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Head of School

Parking Lot Safety and Staggering Our Pick-Up Times

Welcome back to Southridge! I am looking forward to an excellent spring term, and I hope that you are too. I also hope you have had the chance to view our parking lot video that was released in early February. If you have not yet seen it, please [click here](#) and take a look. I'm sure you'll appreciate the lighthearted approach we've taken to help address the serious issue of student safety as it relates to parking lot congestion.

In follow-up to our popular video, we are continuing our efforts to improve the issue of after-school congestion. We know the parking lot is a source of frustration for parents, students, staff and faculty, and we are committed to doing what we can to improve the experience; but we need your help in addressing this issue. As a community, we each have a role to play.

Beginning on April 18, and continuing for two weeks until April 29, Southridge will be undertaking a two-week trial period of late pick-up for Senior School students. During these two weeks, students will be dismissed from class at the usual time (3:00 pm); however, we are asking parents of Senior School students to delay picking up their child(ren) until 3:15pm. To be sure, **we are not extending the school day and this does not affect the school's timetable.** We are simply making arrangements that we believe will impact the amount of after-school congestion in our parking lot.

This means that we are asking Senior School parents not arrive at the school at 3:00 pm and park in the lot until 3:15pm. In order for us to fully understand if the delayed pick-up will have an effect on after-school congestion, we ask you to assist us by arriving at 3:15pm (or later), keeping pathways clear for our Junior School parents to navigate more easily. We understand that some Senior School students may have after-school activities or plans on certain days that will not allow for a delayed pick-up; however, if your child does not participate in activities and the later time does not create any issues for your family, we ask you to please assist us in this trial by delaying pick-up on the days when there are no scheduling conflicts.



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For families with children in both the Junior and Senior Schools, please ask your Senior School child to walk over to the Junior School so that pick-up can be accomplished in one pass – rather than driving around to both parking lots.

Our staggered pick-up trial is a very important exercise. We cannot accurately recommend continuing changes or adjustments that will positively affect the congestion in our parking lots without the benefit of accurate data to test our ideas. Therefore, your support and participation in this two-week trial is very important to us, and it is greatly appreciated.

We are very grateful for your support and understanding while we undertake this trial. Together we can work towards making our parking lot as safe as possible for all of our students.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Authors' Week	Monday, April 11 th – Friday, April 15 th	All Week	Both Schools
Italy Night Concert & Italy Tour Launch	Thursday, April 14 th		Senior School Great Hall
Relay for Life	Friday, April 15 th	2:00 – 10:00 pm	Senior School Field
Peruvian Amazon Trip Info Night	Monday, April 18 th	7:00 pm	Senior School Library
Speaker Series – Julie Lythcott-Haims	Tuesday, April 19 th	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Film Night	Wednesday, April 20 th	7:00 pm	Little Theatre – Senior School
Film Night	Thursday, April 21 st	7:00 pm	Little Theatre – Senior School
Country Fair	Saturday, May 7 th	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Junior and Senior Schools



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Junior School News

Head of Junior School

A New Look

Welcome back from spring break! I hope that each of you enjoyed a wonderful, relaxing time with your families. You may have noticed some changes in our classrooms, hallways, and stairwells in the Junior School.

We have recently been working, in conjunction with our local fire marshall, to reduce the amount of combustible material on our walls and around our doorways. Our walls are now a little more sparsely decorated and for some good reasons. First and foremost, this change is an initiative that further promotes student safety at our school. Secondly, the initiative of creating a calmer, less visually stimulating environment has been a philosophical consideration for over a year now within our PYP department. As part of their professional development, our PYP teachers took part in a book study of Stuart Shanker's book entitled *Calm, Alert and Learning*. The book focused on improving self-regulation in students as a goal to ultimately improve learning. One part of the book focused on creating a less stimulating environment as a way to promote student self-regulation. Some of our teachers have been able to visit schools that are physically transforming their classrooms and learning environments to help promote this calmer feeling or atmosphere.

There are many studies to suggest that creating calmer, neutral environments can certainly improve, focus, self-regulation and ultimately learning. Now, there are still other studies that refute this claim and promote a vibrant, busier, more visually stimulating classroom as the best way to promote learning. We are choosing to take a more balanced approach somewhere in between these two views, one that also sets higher safety standards. We are re-evaluating what goes up on our classrooms walls with a goal in mind to keep it directly related to current student learning. So, you may see a few less inspirational posters and banners, but we hope that you will continue to see great examples of the process and the product of student learning.

Alison Graham
Interim Head of Junior School



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Communicating Absences/Late arrivals

Just a friendly reminder to please communicate all absences or late arrivals to the following address attendance@southridge.bc.ca

PYP Musical: Treasure Island – Video is now Online!

The PYP students put on a wonderful show the week before Spring Break. Their energy, joyful voices, and commitment made Treasure Island a huge success! We really enjoyed working with all the PYP students, and we were especially proud of the leadership shown by the Grade four students. We would like to say a special thank you to Heidi Luking and Aiesha Shahalimi for the amazing costumes, and to Ms. Redies and the Art Club for the beautiful sets.

As usual, Mr. McInnes has done a terrific job video recording the production. The video of Treasure Island is the [feature video](#) this week and is also in the Video Gallery of the Parent and Student Portals. We hope that you enjoy watching it; may it bring back many fond memories of our journey to Treasure Island!

Mrs. Donna Winterburn and Dr. Kevin Bspflug

Junior School MYP Teaching Update

Paul Best recently advised us that he will be leaving Southridge as of Friday, April 8th to pursue a new teaching opportunity with the North Vancouver School District. Paul has been a part of the Southridge Community for four years and has taught both English and Art at the Junior School. Paul participated in co-curricular activities with great enthusiasm and supported the Junior School and his colleagues with kindness and thoughtfulness. During Paul's time at our school he embraced the Southridge community and was able to build strong connections with his students. We wish Paul all the best with his new endeavour and thank him for his contribution to Southridge.

To ensure a seamless transition for our students, we are pleased to share with you that starting on Monday April 11th Mr. Raubi Dillon will be taking on the additional teaching duties and responsibilities of Grade 5 English, and he will be the homeroom teacher for Mr. Best's class. Mr. Dillon will continue his current teaching duties in Grade 6SA English and MYP Personal Development. As well, Ms. Sue McNeil will now be teaching Grade 6AM English in addition to her regular duties.



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We are excited to announce that Ms. Rachel Carlson will be joining Southridge on Monday, April 25th on a temporary full-time basis as our MYP Teacher Intern for the balance of the school year. She will be fulfilling Mr. Raubi Dillon's former role. Temporary coverage from April 11th – 22nd for the MYP Teacher Intern will be provided by a Southridge teacher-on-call until Ms. Carlson's start date of April 25th.

Ms. Carlson graduated from the University of Victoria with a Bachelor of Education, Elementary Generalist, in 2015 and is currently a teacher-on-call at St. Michael's University School's Junior School. She is also working as an Educational Assistant on a part-time basis at Glenlyon Norfolk School. Ms. Carlson is an outstanding athlete being recognized as Female Athlete of the Year in 2010 as well as the Overall Student of the Year while she was at Spectrum High School. Since her graduation from high school, she has returned to coach both the girls soccer and basketball teams. She is delighted to be able to lead the daily physical activity sessions for our MYP students in addition to providing classroom support. She will be returning to Southridge in September as our PYP Teacher Intern for the 2016-17 school year.

Alison Graham
Interim Head of Junior School

Senior School News

Head of Senior School

Final Stretch – Term 3 – “Is it too late?”

It was great seeing the students and faculty back on Monday! There was much excitement and energy as classmates looked to connect in person as likely many of them have been connected digitally throughout the break. I do know that some students (and teachers) take a reprieve from being connected to enjoy other areas of their lives over breaks. Everyone looks a little more refreshed – some with some colour from a far-away destination. We had two trips travelling during the break. A volleyball tour to Cuba and a service trip to Uganda. In both cases the participants had amazing experiences and you will no doubt be hearing further from these groups in the future.

The start of Term 3 always brings with it some unique circumstances – it seems to be a bit different for each person depending on your grade – referring both to your age and academic standing.



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As a Grade 8 or 9 student, often the start of the final term is a sign that they feel more connected to the school. In talking with Grade 8's in particular, while they are always a little wary of exams that make up the finish to the year, they always mention that coming back to school after the Spring break they seem to fit in. They know what to expect, where to go, and are more ready to spread their wings to try new opportunities. Grade 9's have almost completed two years of high school and begin to be thinking of taking on more leadership.

Our Grad Class of 2016, are embarking on their final term of high school and Southridge! For some of these students this represents 13 years of being at the same school. Most of the Grade 12's are already looking beyond to their next adventure. There are always a few that wish the time would slow down a bit as they are not quite ready for high school to end.

Which brings us to the Grade 10's and 11's with a focus that is maybe more on their academics as they must complete the Provincial exams at the end of the year. Grade 11's especially have a rigorous course load and these classes and learning will help set them up to be successful in Grade 12. This brings up the other meaning of 'grade' I was describing.

As a classroom teacher, I was always cognizant of certain students I was teaching that seemed to think that there was less point to working hard in Term 3 because their "mark" or standing was not going to be able to be changed much. They had already completed two terms and with this final term being quite brief they sometimes had a bit of a defeatist attitude. While I could see their reasoning on some level, I think it shows that the focus is misguided.

If becoming a life-long learner is one of the key goals to school, then continuing to become successful in understanding how we learn is never really finished. That next evaluation (or more importantly the preparation for it) might just be that point that we gain more clarity into our learning style. Using an analogy of running a race the idea that one's pace is already slow, and I am beyond my personal best or goal so why keep going? I think it is important to think of each day as having opportunities to do something meaningful and we can always make a difference with a good effort. Finishing the race and knowing that you did your best for that given race and all of the variables that come with it is an accomplishment to be proud of.

Who knows? Perhaps the next unit of study in one subject will ignite one's learning in such a way that they feel compelled to study it further and this leads to a career path. Or maybe it will just be a small, individually "cheered" accomplishment that you 'did it'! Either way, it is worth giving it our best effort.



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I'm reminded of one of my go-to quotes and one that I shared during an awards day a few years ago from Arthur Ashe who said:

"Start where you are; Use what you have; Do what you can!"

So, no matter where you fall in the realm of Grade or grade, have a great Term 3. I will be proud of all of you!

Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

Italy Night Concert and 2017 Italy Tour Launch Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 pm

Although Spring Break 2016 has just finished, we are already looking ahead to Spring Break 2017. The Grade 9 and Senior Concert Bands will perform a concert that will be followed by some Italian treats and information about our next music tour opportunity for the 2016/2017 school year. The concert will be held in the senior school great hall and all are welcome to attend to hear the bands perform. Please mark this event on your calendar, as we need all members of the bands to attend to be at our best.

See you at the show,

The Senior School Music Department

Film Nights 2016 in the Little Theatre April 20 and 21

The media students of Southridge proudly present the best of this year's student work at Film Nights 2016. Shows are at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 20 and Thursday, April 21 in the Black Box Theatre. Hope to see you there!

[Click here to see a trailer](#) for the films featured at Film Nights.

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

Mr. Westendorf
Media Arts



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Southridge Heads to Peruvian Amazon in 2017

I am delighted to tell you about a scientific research expedition to the Peruvian Amazon that will be happening in 2017. The expedition is open to all Southridge pupils who will be 16 years of age in the year of the expedition, and who will be studying Biology in Grades 11 or 12. Others who have a particular interest in wildlife, conservation, and ecology may also apply for a place on this two week trip. An informational presentation will be taking place on **Monday, April 18th at 7:00 pm** in the **Senior School Library** and we hope you will be able to join us!

The expedition is being run in conjunction with **Operation Wallacea** and will be a mixed expedition with Peruvian biologists, academics and university students from around the world. The objective of the visit is to help with a major biodiversity survey in the **Pacaya Samiria Amazonian reserve**, while simultaneously offering students a first-hand experience of conservation biology. The group will fly to Lima, Peru and then onto Iquitos in the heart of the Amazon. From there, they will join a research ship, which will travel for 2-3 days to the remote study area. While on route, there will be lectures on Amazonia, its wildlife and conservation. On the return trip, we will visit a Cocama Indian village, a manatee rescue centre, a primate rescue centre, and enjoy a tour of Belen.

The research ship will moor at the study site and the group will rotate between a series of research teams. These teams will be: using small boats to survey for macaws, wading birds, and fishing bats; walking transects through the forest to estimate populations of tapirs, ungulates and game birds; and developing behaviour studies on giant river otters or the 13 species of primates found in the area. In addition, there are teams estimating the populations of the two species of river dolphins, completing fishery surveys to describe the fish communities, and spotlighting and noosing 3 species of caimans. Students will be working directly with university academics and Operation Wallacea staff. All data collected goes toward furthering conservation efforts in the region and toward publications in scholarly journals.

The cost of the expedition will cover each student's food, accommodation, training and participation in the research programmes. In addition, it will also cover the cost of flights, overnight accommodation in Iquitos, as well as comprehensive travel insurance. The quote will be presented at the information presentation on **Monday, April 18th at 7:00 pm**.

We hope to see you there!

Anna Szymczak
Outdoor Education Coordinator



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Relay For Life - for your life, your loved one's life, for those who have no loved ones.

My name is Azra Panjwani, and I am the Ceremonies and Survivor Engagement Chair for Southridge School's Relay for Life. Relay for Life is an event created by the Canadian Cancer Society to raise funds and awareness for cancer research, treatment and prevention. Since its inception 1938, the organization has funded over 1.2 billion dollars in cancer research.

We, the Relay for Life Committee, would like to invite all cancer survivors, their immediate families and caregivers to attend **Southridge School's Relay for Life event on April 15, 2016 from 2:00 – 10:00 pm.**

As the Survivors Lap initiates the Relay event, we ask that all survivors walk the first lap around the track so they can be celebrated by the other participants for their victory over cancer.

Upon arrival, each participant may decorate a luminary bag in memory of a family member or friend who has lost the fight to cancer. These bags will be placed around the track and the candles lit before the Luminary Ceremony. This ceremony takes place after sunset, and participants will gather to remember and honor those who have lost their fight to cancer.

The Fight Back Ceremony will conclude the evening's event, where participants pledge to take action and spread awareness of cancer research, treatments and prevention.

We encourage all cancer survivors to participate in Southridge School's Relay for Life, please register online as a Survivor Visitor (or a Participant and Survivor). If you would like to bring any guests to our event, please email me at apanjwan@southridge.bc.ca the number of guests along with a list of their names.

Thank you and hope you can join us in the fight to conquer cancer!

Azra Panjwani and the Relay for Life Committee

AUTHORS' WEEK - Monday April 11th to Friday April 15th

We have a number of exciting events lined up for our annual Authors' Week this year to showcase some local talent and to inspire our students as both readers and writers.



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We have three authors who will be running interactive workshops and making presentations in our English classes. Along with a haiku contest and additional opportunities for creative expression, Black Bond Books will once again be in the Senior Library for a book sale on Tuesday April 12th with a percentage of proceeds from the book sales coming back to our school. Here are the highlights of what to expect for the week:

- **Monday April 11th and Tuesday April 12th:** Joanne Arnott, a Metis writer and arts activist, will share her works with our classes. She is a founding member of the Aboriginal Writers Collective West Coast and has won the Gerald Lampert award for *Wiles of Girlhood*. Ms. Arnott is a poet, essayist, activist, mentor and blogger who applies storytelling strategies in her work in the literary arts.
- **Tuesday April 12th:** Our local Black Bond Books will be in the Senior School Library for a book sale. Students can make purchases on their student accounts and partial proceeds will be directed back to our school.
- **Wednesday April 13th and Thursday April 14th:** Holman Wang is a former middle school teacher who is currently a full-time children's author, illustrator, and sometimes lawyer. Holman along with his brother Jack are the creators of the very successful *Cozy Classics* and *Star Wars Epic Yarns* series, and he will share his creative experiences with our classes.
- **Thursday April 14th and Friday April 15th:** Ivan Coyote is an award-winning author, poet, spoken-word artist, performer, storyteller and creative writing instructor who will be presenting to our senior classes. *Bow Grip* won the ReLit award and was named a Stonewall Honor Book by the American Library Association and is being developed as a feature film.
- **Friday April 15th:** We will have our annual book swap in the library at lunch. Students can bring their gently-used books and exchange for a new read. Any leftover books will be donated to the Country Fair.

We are looking forward to hosting this exciting and interactive week,

Ms. Maggie Yee
Senior School Teacher Librarian



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Both Schools

Ms. Lepp Finds Spiderman

It was almost noon last year at the Country Fair. I was stationed at the “INFO desk” in front of the Junior School – the only place the poor volunteer committee can put me. They can’t ask me to sell cakes because although I was raised by Mennonites, I know nothing about baking. They wouldn’t dare ask me to paint faces, because the most boring three minutes of my day is putting on my own make-up (which I do in the car, usually, not while driving). You definitely can’t put me in the book room, because I will simply curl up in a corner and read and forget why I am there. And since they dismantled the barbeque tent in favor of shiny new food trucks, I have lost my favorite spot – close to the French fries. So they put me at the INFO desk, with Mr. Beaton to watch me, because surely I can’t mess this up too badly. So the first thing you need to know is that if there is a job for me at the Country Fair there is [definitely a job for everyone!](#)

Anyhow, back to my story. I was busy selling tickets when Ms. Szymczak, the biology teacher, approached me with a little “Spiderman” in tow and asked if there was any possibility I knew who he belonged to? Sounds simple...wrong. Due to the recent release of a new Spidey movie quite literally every single little boy on the property had been magically transformed into Spiderman that day by our talented face painters. Unbelievably, I took one look at him, and knew exactly who he was - because despite all the makeup and even the impressive cape – he still was the spit and image of his father who I had just seen. So I bent down, told him I knew exactly where his dad was and he happily took my hand and marched off with me to find him.

I tell you this story, not to scare you, but because I think it illustrates who we are. We are a community: this means we know our kids, we care for them, and we have a plan for their safety and ultimately their flourishing. On that day, I happened to know this particular little spiderman, but if I hadn’t recognized him it would only have taken a minute to find someone who did. That is what a community is – a group of people who are stronger and more powerful together than alone.

Today I’m asking you to sign up to volunteer at the Fair. I’m asking you to make our community just a little stronger by making some new connections on that day. I’m asking you to model service for your children. I’m asking you to be the community I tell people we are every day.



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Lastly, having found both King Kong and Spiderman at past Country Fairs, I am still on the hunt for my favorite superhero ... so, if you happen to see Clark Kent, kindly direct him to the INFO Desk please ☺!

Ms. Lepp
Director of Admissions

Don't Miss Out – Southridge Speaker Event Featuring Julie Lythcott-Haims

We are less than two weeks away from the exciting speaker event that Southridge is hosting on **April 19th at 7:00 pm** featuring Julie Lythcott-Haims, author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *How to Raise an Adult*.

In this dynamic presentation, Haims – a former Dean of Freshman at Stanford University – will draw on research, conversations with University admissions officers, educators and employers, and on her own insights as a mother and as a student dean to highlight the ways in which over-parenting harms children, their stressed-out parents, and society at large. She will provide practical strategies for enhancing our relationships with our children, while developing boundaries that allow our kids to make mistakes and learn resilience and determination necessary for success. This is sure to be both engaging and inspirational – a must see for all parents!

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased through the link below. If you haven't already purchased your ticket, I encourage you to do so and pass along to your friends and family members as well. This is a rare opportunity to attend an intimate presentation from an inspirational educator and learn what you can do to help curb this over-parenting trend, and help prepare your child for success.

- Tuesday, April 19, 2016
- Doors: 6:30 pm and Presentation: 7:00 pm
- Southridge School - Junior School Great Hall
- Tickets: \$10 (open to the public)

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

Jasmine Boyes
Community & Alumni Relations Manager



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Thanks to you....

Through our fundraising campaigns and events, our community continues to give generously. In fact, thanks to you, our students and teachers have the tools, equipment and facilities they need on a daily basis.

For example...

Landscaping projects around the school were earmarked for support from Gala 2015 proceeds. The area in front of the Grade 1 and Kindergarten classrooms, for example, was in dire need of some TLC. Over spring break, our facilities team cleaned up the space with new sod and sprinklers. Your support of our fundraising events assists in keeping our campus looking ship-shape!

The Alderdice and MacDougall libraries are well-stocked with books and resource materials for all our students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. In fact, Ms Chong and Ms Yee have the financial resources they need to get the newest releases in as soon as possible. Southridge students are avid readers and, thanks to you and your donations to our Greatest Need fund, we can purchase all the books on their must-reads lists!

Sometimes the projects that need funding aren't particularly interesting ones, but important nonetheless. The 2015 gala also supported the upgrading of our lighting in the Alan Brown Great Hall. Over the Christmas break, our facilities team installed new dimmable and energy efficient lights throughout the Great Hall, which have not only helped to brighten up the space, but will also save the school in energy costs.

The donations made by our community today are used immediately to support the needs of our students and teachers. If you have not yet made a donation to Southridge this year, please consider [making your gift online today](#). Your gift can be directed to an area at the school that means the most to you including Arts, Athletics, the Playground Project, any of our bursary funds, or choose to support our Greatest Need fund.

If you have any questions about making a gift to Southridge, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at 604-542-2330 or via email at chodson@southridge.bc.ca.

Thank you for your continued support.

Christiane Hodson
Director of Advancement



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Playground Project Update

Wow! If you haven't had a chance to see the new Junior School playground that was completed over spring break, you really should take a moment to head behind the school. Or, just ask any Junior School student how much they like the new equipment! A swing, a new 'fort' structure, a climbing wall, diggers, spinners and a cool teeter-totter are just some of the additions that were made over the break.

An enormous thank you to all of our families who have supported the Playground Project to-date. We have now received over \$85,000 in donations towards this project! With a goal of \$100,000, it is not too late to donate. If your family would like to make a contribution to the playground, we could still use your support! **Please consider making your gift today.** All families who contribute \$1,000 or more will be listed on a special donor wall that will be installed on the playground this summer. [Click here to give online today or](#) contact me directly to discuss your contribution at chodson@southridge.bc.ca or 604-542-2330. Thank you, in advance, for your generous support.

Also, please thank the families who have generously supported the playground to-date:

- Anonymous
- The Brown Family
- The Muncey-Buckley Family
- The Embley Family
- The Favor/Mantini Family
- The French Family
- The Gallant/Hodder Family
- Roland & Andrea Gray
- The Grootendorst Family
- The Harrad Family
- The Hodson Family
- Isabel & Louis Kim
- The Lawson Family
- May Zhang & Ben Lu
- Mike & Annie Ma
- Mahmood & Shalina Ladhani
- The Mao Family
- The Oxley Brothers
- The Panaich Family
- The Povey Family
- The Robins Family
- The Moe Family
- The Stephens/McCaw Family
- The Toporowski Family
- The Martini/Vipond Family
- The Weng Family
- The Wong Family
- Ziheng Wu's Family
- The Xie Family
- The Yang/Wang Family
- The Yue Family
- The Zhu/Li Family
- The Zu Family



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Thank you again to all our donors. Your generous gifts made this project a reality. This playground will be enjoyed by Southridge students for many, many years to come! Thank you for giving the gift of play!

If you have any questions about the playground project, [click here for more information](#), or contact me directly any time.

Thank you,

Christiane Hodson
Director of Advancement

Country Fair Volunteer Shifts are now AVAILABLE!

As you all know, the Country Fair requires the support of all our parents and there are 900 volunteer shifts for pre-fair and fair day available! The safety and success of this important event depend on our community coming together in support and commitment.

Shifts are available for online sign-up and it's first-come, first-served, so if you want that afternoon shift in Recycled Treasures, be sure to sign up right away! Click [here](#) to sign up, or go to the Volunteer Corner and select "Volunteer Now".

Not sure what you want to do or don't have a preference? Sign up for a "**Wherever I'm Needed**" shift and we'll assign you a great position. Having trouble signing up? Contact the Advancement Department at **604-542-2303** or advancement@southridge.bc.ca

The 2016 Volunteer Committee

Start Collecting for the Country Fair!

Now that spring is just around the corner, it's time to start setting aside your gently-used toys, household items, clothes, furniture, etc. for our **Annual Country Fair!** We advertise the Country Fair as a 450-family garage sale, so we need each family's support to keep the crowds coming year after year!

We will accept the following items:



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- **Clothing:** We welcome all men's, women's, children's, baby clothing and accessories that are clean and new or gently used.
- **Books:** Please set aside all types of children's, adult fiction and non-fiction books, as well as good quality coffee table and music books. We will not accept books that have missing or torn pages, used colouring books, and National Geographic magazines.
- **Loonie Bags:** Please start collecting your gently used small toys, such as McDonald's toys, loot bag items, hockey cards, etc. These are all great items for our loonie bags.
- **Toys:** We are looking for a wide variety of good quality toys, including Lego, Barbie, games, collectibles, outdoor toys, and even larger items like play kitchens. Please ensure the items are CLEAN and all small pieces are bagged together.
- **Recycled Treasures:** This is your chance to recycle any used household items such as linens, small appliances, home décor items, sporting goods, hardware, arts and crafts supplies, seasonal decorations, baby items, and furniture.

Drop-off for household items, clothing, toys and books is from Saturday, April 30th to Thursday, May 5th (no drop-off on Friday, May 6th).

Please note we are not able to accept the following items:

- Anything that is broken, damaged, stained or in need of repair
- Large Appliances (Fridges, freezers, stoves or micro-waves)
- Televisions and monitors
- Electronics without remotes (ie: VHS/DVD etc...)
- All forms of Car Seats (Boosters, Infant seats, etc...)
- Athletic machines
- Old Skis
- Helmets of any kind
- Window Blinds
- Mattresses
- Cribs
- Books that have missing or torn pages, used colouring books, magazines and National Geographic magazines



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All our families are encouraged to donate items and your cooperation with all of the above is very much appreciated.

Drop-off of large items will only be accepted on Thursday, May 5th.

It costs the school to dispose of damaged and unsellable items, so please be considerate when you drop off your donations.

Thank you!

Country Fair Committee

Loonie Bag collection for Country Fair

We will begin collecting new or gently used small toys for the Loonie Bags next week, so please remember to put them aside while doing your "spring cleaning" for Country Fair drop-off. Items that will fit into party loot bags such as McDonald's toys, small action figures, cars, small stuffies and toy jewellery are the type of things we can use. You will be able to deposit your small toy items in a box marked "Loonie Bags" that will be set up in the Junior Great Hall next week.

Thank you!

Pauline Basran & Cheryl Spence

Calling all Savvy Car Enthusiasts!

Do you have a hidden gem in your garage that's a showpiece car, truck or motorcycle? If you do, then we'd like to invite you to take part in the second annual "Show & Shine" car show at this year's Country Fair on Saturday, May 7th.

This is a fantastic opportunity to exhibit your pride and joy, and we're looking for anybody with an impressive automobile from the past, present and future to participate – low riders, classic cars, motorcycles and trucks are all welcome! Entry fee is \$10/vehicle and two voting categories will be available (kids and adults) for the coveted "Best in Show" award.



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The event will take place rain or shine and space is limited, so email a picture of your wheeled treasure to Jaime-Lyn Hugh at carshow@southeridge.bc.ca for more details.

The “Show & Shine” Car Show Committee

Calling All Golfers!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to support the **Southridge Golf Tournament on Friday, June 10th, at Hazelmere Golf Club.**

The cost is **\$175/golfer** and this year's Shotgun event includes a delicious burger bar lunch, skill testing on-course activities and games, delectable food and beverage sampling, plus an all-around great day of Southridge community spirit!

And, after the end of a great day on the course join us at the "19th hole" for a sumptuous gourmet BBQ buffet dinner, awards presentation, the always popular wine raffle, and a rockin' “End of School Year” party (complete with DJ!) in the Hazelmere clubhouse.

This is an excellent way to support our school and have a great day of golfing with colleagues and the Southridge community, so [click here](#) to book your spot now!

Sponsorships are also available and selling out fast, so please [click here](#) to see how you can support the event with a financial donation.

Thank you!
2016 Golf Committee

Vidigami Launches Version 4.0 With a Host of New Features!

If you have been on Vidigami lately, you will have noted that they have released version 4.0 with a host of new features.

The Vidigami 4.0 release includes enhancements to the application interface and navigation, making it easier for Staff, Parents, and Students to find what they need. In addition, this release introduces Tags as a way to more efficiently organize and search for the right photos.



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What's New?

- **Group Directory page.** This page displays all Groups (i.e. Grade 3, Basketball Team, Science Club) organized by Category, and shows you the albums, photos and members of that Group. You can also create new Groups, search for Groups, and view albums within that Group.
- **Group Tags.** These are custom labels that you assign to a Group in order to search or filter by that Tag, thus making it easier to quickly locate the right albums and photos. Tags are managed on the Admin section of the app.
- **Search.** By Group and Group Tag Name.
- **Quick links.** To “My Uploads,” and “My Likes” from the top nav.
- **Albums Linked to more than 1 Group.** Such as Christmas Concert Album in Grades 6 and 7.

What's Changed?

- Create Groups directly from the Group Directory page. This previously existed in the side nav.
- Renamed Group Type labels:
 - Staff, Groups → now called '*Internal*'
 - Grades → now called '*Academics*'
 - Teams → now called '*Athletics*'
 - '*Arts*' (new category)
 - School Events → now called '*Events*'
 - '*Clubs*' (remains same)
- Improvements to the Sidebar content.



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- Larger photo thumbnails.
- Admins and Managers can now delete Groups with albums/photos.
- The previous Album Management functionality can be now achieved by Album Linking. Album Migration has been removed as we work on a better solution to migrate structure.
- You can easily Delete an Album or Set from its “edit” page.

[Click here to view a demonstration video](#) of how to use Vidigami and its new features.

If you have any questions regarding this new update, please contact Team Vidigami at support@vidigami.com or myself at amcinnnes@southridge.bc.ca

Alan McInnes
Manager,
Web and AV Services

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is proud to offer ‘wheeled backpacks’ – these innovative bags offer great convenience – they easily accommodate a laptop and they also fit perfectly into a locker! The ‘wheeled backpack’ is light and durable and comes with a limited warranty. Come in for a visit and have a look!

Regular Uniform Shop Hours:

Monday – Thursday (closed Fridays) between 7:45 – 9:00 am and 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager

Southridge Cafè News

Please see attached menus for the Southridge Cafè for April.



April	Mon-4	Tues-5	Wed-6	Thur-7	Fri-8
Breakfast	Late Start	Smoothie Day	Bacon wrap	Blueberry Muffin	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Quesadilla	Salad Bar	Lemongrass chicken	Salad Bar	Chicken Pot Pie
Pasta Bowl	Mac & Cheese	Ricotta Spinach Ravi	Pasta Marinara	Alfredo	Bow Tie W/ Peppers
Grill Central	Bacon Mozza Burger	Pulled Pork	Pizza	Spicy Chicken	Fish Taco
Weekly Panini	Turkey/Bacon Ranch	Turkey/Bacon Ranch	Turkey/Bacon Ranch	Turkey/Bacon Ranch	Turkey/Bacon Ranch
Great Greens	Chefs Salad	Salad Bar	Grain Salad	Salad Bar	Garden Salad

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



April	Mon-11	Tues-12	Wed-13	Thur-14	Fri-15
Breakfast	Bacon Egger	Smoothie Day	Berry Scone	Breakfast Wrap	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Perogies	Salad Bar	Butter Chicken	Salad Bar	Personal Pizza
Pasta Bowl	Asian Style Spaghetti	Lasagna	Mac & Cheese	Sacchetti Pasta	Pasta Rose
Grill Central	Smokie	Mushroom burger	Pizza	Greek Wrap	Fish Burger
Weekly Panini	Sundried Tomato Chick				
Great Greens	Pasta Salad	Salad Bar	Chefs Salad	Salad Bar	Chicken Ceasar

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April 18-22
Specials

Mon 18

Tues-19

Wed-20

Thur21

Fri-22

Breakfast

Breakfast
Bagel

Smoothie
Day

Pumpkin
Scone

Raspberry
Muffin

Smoothie
Day

Chef's
Entree

Chicken
Strips

Salad
Bar

Chicken
Chow Mein

Salad
Bar

Fish and
Chips

Pasta
Bowl \$3.50

Pasta
Marinara

Mac &
Cheese

Pasta
Alfredo

Spaghetti
W/ Meat
sauce

Stuffed
Pasta

Grill
Central

BBQ Bacon
Cheeseburger

Chicken
Fajita

Pizza

BBQ Ribber

Soft Taco

Weekly
Panini \$5.50

Chipotle
Chicken

Chipotle
Chicken

Chipotle
Chicken

Chipotle
Chicken

Chipotle
Chicken

Great
Greens

Thai
Pasta

Salad
Bar

Chefs
Salad

Salad
Bar

Garden
Salad

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APRIL	Mon-25	Tues-26	Wed-27	Thur-28	Fri-29
Breakfast	closed	Smoothie Day	Cheesy Scone	Breakfast Bagel	Smoothie day
Chef's Entree	/	Salad Bar	Honey Garlic Stirfry	Salad Bar	Chicken Quesadilla
Pasta Bowl	Happy	Mac & Cheese	Italiano	Chicken Lasagna	Smoked Salmon Pasta
Grill Central	Spring	Italian Pizza Wrap	Pizza	Smoked Salmon Bagel	Fish Taco
Weekly Panini	\	Turkey, Apple Cheese	Turkey, Apple Cheese	Turkey, Apple Cheese	Turkey, Apple Cheese
Great Greens	/	Salad Bar	Grain Salad	Salad Bar	Garden Salad

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