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## Head of School

### Head of the Junior School Announcement

After a comprehensive search, the hiring committee for the Head of the Junior School is very pleased to announce that Mrs. Tanya de Hoog will be joining Southridge as the new Head of the Junior School as of August 1, 2016.

Mrs. de Hoog brings more than 19 years of experience as an educator, including 4 years as an Assistant Head, 12 years as a Curriculum Coordinator, 8 years as an International Baccalaureate Educator Network (IBEN) workshop facilitator, and more than 15 years of classroom teaching experience as both a homeroom and specialist teacher in a Junior school setting. Just recently, Mrs. de Hoog has been recognized as a Curriculum Reviewer for the IB.

Throughout Mrs. de Hoog's career, she has held a variety of positions that have spanned a number of prominent and very well-regarded independent schools, including Glenlyon Norfolk School in Victoria where she held the roles of Curriculum Coordinator and teacher, Branksome Hall in Toronto where she was the Assistant Head and PYP Curriculum Coordinator and, more recently, St. Michael's University School in Victoria where she led curriculum change as their Program Specialist. The breadth and depth of each position coupled with completing the CAIS Diploma of Independent School Leadership and participation in a variety of professional development opportunities have helped shape Mrs. de Hoog to be an extremely capable, collaborative and creative educator and leader. She seeks to lead from a place of humility and service, and she values the importance of nurturing a welcoming, caring and joyful school culture.

Mrs. de Hoog has been mentored and guided by several amazing educators along her journey and is highly regarded and well respected within Canadian independent schools. She is extremely excited and optimistic for the opportunity to lead and support both the students and the staff of our Junior School, while also working as part of the Senior Management Team to help guide the overall programmatic and strategic direction of Southridge.



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Mrs. de Hoog and her family will be relocating to the Surrey area over the summer and are looking forward to connecting and contributing to the Southridge community. In the more immediate future, to support and assist Mrs. de Hoog in her transition to Southridge, we will be working in partnership with her to plan a visit to the school in early spring so that she will have the opportunity to begin her preparations for a smooth and effective integration into our school.

Please join me in welcoming Tanya de Hoog to Southridge.

### **Southridge Video Release: Parking Lot Safety – please watch!**

Many of you received an email from me yesterday about safety in our parking lots. Rather than repeating messages you've already heard, we thought it would be interesting to highlight this topic in a light-hearted way – using the voices of our students!

**Today, I'm again pleased to share this video with you.** And this time, we've included some really funny bloopers! I hope that you'll watch it, and share it with anyone who participates in your child's drop-off or pick-up routine. You can access the video by clicking below, and it's also been posted to the Video Gallery in the Parent Portal on the website.

<https://vimeo.com/user1205842/review/155562523/77ec845e0c>

*(Note, a high-speed internet connection is required to view.)*

Thank you for working together to ensure the safety of our most precious people, our students.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens  
Head of School



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### Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
MYP Assembly	Thursday, Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:05	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Noon Dismissal for SLC	Thursday, Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	Junior School
Senior Play – Peter Pan	Thursday, Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Senior Play – Peter Pan	Friday, Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Senior Play – Peter Pan	Saturday, Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Senior Play – Peter Pan	Saturday, Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Country Fair	Saturday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Junior and Senior Schools

## Junior School News

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#### Random Acts of Kindness

This week, February 14- 20, is International Random Acts of Kindness Week. Thank you to Mrs. Hugh, one of our Learning resource teachers, for bringing this fact to my attention. It is fitting that Valentine's Day kicks the week off and hopefully allows us to be a little more focused on treating one another with kindness. According to the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, being kind to someone actually allows you to feel happier, less stressed, less anxious, and more energetic. It may even contribute to longevity; clearly, there are some great benefits to being kind. (<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org>) I think it is important to feature a random acts of kindness week as a reminder, but we should strive to make kind acts a part of our everyday life.

I want to share a story of a simple kind act that took place last week in the Junior School. Two students in Grade 6, Matthab and Liam, noticed Mrs. Beer setting the chairs up in the Great Hall and offered to help her. They worked with her for a short time



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lining up and organizing the chairs and went on their way to class probably feeling a little happier and maybe a little more energetic. I'm sure they were not expecting that Mrs. Beer would share their act with me nor that I would write about it in the Wednesday; however, that small act had an impact. A lot of these small acts together help shape our school culture. I think we are lucky to be part of a place where Grade 6 boys help out without being asked and where staff recognize and appreciate the kindness shown. As members of a community, we all have a hand in shaping its culture. I am thankful for Liam, Matthab and Mrs. Beer who, through one small act, demonstrated that the little things do matter. So know that when you show kindness this week (and beyond) you will be brightening someone's day and the ripple effect will be felt by others.

I look forward to seeing you at the student-led conferences on Thursday.

Ms. Alison Graham  
Interim Head of Junior School

### Communicating Absences/Late arrivals

Just a friendly reminder to please communicate all absences or late arrivals to the following address [attendance@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:attendance@southridge.bc.ca)

### Student Led Conferences: Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> (noon dismissal)

Throughout the school term, students have been actively selecting their own pieces of work to add to their portfolio. These pieces reflect many different subject disciplines and should demonstrate their own personal growth as a student. On Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding student led conferences so that the students can share their portfolios with their parents. This opportunity is empowering for students as they can share their own journey as a learner and actively reflect on each piece. Please also be aware that there will be a **12:00 noon dismissal** on this day to accommodate the conferences.

### Country Fair Gift Baskets and Feb 26th Jr School Casual Day

The February 26th casual day in the Junior school is dedicated to the collection of one NEW item per student for Gift Baskets for Country Fair. The categories for each grade can be found in the flyer attached to the Wednesday. The NEW items will be placed in



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the collection bins which are outside each classroom from Feb 22nd to Feb 26th. Please have your child/children bring in their NEW items between Feb 22nd and Feb 26th. If each student brings in a NEW item, Gift Baskets will be a great success for Country Fair.

Thank you,

Gift Baskets Committee

### Scrap Arts Music Performance at Southridge

On Monday afternoon, the students of Southridge Junior School were treated to a wonderful performance by Scrap Arts Music. This group of musicians, based in Victoria, has performed for the Closing Ceremonies of the 2010 Winter Olympics and for the Vancouver Canucks hockey games, as well as for audiences in 14 countries around the world.

They treated us to a creative performance called "SAM2" in which they shared instruments that they had created from materials collected in and around their home town. The students loved the high-energy show, which included audience participation. It was a terrific example of inquiry in action and the fun that music brings to our daily lives!

Dr. Bospflug and Mrs. Winterburn  
Junior School Music Teachers

## Senior School News

### Head of Senior School

#### Gravitational Waves Exist!

If you were like me, news that came out last Thursday from the science community was mind-bogglingly exciting! As someone that studied science in university (including a number of astronomy classes), has taught science for a number of years and continues to try and stay up to date, the discovery of gravitational waves had me telling anyone who would listen how important this discovery was for scientific understanding. This was proof that Einstein's Theory of Relativity and the idea that space and time curve in the



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presence of mass. In fact, when Einstein theorized this idea, he actually thought that these waves would never be detected and, in response, even declared them non-existent for a time. To think that one hundred years ago this theory was proposed and this year, scientists were able to finally provide real evidence. How can you not think this is not exciting!

If you have taken any time to read further about how these waves were detected, you will realize the magnitude of how many people needed to collaborate to make it happen and how much innovation and intelligence has been combined in this quest – it is staggering. It includes over 1,000 scientists, and an enormous detector that consists of two facilities nearly 1,900 miles apart called LIGO which stands for Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory. The complexity to try and describe how it works and why would make this submission much too long and likely lose its effectiveness; however, I encourage you to read a little to understand how it does work and the collaborative environment that was needed to get there. At its most basic, this observatory came from wanting to try and prove this theory; it really began with curiosity. The importance of this trait cannot be overemphasized in the success of learning.

Curious students not only ask questions, but also actively seek out the answers. Research has even shown that curiosity is just as important as intelligence in determining how well students do in school. In a recent (2014) study that looked at what is occurring in someone's brain when curiosity is piqued found two important findings. First, curiosity actually prepares the brain for learning. This sounds fairly obvious for a subject that we are interested in, but what the researchers found was that with information we are not particularly engaged about, becoming curious will help us learn more effectively. Second, that curiosity will make the learning experience more rewarding; we feel better once we've learned. This has a positive effect on subsequent learning experiences as we will remember the prior positive experience. At Southridge, inquiry is a key thread throughout all of our educational programs and our Harkness philosophy encourages and develops the skill to ask good questions. It enhances our students' curiosity and, in turn, creates deeper and more effective learning.

Returning to the news of the gravitational waves discovery the reaction from many of the scientists was unbridled joy. Their reactions reminded me of our students when they accomplish something meaningful – winning a close game, solving a difficult problem, completing a debate or speech. It shows how passionate they are in their quest to learn. It was not lost on these brilliant minded people that this discovery opens the door incredibly wide to thinking about the universe in a whole new way. As one scientist



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explained, prior to this discovery the universe was like a silent movie and now they have added sound.

Have a great week and stay curious!

Doug Palm  
Head of Senior School

### Senior Drama – *Peter Pan* Production

You may have heard rumblings that this year, the Senior Drama department is performing JM Barrie's iconic *Peter Pan* – you heard correctly! ***Peter Pan* will have its opening night at Southridge on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. As there are many versions, the Theatre Performance class all agreed on a script that is very close to JM Barrie's original piece with a few minor alterations made by students. The spirit of the whole piece is one that is traditional and set in Edwardian London at the turn of the century.

Up until opening week, every *Southridge Wednesday* features an article written by a member of the cast or crew. I hope you enjoy this next piece, written by Dolphy Pradhan.

Thanks,

Glen Pope  
Senior School Drama Teacher

### Dolphy Pradhan Discusses Playing Michael

The long awaited opening night for this year's production of *Peter Pan* is quickly approaching, and on behalf of our cast and crew, I am proud to say that we are beyond excited. For this production, I am playing the role of Michael, Wendy's little brother, and I cannot imagine the experiences I had in my first year in the senior play to be any more memorable. I think that the last couple of weeks have been really important in showing us the true reality of the play and what it means to do justice to this incredible work of literature. It may be the amazingly built set pieces, the personalized costumes, or maybe the animated makeup that did it but I know that it must have been all of these individual aspects combined that have taken that extra step in making the show truly



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come to life. This year's production is something I have never experienced before. There is just so much artistic freedom that comes with the wonder and magic of Neverland, and being able to put that not only into words, but with shadow theatre, sword fighting, and flying, it's just fantastic. With a little over a week before show time, I would definitely encourage everyone to come out and see the play and we really hope you enjoy it!

[Tickets can be purchased here.](#)

General festival seating is \$10

Premium seating is \$20 and there are two choices of premium seats:

1. Front row - comfortable seats run along the front right at the heart of all the action - watch out for fairy dust!
2. Back row - comfortable seats with a raised unimpeded view as you look over the rest of the audience. Provides a great view of the whole stage.

### Country Fair Gift Baskets and Feb 26th Sr School Casual Day

The February 26th Casual Day in the senior school is dedicated to the collection of five dollars per student for Gift Baskets for Country Fair. Please have your child/children bring in their five dollar donation on Feb 26th. If each student brings in a five dollar donation, Gift Baskets will be a great success for Country Fair.

Thank you,

Gift Baskets Committee

### Early Finish for Semiahmoo House Society Mosaic Stairway

After many hours spent by the talented artists of the Semiahmoo House Society community, a planned mosaic stairway, which was projected to be finished in ten years, was completed in under two. Spanning over 30ft tall, and more than three flights of stairs, the stairway never looked so bright.

The tiling project began in 2014 when Aleksandra Golos (a previous art steward and a Southridge alumni), Sarah Sutanto (current Grade 12 art steward) and Jessy Sidhu





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(current Grade 12 Semiahmoo House Steward) aided in the creation of the elaborate composition. From multiple meetings to countless drafts and edits, the design was completed and given to Semiahmoo House Society. Seeing the finished artwork on the underside of the stairs was a rewarding experience for these students. Rachel Tong (current Grade 10 art steward) and Jessy Sidhu have eagerly begun work on another design for Semiahmoo House Society's second stairway.

Sarah Sutanto

### Children's Book Drive

From the beginning of the year, our team of 13 students and 3 faculty members have been preparing to go on the first Southridge Service Trip to Uganda. During our trip there, we will be connecting with a secondary school where we will be building, and an elementary school where we will be running literacy and sports classes.

As spring break approaches and our trip draws near, we are hoping to run a Children's book drive next week, from February 22-26, to get books for the elementary students we will be connecting with. If you have any easy to understand, children's picture books you are willing to donate, please bring them in next week! The only books we will not be able to accept are books with a more challenging reading level (for older children) or books about holidays such as Christmas, Easter or Valentine's day, etc.

We would really appreciate any books you could bring in for us!

Please email [sdial@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:sdial@southridge.bc.ca) or [dweaver@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:dweaver@southridge.bc.ca) if you have any questions!

Thanks!

The Uganda Team

### University Counselling News

**Are you interested in university programs in the United Kingdom?**

Mark your calendar for the following events:

**Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 10am to 12:00noon** at Fairmont Waterfront Vancouver, Malaspina Room



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- Information and mini college Fair for students of all levels and their families.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/best-of-u-vancouver-tickets-20914225010>

**Note: If you are in Grades 10, 11 or 12 and you are interested in studying law in the UK, you are invited: Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8:30pm** at West Point Grey Academy, 4125 West 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Vancouver

- Information and a debate with academic professors about Law studies at Bristol, Durham, Newcastle, Southampton, Warwick and York
- Bringing your qualification home to practice to Canada will be covered followed by a mini fair

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/best-of-u-law-tour-vancouver-west-point-grey-academy-tickets-20913718495>

### **Southridge welcomes back the class of 2015!**

Over the past 10 days, the 2015s have been offering advice and tips to the class of 2016 about freshman life. They offered wisdom about working towards a strong finish for High School and preparing to transition to college or university life!

### **Join us for coffee and conversation – Mark your calendar!!**

University Counselling will also be hosting a series of coffee mornings for Senior School parents to attend and meet with Mrs. Livingston and Mr. Weaver:

- Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 8:10 to 9:20 am - Theme: Canadian Universities – what's new in the admissions/applications process?
- Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 8:10 to 9:20 am - Theme: Thinking of U.S. Colleges/Universities?
- Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 8:10 to 9:20 am - Theme: U.K. and Ireland – direct entry professional programs in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and law – how does this work?

Mrs. Livingston  
Director of University Counselling



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### Both Schools

#### Re-enrollment Deadline

**The re-enrolment deadline was February 12, 2016.** If you have not sent in your re-enrolment, please send in as soon as possible. If you need a new contract, please email Caroline Preddy at [cpreddy@southeridge.bc.ca](mailto:cpreddy@southeridge.bc.ca).

We thank you if you have already sent in your form and deposit. It is not necessary to contact the school if you have already sent in your submissions, we will contact you if there are any questions.

#### Changes with the Vidigami App

Last week I shared with you the announcement from Vidigami about the new software release that provides improvements to album management and more features. This week, and related to the software update, Vidigami is announcing the impending release of a new app to work more effectively with the new software.

"We'd like to share some important information about our Vidigami mobile app. Firstly, we will be offering a new and improved mobile app, planned for release June of this year.

Unfortunately, our current mobile app is not working as expected, so we will no longer be supporting this version, effective **February 29, 2016. On this date, the app will no longer be available on the iTunes store and the installed app will no longer work.**

Any support issues related to the mobile app between now and February 29th will be captured, and considered for the June mobile app release.

Stay tuned for our next Vidigami mobile solution!

Best regards,

Team Vidigami"

I am looking forward to enjoying the benefits of all the new changes. As always, please make use of Vidigami support if you have any questions about using Vidigami.

Alan McInnes  
Manager  
Web and AV Services



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### Friends of Southridge Ride to Conquer Cancer

*"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."* William James

This is calling out to all of you who have seen the devastating impact of cancer on lives, and it is thanks to the millions of dollars raised every year by the events like "The Ride To conquer Cancer" that we know so much about cancer and how much cancer treatments have improved over the years.

This is calling out to all of you who would like to be part of the team that raises this money. There will be an orientation meeting on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7- 8:30 pm in Southridge Junior School**. A representative from the Ride to Conquer Cancer will talk about the challenges of the ride, and provide tips on how to fundraise. Please come along to see the impact of the fundraising efforts or just to get some more information about the team.

Please confirm attendance with Dr. Rob Skleryk – [drrob@lserhealthsolutions.com](mailto:drrob@lserhealthsolutions.com)

Anne Boyle (team member)  
MYP French teacher

### Princess Project Needs your Generous Support!!

Thinking of doing some Spring Cleaning? Consider donating gently used formal wear to the Princess Project!

Graduation is an important time, and with today's economy, many girls and their parents can't afford to buy their photos, tickets, or outfits. The Princess Project is working hard to help by trying to ensure that they get an outfit that makes them feel like a princess, at no cost.

Princess Project is a 100% non-profit, volunteer-run, registered Charity, serving graduating students of the Lower Mainland.

"Never worry about the numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."

Princess Project committee is looking for formal wear to help graduating students in the Lower Mainland have a graduation to remember. This incredible project is a Grade 12



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legacy. Southridge Grade 12 students have been participating in this project for more than 15 years.

Please drop off dresses, suits, and accessories (shoes, jewellery, purses, shirts, ties, and shawls) in the Senior School Great Hall.

Visit [surreyprincessproject.ca](http://surreyprincessproject.ca) for more information.

Thank you for your generous support

Princess Project Committee

### Lead Volunteers Needed!

As Country Fair approaches, the Volunteer Committee is still looking to fill many vacancies in lead positions for the fair. Please email [volunteer@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southridge.bc.ca) if you are interested in learning a new role and helping us make the fair a success! There is a wide variety of openings with various commitment levels.

### Uniform Shop News

#### 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 Café for February.



## Country Fair Gift Baskets

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The categories for each grade are:

**Kindergarten & Grade 1: Children's Toys and Games** (lego, craft kits, crayola sets, hair accessories, activity sets, dolls, books, and any other popular children's toys)

**Grades 2 & 3: Kitchen and Gourmet Items** (oven mitts, tea towels, cloth napkins, cook books, fancy spices, oil and vinegar sets, garlic presses, cheese harps, coffee, tea, ice cream scoops, salt and pepper grinders, gift certificates)

**Grades 4 & 5: Gardening Items** (garden planters, garden gloves, seeds, watering cans, garden tools, gift certificates)

**Grades 6 & 7: Mother's Day** (bath products, spa items, candles, perfume, lotions, fancy soaps, bubble bath, scarves, picture frames, gift certificates)

**Thank you for your support!**  
**Gift Baskets Committee**

Feb 15-19  
Specials

Mon-15

Tues-16

Wed-17

Thur-18

Fri-19

Breakfast

Breakfast  
Wrap

Smoothie  
Day

Blueberry  
Scone

Smoothie  
Day

Yogurt  
Parfait

Chef's  
Entree

Honey Garlic  
Meatballs

Poutine

Greek  
Chicken

Perogies

Fish  
Taco

Pasta  
Bowl \$3.50

Gnocci  
Marinara

Cappeletti  
W/ cheese

Spaghetti  
Carbonara

Macaroni &  
Cheese

Pasta  
Alfredo

Grill  
Central

Bacon  
Cheese Burg

Chicken  
Fajita

Pizza  
Slice

BBQ  
Ribber

Smokies

Weekly  
Panini \$5.50

Chicken  
Ceasar

Chicken  
Ceasar

Chicken  
Ceasar

Chicken  
Ceasar

Chicken  
Ceasar

Great  
Greens

Quinoa  
Rice Salad

Tuna  
Salad

Greek  
Salad

Chefs  
Salad

Caesar  
Salad

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



Feb 22-26  
Specials

Mon 22

Tues-23

Wed-24

Thur-25

Fri-26

Breakfast

Bagel/Cream  
Cheese

Smoothie  
Day

Pumpkin  
scone

Smoothie  
Day

Breakfast  
Wrap

Chef's  
Entree

Italian  
Calzone

Chicken  
Quesadilla

Beef Dip

Lemon Grass  
Chicken

Fish and  
Chips

Pasta  
Bowl \$3.50

Gemelli  
Pasta

Macaroni &  
Cheese

Ricotta Spin  
Ravioli

Pasta  
Marinara

Spaghetti  
Carbonara

Grill  
Central

BBq  
Ribber

Japa Dog

Pizza  
Slice

Spicy  
Chicken Burg

Mushroom  
Burger

Panini of  
the week

Chipotle  
Chicken

Chipotle  
Chicken

Chipotle  
Chicken

Chipotle  
Chicken

Chipotle  
Chicken

Great  
Greens

Caesar  
Salad

Grain  
Salad

Chicken  
Caesar

Chefs  
Salad

Garden  
Salad

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