the learning in art class to social studies to science, mathematics and physical education? In 2020, Finland will be revolutionizing education by removing all subject areas from high schools for students 16 years old and older. Senior students will learn about concepts such as (for example) global warming by incorporating scientific, mathematical, historical, geographic and economic considerations. World Wars would be studied in a similar cross-curricular approach by multiple teachers. This is only one example of how education is evolving, but keep in mind that over the past two decades Finland has boasted one of the top-ranked education systems in the world, yet they are doing a complete overhaul.
5. **Fear of Failure.** As I have written in previous articles, students today are anxious about their future--some experts say they are the most anxious generation *ever*. Part of the problem, according to Stanford researcher Carol Dweck, is that students are not given the freedom to fail and to learn from their mistakes. When we talk about failure, we do not necessarily mean big failures, like failing a course or an entire grade at school, we certainly aren’t talking about skydiving failures or brake failures on our vehicles, but researchers believe that children need to be given opportunities to make small failures often--and to hopefully learn from those failures. Perfectionism is rampant in schools. Some students

consider a B on a report card the new C- or even D. For some, nothing short of an A or A+ is considered acceptable. My worry is that students with this “fixed mindset” around achievement are setting themselves up for bigger problems related to anxiety, depression and a deficit of true understanding down the road. Schools of the future need to provide daily opportunities for students to explore, to imagine, to experiment, to fail and to try again. This is what builds resilience. And these are five things that I agree do not belong in schools of the future.

Have a great week!

Brad Smith
Head of the Senior School

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Film Nights by Media Arts	Wednesday, April 18	7:00 pm	Black Box Theatre
Sexual Health Presentation for K-7 Parents	Thursday, April 19	8:00 – 8:40 am	Junior School Great Hall
Sexual Health Presentation for K-7 Students	Thursday, April 19	8:50 am	Junior School Great Hall
Film Night by Media Arts	Thursday, April 19	7:00 pm	Black Box Theatre
ISA Jr & Sr Girls Soccer Tournament	Thursday, April 19	8:00 am	Southridge School
ISA Jr & Sr Girls Soccer Tournament	Friday, April 20	8:00 am	Southridge School
April Break	Monday, April 23		Both Schools
Grade 7 Band In-House Festival	Tuesday, April 24	10:10 am	Junior School
Parent Presentation – Safer Schools Together	Tuesday, April 24	7:00 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Assembly – Cancelled	Wednesday, April 25		Junior School
Full School Assembly	Wednesday, April 25	9:40 am	Senior Gym
Safer Schools Together – Grade 4-7 Student Social Media/Digital Literacy Presentations	Thursday, April 26	8:45 am	Junior School Great Hall
Casual Day	Friday, April 27	All Day	Both Schools
Relay for Life	Friday, April 27	4:00 pm	Senior School
Country Fair Collection	Saturday, April 28	11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Senior Gym
Country Fair Collection	Sunday, April 29	11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Senior Gym
Country Fair Collection	Monday, April 30	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Senior Gym
Country Fair Collection	Tuesday, May 1	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Senior Gym
Country Fair Collection	Wednesday, May 2	8:00 am – 8:00 pm	Senior Gym
Junior School Assembly	Wednesday, May 2	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Country Fair Collection	Thursday, May 3	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Senior School
Country Fair	Saturday, May 5	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Both Schools

Junior School News

Reminder - Sexual Health Conversations with Saleema Noon, Thursday, April 19th

All Junior School parents are invited to attend a parent session about talking to your children about sexual health with Saleema Noon from 8:00-8:40 am in the Junior School Great Hall on Thursday, April 19th (adults only, please). All Junior School students will participate in presentations throughout the day. For more information, please visit Saleema's website <http://www.saleemanoon.com/>. Please contact Ms. Wendy Turriff, Junior School Counsellor if you have any questions.

April Break – Monday, April 23rd

On years such as this, where Spring Break and Easter break are combined, there is a scheduled April Break long weekend. This year, April Break is on Monday, April 23rd. School will not be in session on this day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 24th with a regular 8:00 a.m. start time.

Save the Date – Reunification Drill, Friday, May 18, 2018

On **Friday, May 18**, both the Junior and Senior Schools will be conducting a Reunification Drill (a simulation of the procedures the School would undertake to reunite students with families/care-givers in the event of an emergency situation that warrants evacuating and/or closing our school). Schools are required to run reunification drills by the Ministry of Education, in order to ensure appropriate plans are in place in the event of emergencies.

Our reunification drill will require that Junior School students be picked up from the School by a parent or designated adult on the afternoon of May 18th. Please note that older siblings in the Senior School who may have permission to walk or drive home as a part of the Grade 8-12 release process during the drill will not be able to sign out a Junior School sibling, as we cannot put the burden of care on another child, such as an older sibling in this context. More specific details and instructions will follow in the weeks to come; however, we'd like to have maximum participation in the drill and request that you save the date.

PYP Celebrates the Arts! – The Video

The week before spring break, the joyful sounds of music filled the halls as "PYP Celebrates the Arts!" came to Southridge. This was a holistic, student-centred celebration

of the arts in all their forms: visual art, music, dance, and drama. The kindergarten to grade four students had fun and took great pride sharing their art, songs, instrumental pieces, folk dances, and French play with proud family members. While there was much emphasis placed on the artistic process leading to the final products, the final presentation was an impressive, enthusiastic celebration, too!

You watch the video through this link: <https://vimeo.com/263592860>

Thank you to Mr. McInnes for recording and producing this video so that we all may celebrate the arts with the talented PYP students of Southridge!

Mrs. Winterburn, Dr. Bospflug, Ms. Redies, and Mrs. Murchie

Gift Basket Collection DEADLINE this FRIDAY!

One of the most popular areas of the Country Fair is the Gift Basket table in the Junior School Great Hall. These gift baskets are assembled with donations of NEW items from each of our families.

We are asking each Junior School family to contribute item(s) of at least \$10 in value OR \$10 cash to be used to purchase an item for the baskets. For Kindie-Grade 3, please bring in “kitchen or gourmet” items like mixing bowls, cook books, baking items, utensils, gourmet oil & vinegar, etc. For families with children in Grades 4-7, please bring in “Mother’s Day items” like spa items, candles, garden items, chocolates, etc. (no dollar store items, please).

There are bins in front of the classrooms for collection, so please help us fill these bins so we can put together beautiful baskets again this year. We ask that you bring in your items or cash (leave with your child’s homeroom teacher) by **April 20th**!

We also need actual **BASKETS**, so please bring in any that you have so we don’t need to purchase any. They can also be put in the collection bins.

Thank you for your support of the Country Fair and the Gift Baskets table. We couldn’t do it without you!

Kimi Cavaleri and Cheryl Spence
Gift Basket Co-Chairs

Exemplary Commitment Displayed by Grade 5 Students

For our Earth Day initiative in Grade 5, students in 5KB symbolically “adopted” a wild killer whale. They were asked to earn the money to donate to an “age-mate”, a killer whale by the name of Echo who shares their birth year, with the funds going towards research and environmental programs for this endangered species so special to and symbolic of the West coast.

I am astounded to report that on their own initiative, many students went above and beyond in their commitment to this worthwhile cause, raising a grand total of just under \$500! We had an “adoption” party with pizza and ice cream cake, but the students voted to have the excess funds contributed to other worthwhile causes, both locally and globally: adopting another killer whale in Echo’s family; adopting an animal through World Wildlife Fund; fostering an orphaned baby elephant through the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Kenya; and making a donation to the families of the Humboldt Broncos.

The idea that through dedication and commitment, we can all make a difference, is obviously alive and well in this exceptional group of students. Well done, 5KB!!

Ms. Bennett, Grade 5 Teacher

Junior School Volunteering

Scholastic Coordinator

Can you spare 4 hours a month to help with coordinating the Scholastic program in the Junior School? The role involves overseeing the dissemination of flyers, collecting and processing orders, and coordinating distribution. And don’t worry, you will be joining a team of coordinators—teamwork makes the dream work!

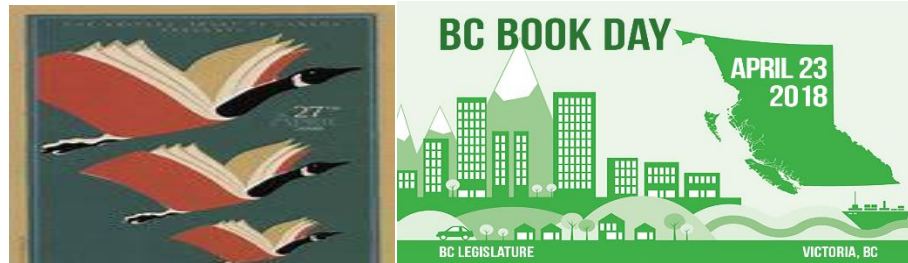
If you are interested in this position, please contact volunteer@southeridge.bc.ca.

Celebrate Books in April and May

**Canada Book Day ~ BC Book Day ~ UNESCO's World Book and Copyright Day
April 23rd**

Southridge Junior School will celebrate their **LOVE for BOOKS** dressed as their favourite book character on **Friday, April 20th**. All students, teachers and parents are welcome to join in the fun! We would like to encourage everyone to be creative and imaginative when designing their outfit to represent their book character.

On **April 23rd** Canada celebrates **Canada Book Day**, an annual event aimed at promoting books and reading. It is celebrated on the same date as **UNESCO's World Book and Copyright Day**. Share your BC reads and celebrate BC Book Day on April 23rd by using the hashtag **#BCBookDay on social media**.



It is wonderful to work in a book rich and avid reading environment!

The Grade 6 Library Monitors and Mrs. Mariaan Camp.

Junior School Staffing News

We are pleased to share the following staffing updates with you for the 2018 – 2019 school year:

Jessica Birch will be joining Southridge in September as a French teacher for our Primary Years Programme. Jessica has spent the past five years working at Crofton House. She began her career as a Junior School teacher Intern before becoming a Junior School Primary French Teacher working with students in Grades 1 to 3. She completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Victoria followed by her Bachelor of Education degree at the University of British Columbia and completed a one month immersion course for French Teachers on culture and grammar at Universite de Tois-Rivieres, QB.

Jessica is engaged in professional development and recently presented at the British Columbia Association of Teachers of Modern Languages Conference on Technology use in the language classroom. She has a keen interest in the International Baccalaureate program and is eager to continue to grow in her profession and share her expertise of the French language with her new students.

Alison Ito will be returning to Southridge in September as the MYP Coordinator/MYP Teacher. Alison started with Southridge in May 2017 in the role of a temporary Intermediate Teacher. Prior to this Alison taught abroad for 12 years before returning to BC and has 17 years of experience exclusively working with students in the middle years. She holds a bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Education along with a Masters of Education and has completed her MYP Level 3 training. Alison is a passionate and committed educator who enjoys the inquisitive nature and energy of MYP Students. She is looking forward to sharing her passion for teaching and learning with the MYP Division.

Danielle Fera has accepted the full-time position of PYP PE Teacher. Prior to returning to Southridge in September 2017 to cover a temporary PE teaching position, Danielle worked at Urban Academy as a Kindergarten teacher. Prior to this Danielle was in the role of a MYP Teacher Intern at Southridge and spent two years in the role of a PYP Teacher Intern. Danielle completed her Bachelor of Education at Nipissing University along with her undergraduate degree in physical and health education and geography. In addition, Danielle has completed the International Baccalaureate Category 1 course. Danielle is looking forward to continuing to support Southridge students as they reach their intellectual, social and physical potential.

Sharon Newman is the successful candidate for the position of Educational Assistant working in the Junior School. She originally joined Southridge in September 2017 on a temporary basis as an Educational Assistant. Sharon brings to this role over 20 years experience providing educational and functional support to students from K to Grade 7. Sharon is inspired by making a difference in the lives of children and focuses on making a place for every student. Sharon is looking forward to continuing to support and guide the students of Southridge.

Deanna Morassut will be joining Southridge in September on a temporary basis as a Grade Two teacher. Deanna has been teaching abroad for the past five years and is currently a Grade One PYP Teacher in Brazil. Prior to this, Deanna taught in Seoul at a Canadian off shore school. Deanna completed her Bachelor of Education at the University of Western Ontario and has successfully participated in a number of PYP professional development sessions. Deanna is looking forward to creating an engaging learning experiences for her new students.

Ms. Wendy Turriff and Mr. Graeme Swan will continue to share the role of Counsellor for the Junior School for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Wendy will continue to be in the Junior School 0.6 FTE, and Graeme will continue as 0.4 FTE on a temporary basis for the 2018-19 school year.

Please join me in congratulating Alison, Danielle, Sharon and in welcoming Jessica and Deanna to Southridge.

Darcie Sagert
Human Resources Manager

Grade 6/7 'A' Girls Soccer Win Championship

Congratulations to the 6/7 'A' Girls Soccer team, who won all four of their games in a round-robin tournament on Thursday, April 12th at GW Graham School. The stormy skies of Chilliwack were no match for our Storm, as the girls posted outstanding victories against GW Graham, Vedder Middle School, and Mt. Slesse, setting them up for a rematch against Vedder Middle for the championship. Asya, Jordyn, and Bella had notable performances in these games. In the championship game, Kavita and Camille shone, as the Storm fought hard for a tight 5-4 win and the championship! Way to go girls! The Grade 7 girls' next match will be April 26th at West Point Grey Academy. Our next home match is May 2nd at 3:00 pm. Be sure to come cheer our girls on!



Senior School News

Southridge School's 2018 One Act Play Festival Line Up:

Students read (or write in some cases), select, propose, direct, cast and mount One Act plays for an audience and for formal adjudication.

May 2nd at 6:30 pm

- How Much Time Between a Flicker and a Flame — Written and directed by Molly Maguire, Music and Lyrics by Dilly Cooner
- Check Please - Written by Jonathan Rand, Directed by Ryan Kniel
- Courting 101 – Mature Themes—Written by Yuri Baranovsky, Directed by Nikki Harrad

May 3rd at 6:30 pm

- Bad Auditions for Bad Actors — Some Mature Language - Written by Ian McWethy, Directed by Syra Aujila
- Mary Just Broke Up with That Guy - Written by Garth Wingfield, Directed by Kate Maguire
- 13 Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview — Written by Ian Mcwethy, Directed by Tom Bowie
- No More Mr. Nice Guy — Written by Jonathan Rand, Directed by Ethan Tregobov

On Directing: by Ryan Kniel

Directing a show has been, I would say, an eye-opening experience for me. As an actor you have at least a sliver of appreciation for the scope of commitment and elbow grease required to run a show, but directing a show, even on this small a scale, has given me a huge amount of new insight. The scheduling of rehearsals, the designing of the set and lighting, the blocking of actors, the delivery and style of lines, all of this is dependant – to a certain extent – upon the director. I am incredibly glad that I was given this opportunity before I graduated, and I can safely say that I have gained a new level of respect for Ms. MacGregor's accomplishment with this year's production of *Animal Farm*, and for the shows that I have been involved in before that!

London/Paris/Battlefields Tour Meeting – Wednesday May 9th at 6:30 pm in the Senior School Library

Next summer the London/Paris/Battlefields tour will be leaving Monday June 26th, 2019. It will consist of going to three different European countries, starting with England, then going via the Eurostar Train through the Chunnel to France, and then some time in Belgium. Highlights include: Buckingham Palace, The London Eye, The Tower of London, The Louvre, Eiffel Tower, a Seine River Cruise, Dieppe, the D-Day Beaches, Beaumont Hamel, Ypres, Passchendaele and of course, Vimy Ridge!

The tour cost is roughly \$4,300, and it covers most of everything except for lunches and spending money. If you are interested in coming on this tour, please come to the information night on May 9th in the Senior School Library for a lot more information and details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at:
jknihniski@southridge.bc.ca

Mr. Knihniski
Social Studies Curriculum Leader
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator

Cuba Jazz Band Trip

I have had the opportunity to go on many international trips with Southridge. I have been to London and Paris, throughout Italy, even through the Amazon rainforest in Ecuador. Despite having experienced so many countries and cultures, Cuba offered something that felt different in ways that I can't quite describe. Besides the obvious things like the temperature sitting at a scorching 30 degrees, there was something about the people and the environment that felt very different from our own. It was especially apparent when listening to music performed live. The one performance most memorable for me was our first, at an arts middle school in Havana. Our own performance went well despite a few glitches with our sound system and the Cuban power supply. Ms. Parker likes to say that in Cuba, all questions can be answered with these three simple answers: "Ask the guide", "I don't know", and "Its Cuba!"

What really stood out to me, however, was when the children from this school started performing for us. Music, for them, isn't just something to be played, it is something they felt and is a key part of both their culture and themselves. I've been to the VSO's symphony a few times and I have always been blown away by the grace and eloquence of their playing. Even the best in Western culture, in many ways, fails to encapsulate the

energy the same way the Cuban children created so effortlessly. They performed several pieces for us and instead of reciting off of sheet music, they changed each piece to make their songs unique. This included a very exuberant rendition of Bruno Mars's "Treasure", much to our delight. Many times the students weren't looking at their music; they knew what to play and how to play it. They *felt* what they should play. Seeing a mass of about 50 students swaying back and forth as though they weren't sitting in chairs but rather dancing with their music as they were performing was truly incredible.

Overall, Cuba is a beautiful and welcoming place that can easily be enjoyed and visited, made even better when we were able to perform and experience what Cuba had to offer in such a unique way with a marvelous group of people. Had I the chance go back in time to change a single thing about the Cuba Jazz trip, the only thing I would change would be to double the SPF on my sunscreen.

Cody Sigouin
Grade 12

Southridge Students Enjoy CAHSMUN

Canadian High Schools Model United Nations (CAHSMUN) is a three-day high school Model United Nations conference, held annually in Vancouver, BC. Each year, CAHSMUN welcomes hundreds of delegates from high schools all over Canada and North America, and continues to expand student participation in an activity that helps develop public speaking skills, diplomatic attitudes, and critical thinking abilities. This year, Southridge School was represented at CAHSMUN by a group of 17 student delegates accompanied by teacher chaperones Dr. Beukema, Mrs. Holland, and Ms. Kim.

What is unique about CAHSMUN?

"CAHSMUN's general assemblies are fairly smaller than some other conferences such as VMUN, allowing delegates more chances to speak and to get to know the people in their committee. Also, the Summit, a joint crisis between WHO, SOCHUM, and CRC, is something that I've seen only at CAHSMUN." - Declan Byrne, Southridge Head Delegate representing Greece in the EU (European Union)

"CAHSMUN has the best mix of small committees that allows the participation of everyone present, but also includes more experienced delegates whom you can learn from and improve yourself too." - Hattie Zhang, representing Ethiopia in the CRC (Committee on the Rights of a Child)

What did you enjoy about the experience?

“Every time I go to a MUN conference, I learn something new whether it's from other delegates or the dais. In addition to being a part of the heated and engaging debate, bringing up new ideas that the rest of the committee support, I enjoyed talking to others and making friends and meeting up with old friends that I haven't seen in a long time. This aspect of MUN is also another reason why I would go to one conference after another.” - Angela Cheng, representing Portugal in the WHO (World Health Organization)

What is your advice for people who want to attend a MUN conference?

“When entering the Model UN environment as a beginner, it may seem daunting and incredible at first. However, all it takes to become one of the MUNers is to confidently put yourself out there and just enjoy yourself. Once you do that, you will find yourself at ease and more comfortable with public speaking.” - Zoe Kang, representing Norway in DISEC (Disarmament and International Security)

“Try and speak every session. It can seem daunting at first to speak in front of your committee, and it's quite easy to take the “safe” route and stay quiet, but once you start speaking the conference becomes much more enjoyable.” - Declan Byrne, Southridge Head Delegate representing Greece in the EU (European Union)

For more information on joining Southridge Model UN Club and attending a Model UN Conference, please contact Mrs. Holland or Ms. Kim.

Southridge Students in Literary Youth Contest

Madeleine Cowie, Cody Sigouin and Rachel Stephens were selected from Legion Branch #8 to represent the White Rock region at the 2017 Literary Youth Contest. Madeleine and Cody did not move forward from the Zone level but Rachel was selected first at Zone and moved to the Provincial level where her work was selected second. We are very proud of their accomplishment!

Ira Alexandra

Film Nights is Sold Out!

Ticket holders for Film Nights are reminded that the show is coming up Wednesday, April 18th (today) at 7:00 pm and Thursday, April 19th at 7:00 pm. No further tickets are available as both shows are sold out.

Please enjoy this fun 2nd promo reel created by Millenia Kitikul and Kaj Grant-Mathiasen!
<https://vimeo.com/264646430>

Yukon Trip Summer 2019 - Information Meeting **Tuesday, May 1st - 6:30 pm - Alderdice Library**

In July 2019, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Jones will be leading a group of Southridge students on a once in a lifetime trip to the Yukon. Students will be working alongside Indigenous Youth in Dawson City as they build mountain bike trails as part of the Singletrack to Success (STS) program. This program was featured in a CBC news story last year: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/david-common-yukon-mountain-biking-1.3606226>

Additionally, we will visit Whitehorse and Carcross, paddle the Yukon River, and go for a hike in the breathtaking Tombstone Territorial Park. Of course, there will be opportunities for mountain biking as well!

We are fortunate that Jane Koepke, founder of STS, will be at Southridge on May 1st to present at our information meeting. All parents and students who are interested in coming on this trip are strongly encouraged to come out!

Please RSVP to cmitchell@southridge.bc.ca if you will be attending!

Student Volunteer Opportunities – Summer at Southridge

The *Summer at Southridge* Day Camp program provides an exciting and memorable summer adventure for children in our local community. This year's program runs from **July 3 - 27** and offers a variety of fun-filled, activity-based camps ranging from sports and theatre, to cooking, art, Minecraft and much more.

For students who are in Grades 8 – 12, the summer camp program offers exciting volunteer opportunities. It is a great way to gain valuable leadership experience and make an impact in the lives of children and youth. Plus, students will receive reflective volunteer letters upon completion which can be helpful for a future job or University application.

To learn more about opportunities or to obtain a volunteer form, click [here](#). **The application deadline is April 27, 2018.**

If you have any questions, please contact the *Summer at Southridge* administration office:
Email: summercampinfo@southridge.bc.ca
Phone: 604-542-5385

Ms. Jasmine Boyes
Community & Alumni Relations Manager

University Counselling and Career Education News!

Over the past week, Grade 11 and 12 students had two opportunities to explore career experiences off-campus:

Doors Open to Technology (DOT) <http://dot2018.com/>

Last week, the DOT gave high school students across the province access to a one-of-a-kind opportunity to go behind the doors of some of B.C.'s coolest tech companies and explore careers in technology through real-world experiences. The intent is to connect high school students with the exciting career opportunities in BC's growing tech sector. Kaj Grant-Mathiasen (Grade 12) attended this two day event and returned to school with some great stories from VR Demos at BC Tech Cube to listening to how the design cycle works at BrainStation to watching interns work on exciting projects in "The Garage" at Microsoft and touring SAP. This is the first time that Southridge has participated in this event and we look forward to taking emerging techies in Grade 11 & 12 for next year's event.

3rd Annual Business Case Competition

On Sunday, Ms. Livingston accompanied a team of four eager Grade 11s who are considering university business programs to the North Surrey Secondary Invitational Business Case Competition. Case studies are an integral part of commerce courses as a training tool for analyzing a real-life business situation. Students are required to analyze the prescribed cases and present their interpretations or solutions, including the benefits and risks, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats along with a financial review. Angelina Liu, Nancy Weng, Irena Yan and Annie Yeh found themselves dealing with a scenario involving H&M's "Greenwashing" in an environmentally unfriendly fast fashion industry. They had to put forward ideas for how H&M could do a better job to improve their efforts to lessen the impacts of fast, cheap fashion on pollution of fresh water sources and reduce CO2 emissions. They were challenged to come up with a new company mission statement. The students braved a panel of judges from SFU's Beedie School of Business and presented ideas for a social media campaign, raising the price of the clothing and moving

away from reliance on the use of synthetic fibres. Profits would then be turned over to fund stewardship programs. The team did very well and received positive feedback as well as coaching tips for case analysis and presentation skills.

Yvette Livingston
Director, University Counseling

Update on UBC Admissions Evaluations Beginning In 2019

UBC has recently published an update on how they are expanding their holistic review of applications beginning with the admitting class of 2019. In this update, the changes will be addressed, as well as how Southridge is continuing to guide students in the application process for UBC.

It is important to note when reading about the changes, that admission to UBC is, and will continue to be, competitive for all faculties across both campuses (Vancouver and Okanagan). To provide perspective for the Vancouver campus, for 2016, there were 34,329 applicants and 10,702 registered for 1st year seats*. UBC admissions personnel tell us that applications for 2018 have surpassed 40,000.

**Information obtained from UBC Enrolment Report*

https://senate.ubc.ca/sites/senate.ubc.ca/files/downloads/UBC%20Enrolment%20Report%202016-17_Final%20-%209%20Jan%202017.pdf

It is also important to note that the holistic review of applications is not new at UBC. For a number of years, the [Personal Profile](#) has been a very important part of UBC's online application. It helps UBC assess students' preparedness for university study based on a broad range of experiences and achievements. Therefore, applicants with high academic standing alone are not guaranteed admission. In meeting the requirements for broad-based admissions, Southridge provides extensive support for students by providing many opportunities for them to be involved in service, fine and performing arts and athletics. We also offer substantial assistance in preparing for the essays and video submissions to UBC.

What will change?

UBC MESSAGE:

Starting in 2019, UBC will no longer calculate a four-course average based on an approved Grade 12 courses list. UBC will expand its holistic approach to academic

assessments and **will consider all Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses** when evaluating the breadth and competitiveness of a student's application.

SOUTHRIDGE RESPONSE:

The rigour and requirements of the Southridge Senior School Education Program has always meant, and will continue to mean, that our students will be well positioned to be evaluated favourably under this stated holistic approach.

UBC MESSAGE:

The holistic approach will focus primarily on marks in academic courses, but will also consider breadth, rigour, and relevancy of coursework by reviewing to what extent the student has challenged themselves in secondary school, as evidenced by the number and academic rigour of courses completed.

SOUTHRIDGE RESPONSE:

Our students have always been required to register in eight courses in their Grade 11 year and for six courses in their Grade 12 year, encouraging them to engage in course work in a broad range of subjects. We also offer opportunity for students to stretch and challenge themselves by enrolling in Advanced Placement and accelerated course work. **This surpasses the UBC recommendation for the minimum number of senior courses for review under the holistic approach.**

UBC MESSAGE:

Applications will be reviewed for the courses they have taken in subjects that are relevant to their intended area of study at UBC.

SOUTHRIDGE RESPONSE:

From both the academic programming and university counselling perspective, we ensure students exceed the minimum stated requirements for entry to any desired program. We also encourage students to plan their course selections for Grade 11 and 12 based on research for a number of university programs. Therefore our counselling approach will continue to encourage students to not limit or customize their courses to one university.

What won't change?

UBC has provided assurances that the general admission requirements and the degree-specific prerequisites have not, and will not, change. You can find this information on the following webpages:

- [Vancouver campus](#)
- [Okanagan campus](#)

Find out more by attending:

UBC Information Night at Southridge, May 15th, 7:00 pm

Southridge will be welcoming UBC on Wednesday, May 15th, 7:00 pm in the Senior School Great Hall

Parents and students are invited to attend to hear Mr. Andrew Arida, Associate Registrar and Director of Student Recruitment and Undergraduate Admissions who will discuss “The Truth & Myths of Canadian University Admissions” as well as answer questions about UBC’s admissions process.

Senior School Staffing News

We are pleased to provide you with the following staffing updates for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

Kierstan McCaw will be moving into the role of Vice Principal, Senior School – Learning commencing September 2018. Kierstan is a long standing member of the Southridge Community and has over 25 years of experience as a teacher coupled with 16 years as a curriculum leader. She holds a Masters Degree in educational administration with a focus on curriculum implementation. She has a passion for Harkness which has been noted in how the Harkness philosophy is used in science. She is currently participating in a CAIS national research grant program where she is designing effective assessment strategies for the new BC curricular competencies. Kierstan is looking forward to researching and implementing innovative, forward-thinking, and creative approaches to teaching and learning while enhancing the student learning experience in her new role.

Heather Morris will be joining Southridge in the role of Math Curriculum Leader/Math Teacher. Heather comes to us from St. George’s School where she has been in the role of a senior mathematics teacher and the Head of Service Learning. Her career as a math teacher spans nearly twenty years with the independent school system, both within BC and abroad. Heather is passionate about math and is experienced in the delivery of the BC math curricula from Math 8 to Pre-Calculus 12 as well as AP Statistics and Calculus AP programs. Heather holds a Bachelor of Science with a major in Mathematics. Throughout her career she has supplemented her role in the classroom by sponsoring student government and leadership, building character development programs and coordinating service learning projects which led her to complete her Masters of Education in Educational Contexts. Heather is excited to be joining Southridge school.

Ben Hinson will be returning to Southridge in September 2018 as a PE/Career Education Teacher and Teacher on Call. With a Bachelors Degree in Sport and Exercise Science coupled with a post graduate certificate in Physical Education, Ben has successfully

taught PE for the past 11 years to students aged 11 – 18 and has recently expanded his teaching to include career education. Ben has a diverse sporting background that includes rugby, soccer, basketball and is a qualified performance coach in tennis. Ben has a passion for PE and sport and is looking forward to fostering an appreciation for life long physical fitness with the senior school students.

Travis Smid will be moving from his current role of a temporary full-time Teacher on Call to the full-time position of Learning Strategies Teacher commencing September. Travis worked as a teacher on call, AP exam invigilator and a short-term teacher for Southridge from March 2014 to April 2016 prior to leaving BC to work as a PE teacher at an International School in Cairo, Egypt. Travis graduated from UBC with a Bachelor of Education in 2013 with a major in Social Studies and is looking forward to continuing to work with the students and staff of Southridge.

Harjit Khara will be returning to Southridge on a temporary part-time basis come September as a Visual Arts teacher. Harjit previously fulfilled this position on two occasions and has been teaching as a TOC at our school which will allow for a seamless transition. Harjit holds a Bachelor of Education from UBC combined with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Goldsmith College, University of London as well as a BTEC National Diploma, Art and Design from the Birmingham Institute of Art and Design including a BTEC Diploma, Art and Design from Sandwell College located in the United Kingdom. Harjit's artistic expertise includes studio work, printmaking, textiles, photography, graphics and history of art and critical theory. Harjit's teaching techniques and instructional methods have allowed him to foster a fun and engaging learning environment, effectively promoting creativity and encouraging artistic independence.

Please join me in congratulating Kierstan, Ben, Travis, Harjit and in welcoming Heather to Southridge.

Darcie Sagert
Human Resources Manager

Both Schools

3rd Annual Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life at Southridge!

Come relay --- for your life, your loved one's life, for those who have no loved ones.

We, the students of the Senior School will be hosting the annual Relay for Life. In our first year, we raised over \$57,000 and in our second year, we raise over \$100,000! This all thanks to our generous support from parents, teachers and the community. In our efforts in our first year, we were able to send 38 kids to Camp Goodtimes which is a camp that lets kids who don't get to live a carefree life like most of us because of cancer, to just be kids again and have fun while undergoing their rigorous cancer treatments. Due to our incredible achievements that was recognized nationwide, in our second year, our funds had been put towards kids' cancer research directly. As a community, we are hoping to leave the same impact on kids and the whole cause that we were able to achieve last year!

So we would like to ask you to join us in the fight against cancer and help us support even more kids this year! You can help by donating to any of the teams or team members at our website:

[Donate to the Relay Here!](#)

- WHAT: Relay for Life (Canadian Cancer Society Fundraiser)
- WHERE: Senior School Fields
- WHEN: Friday, April 27th, 2pm - 10pm

We would love to see anyone who is able to come join in the fun, and the fight, even for a short period of time.

As well, we would like to invite all those who have fought cancer to be honored as a survivor at our event. Please email me if you would like to join in the Survivor lap. We would be honored to have you in attendance.

Also if you have any questions about the event don't hesitate to contact me at: jasanghe@southridge.bc.ca

Jaden Sanghe and the Relay Committee

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, please consider parting with new or next-to-new quality fashion and designer clothing and accessories for the Clothing Boutique.

Help us create a fabulous shopping experience and raise funds by donating your pre-loved pieces to the boutique instead of a consignment store.

We look forward to receiving your donations from April 30th through May 4th.

Thank you!

Golf Spots Are Going Quickly!

Join us on **Friday, June 8th** at Hazelmere Golf Club for *the* event of the year – the Annual Southridge Community Golf Tournament!

This “best ball” or “scramble-style” tournament is fun for everyone – so grab some friends and [sign up today](#). We’ve already sold quite a few foursomes and this tournament sold out early last year, so don’t wait too long to sign up. There are prizes, lots of on-course games, food and fun!

Of course, if you’re not a golfer, there are other ways to get involved. You can attend the dinner and dance portion of the event ([tickets are \\$85](#) and are limited), you can [volunteer](#) (anyone who volunteers on a hole all day gets a complimentary dinner and dance ticket!) or you can [sponsor](#) the event!

The tournament is the last fundraising event of the year and raised \$37,000 in 2017! This allowed us to purchase and install new score clocks in the Senior School gym as well as purchase weight room equipment and athletics uniforms for our student athletes. This year, we are raising money to **refurbish our Junior School library** and make **additional athletic uniform** purchases.

We hope you will help us make this tournament one of the best ones ever! For more information, visit the [Golf Tournament website](#).

Thank you!

Your 2018 Golf Committee:

Jerry Basran, Chris Martin, Shawn McMullin, Scott Moe, Sukhi Sanghe, Dustin Schroer & Kelly Xie

Country Fair Sponsorship

Sponsoring the Country Fair is an easy way to make a donation to Southridge and help make the following three projects a reality! In sponsoring the fair, your generosity will support the following:

- A new projector and screen for the Junior School Great Hall
- A rain cover for bike rack
- Junior School design lab furniture

Country Fair sponsorships help us reach our financial goals for the event. Event revenue can fluctuate a lot depending on the weather, how many items are dropped off, attendees, etc. Your sponsorship dollars, however, go right to supporting these projects and initiatives. Plus, all cash sponsors receive a charitable gift receipt!

So please consider [sponsoring the Country Fair](#) with a \$150, \$250 or \$500 donation. We will recognize your generosity on the Country Fair website, on signage at the fair and in our Annual Report next year!

Thank you, in advance, for your generous support!
2018 Country Fair Committee

Pick Up a Country Fair Lawn Sign

Those familiar lawn signs are back! If you live in a high traffic area with a lot of families who might consider coming to our Country Fair, please grab a lawn sign from the front of the Junior or Senior School and put it out on your lawn this week.

We don't have enough left for every family, so please only take one if you're going to put it out on your lawn for people to see. PLEASE DO NOT put any lawn signs on public property. The City will confiscate them and it could jeopardize our event license.

When the Country Fair wraps up on May 5, please bring your lawn sign back so we can use it again in 2019!

Thank you!
2018 Country Fair Committee

Country Fair

Costco Runner

Do you have a vehicle? Can you lift some groceries? Are you available Friday May 4th? Then you check all the boxes—no actual running required! We need someone to pick up food and drinks from Costco before the Country Fair.

Please contact volunteer@southeridge.bc.ca if you are the star candidate.

Calling all Eager Bakers!

The Country Fair Bake Table is looking for some eager bakers who might be interested in exceeding expectations and creating some additional baked goods for the Country Fair. If you love to bake and are willing to submit **more** than your three required baking contributions, please email cari@windandtide.com.

News from the Country Fair Bake Table

Have you started your Country Fair baking yet? Remember that **each family is required** to submit three baking items for the Country Fair. We request **THREE** homemade baking contributions to be delivered at drop off on **Friday, May 4th**.

Many items freeze well, so to help you plan ahead, here is a sneak-peak at the packaging options:

- **Cookie kits:** including bags and labels for three dozen cookies. Choose from chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, snickerdoodle, or a “fill in the blank” tags for you to make your favorite flavor.
- **Loaf kits:** including bags, twine and labels for three loaves. Choose from lemon, banana, banana chocolate chip, banana nut, or a “fill in the blank” tag for your favorite loaf flavor.
- **Muffin kits:** including trays, bags and twine to package your three dozen muffins. Choose from blueberry, chocolate chip, carrot, bran, banana, banana chocolate chip, or a “fill in the blank” tag.
- **Square kits:** three aluminum pans with covers, twine and labels to beautifully package your brownies, lemon squares, or other favorite square recipe.

You are certainly welcome to create your own creative packaging, or contact cari@windandtide.com if you are considering a baking item and looking for packaging (bags for granola, popcorn, fudge and more are available upon request).

Order your packaging using the following form:
<https://goo.gl/forms/HqAq50R5Y6xMLo2z2>.

Packaging kits will be available for pick up on Friday, April 27th and Tuesday, May 1st from either the Junior School or Senior School. Plan ahead and start your baking now or submit your order for Mother's Little Helper and have your baking done for you. Order forms are available at the school reception desks.

Happy Baking!

Don't like to Bake?

If reading this post has filled you with dread, we are here to help! Mother's Little Helper will take care of your Bake Table contributions in exchange for a donation. Complete the attached order form and submit it with your cheque to the drop box at reception (either school). **The deadline is Friday, April 27th.**

Student Talent at the Southridge Fair

If you are in Grades 3 - 12 and would like to perform a solo, duet, or trio at the Country Fair Student Talent Showcase this year on Saturday, May 5th, please contact Dr. Besspflug. (kbesspflug@southridge.bc.ca). Performances run from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Alternatively, if you are part of a small musical, dance, or dramatic group, your chance will be in the afternoon; please contact Mr. Burrage (sburrage@southridge.bc.ca, 604-542-2320). This is not for soloists or duets, who perform in the morning (see above) String Quartets, rock bands, trios, combos, etc... are all welcome. Our Jazz Studies 9 and 10 combos will perform, too. Performances run from 1:00 – 3:00 or 4:00 pm.

Mr. Burrage and Dr. Besspflug

Rebecca James is the New Events Manager

We are delighted to share with you that Rebecca James is the successful candidate for the role of Events Manager and will move into the position on May 1st. Rebecca has been with us since 2015, as a Specialist on our Communications & Marketing team. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing degree as well as an Event & Conventions Management diploma.

Rebecca also brings to the role nearly 10 years of event planning experience in fast-paced, non-profit settings. She has produced highly successful fundraising, marketing and educational events including large fundraising galas, golf tournaments, keynote speaker presentations, new building openings and policy forums, most recently as Events Manager with The Vancouver Board of Trade and prior to that, as Fund Development Coordinator for Lions Gate Hospital Foundation.

In addition, Rebecca's background in volunteer management will guide her in overseeing and managing the school's robust volunteer program. She is looking forward to working collaboratively with our parent volunteers, faculty and staff and is excited to join the Advancement Team.

Please join me in congratulating Rebecca on her new role.

Darcie Sagert
Human Resources Manager

Mark Your Calendar: Social Media Awareness + Parenting in the Digital World

On **Tuesday, April 24** from **7:00 - 9:00 pm**, we invite parents to join us for a presentation from Safer Schools – ***“Social Media Awareness + Parenting in the Digital World”***.

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our kids and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology? The parameters of rules and expectations that you put in place at home will undoubtedly guide their behaviour in the years to come. This informative presentation will cover the following topics and more!

- **Social Media Update** – The most current apps & trends in social media
- **Pick Your Battles!** – You will have to balance the yin with the yang, promote independence whilst taking a strong stance on certain subjects
- **Current Research** – Brain development & technology, violent video games
- **Digital Footprint and Reputation** – With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note – What will they find? What will they leave behind?
- **Tips & Tricks to Use at Home**

EVENT DETAILS

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Southridge School (Junior School Great Hall)

Open to parents of children in both the Junior and/or Senior Schools.
No pre-registration or entry fee is required.

Thank you, we hope you will consider joining us.

Wendy Turriff
Junior School Counsellor

Sun Run Package Pick-Up: This Thursday (April 19th)

Hi Southridge Sun Runners!

The day of the big run is just a few days away... We look forward to seeing many of you at the run this Sunday – but before that, we look forward to seeing you for package pick-up!

Please come to the **Junior School Music Room** and get your race bibs and Sun Run T-shirts **tomorrow at recess** (9:50 – 10:10) or **after school** (3:00 – 3:20). If you cannot make it, please arrange for a family member or friend to come on your behalf.

On the actual day of the Sun Run, we don't formally gather as a team, but we always look for each other following the race by the giant "S" that is posted (for Southridge, of course!) It is a chance for high-fives and celebrating each other's running achievements.

Congratulations on training for this challenge – and best wishes for a great Sun Run!

Dr. Besspflug (kbespflug@southridge.bc.ca) and Ms. Fera (dfera@southridge.bc.ca)

Exciting Cafeteria News

Great News! We have exciting changes coming to the Southridge Café for the 2018/2019 school year. A face lift to the kitchen and servery areas will provide room for the preparation of an expanded menu of healthy and nutritious options from a new food

services partner. Your voice has been heard through survey results and we are making changes to improve our dining experience. Stay tuned for updates!

Southridge Cafè

Here are a few things that hopefully will help you and help us keep everyone happy and with full tummies.

- We welcome feedback of any kind. Please do not hesitate to email us with any concerns or requests. southridge@canuelcaterers.ca
- The kitchen is always happy to help accommodate anyone with diet concerns or allergies.
- Breakfast is ready each morning at 7:30 am. Every morning, we also bake fresh muffins, cookies, scones and cinnamon buns.

Please review the attached menus for April.

Canuel Caterers

Uniform Shop News

After maintaining consistent prices for the last few years, please be advised that there will be a modest price increase (around 3%) for some major uniform items as a result of cost increases from our supplier. The price increase will take effect on May 1st. We continue to strive to keep our prices reasonable and thank you for your support of the Uniform Shop.

Our opening hours are:

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

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager

Social Media Awareness + Parenting the Digital World



Tuesday, April 24, 2018

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Junior School Great Hall

For parents of children in both the Junior and Senior Schools and their guests.

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- **Tips & Tricks to Use at Home**

PARENTS: Do not miss this free event!



SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER
is an organization focused on promoting a climate and culture of safety in schools through comprehensive education.



Mother's Little Helper Order Form

Full Name:	
Contact Number:	
Email Address:	

- ✓ Our Mother's Little Helper committee will bake, wrap and deliver your contribution of three baked goods to the Bake Table the morning of Friday, May 4th.
- ✓ Please attach a cheque with your donation of a minimum of \$35 payable to Southridge School and drop it in the labelled box at the reception of either School.



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NIGHTS

2018

BLACK BOX THEATRE

STUDENT \$5 | ADULT \$7

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

7 PM



Mon-16

Tues-17

Wed-18

Thur-19

Fri-20

Breakfast

Smoothie Day

Apple cin Muffin

Smoothie Day

Sausage Wrap

Smoothie Day

Chef's Entree

Butter Chicken

Salad Bar

Burrito Bar

Salad Bar

Fish Taco

Pasta Bowl

Stuffed pasta

Alfredo

Mac and Cheese

Rose'

Marinara

Grill Central

Meatball Sub

Lemon Grass Chicken

Spicy Chicken Brg

Pizza

BBQ Ribber

Weekly Panini

Chicken Pesto

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Great Greens

Chic Pea Salad

Salad Bar

Chef Salad

Salad Bar

Chicken Caesar

We always offer our regular menu in addition to our daily specials



	Mon-23	Tues-24	Wed-25	Thur-26	Fri-27
Breakfast	No	Bacon Egger	Smoothie Day	Blueberry muffin	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree		Salad Bar	Chicken Enchilada	Salad Bar	Fish and Chips
Pasta Bowl	School	Rose'	Mac and Cheese	Alfredo	Primavera
Grill Central		Chicken Wings, Fries	Japa Dog	Pizza	BBQ Bacon Burger
Weekly Panini	Enjoy!	BBQ Chipotle	BBQ Chipolte	BBQ Chipolte	BBQ Chipolte
Great Greens		Salad Bar	Tossed Salad	Salad Bar	Caesar Salad

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