

# Southridge Wednesday

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## Head of School

### New Education Plan for British Columbia

At the request of the Education Minister, the Honourable Mike Bernier, I am [attaching a copy](#) of his recent parent letter to this edition of the Southridge Wednesday describing the changes in Kindergarten to Grade 12 education that will be taking place across our province over the next three years and beyond. The changes to the provincial curriculum are significant and progressive. At Southridge, we are prepared for these changes and will be ready to integrate them into our educational program as more information becomes available from the Ministry over the coming months, and we develop a comprehensive implementation schedule.

As the Minister's letter describes, research and development that has gone into the new provincial education plan has taken place over the past three years. Correspondingly, the changes we have made at Southridge in our own educational program are in keeping with the provincial movement toward a more holistic and integrated approach to teaching and learning that focusses on important skills beyond academics.

Starting over a decade ago, Southridge began to refurbish its approach to teaching and learning with a focus on our Primary Years Program (PYP) in Kindergarten to Grade 4. Since then, we have also developed and implemented our Middle Years Program (MYP) in Grades 5 to 7 and our Senior School Educational Program (SSEP) in Grades 8 to 12. The themes that tie our three educational programs together to create an integrated and progressive Kindergarten to Grade 12 experience are reflected clearly in the new BC Education Plan.

Specifically, the focus we place on our students by positioning them at the centre of their own learning is a foundational element in our program, as is developing the vital ability to ask thoughtful, reflective questions. Beyond this central focus on inquiry, though, our students are also challenged to come to school prepared to actively participate in their own learning by contributing to a collaborative classroom environment that perpetuates critical thinking, communication and creativity, which are the core competencies of the new BC Education Plan.

Make no mistake about it; knowledge remains a fundamental and key ingredient to learning at Southridge. However, as we have embraced technology and strengthened its integration into our daily teaching practices, the art of teaching has shifted significantly. This shift from teacher as lecturer and "knowledge holder" to teacher as facilitator and "knowledge broker" is another element of the BC Education Plan that has already taken root at Southridge.

Whether it is in an early primary classroom where students are thoughtfully engaged with one another during carpet time, a middle school classroom where students are challenged to assimilate core concepts across subject areas, or a senior school classroom where students are engaged in dialogue that impels them to construct new meaning, what already happens at Southridge is in excellent alignment with the new BC Education Plan.

We are excited about the changes that are taking place in education, and are in full support of the transformations being brought about by the Ministry of Education. In this edition of the *Southridge Wednesday*, Mrs. Middelaer will describe how the new BC Education Plan aligns with the PYP and MYP, and in next week's *Wednesday* Mr. Palm will do the same for the SSEP.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens  
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Sr House Picnic & Terry Fox Run	Friday, Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:40 – 2:00 p.m.	Crescent Park
Welcome Back Bar-B-Que	Friday, Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	School Grounds
Picture Day	Wednesday, Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Both Schools
Outdoor Ed Info Session	Thursday, Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 6:50 p.m.	Various Classrooms
Meet the Teacher Evening	Thursday, Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Junior Great Hall
Grade 5: Outdoor Ed Camp	Sept. 28- 30 <sup>th</sup>		Sea-to-Sky Outdoor School
Grade 6: Outdoor Ed Camp	Sept. 29 – Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Camp Qwanoes
Grade 7: Outdoor Ed Camp	Sept. 29 – Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Camp Summit

## Junior School News

### BC's New Educational Plan

This fall, the BC Ministry of Education released the dates for the implementation of the new curriculum as part of the BC Education Plan—and Southridge School has eagerly been awaiting this news for some time. Teachers across the province were involved in collaboratively writing this curriculum, and it does represent best practices and forward thinking innovation. The student is at the centre of the learning, and we have always held to this student-centred learning philosophy at our school. The curriculum is aligned with Southridge School in many ways, including these core principles and beliefs:

- Learning takes place in the home, school and community.
- Foundation skills (reading, writing, oral language and numeracy) are important.
- Competencies (e.g., communication, creativity, innovation, collaboration, critical thinking and problem-solving) develop over time.
- Learning experiences connect with students' interest and passions.
- Teaching/learning strategies are appropriate to learners' stage of development.
- Learners assume increasing responsibility for themselves and others.
- Learners develop healthy habits.
- Learning is assessed and reported in meaningful ways that help students improve.
- The use of technology is appropriate to the age/stage and learning situation.

Southridge has long utilized a conceptually based program with a focus on enduring understandings and big ideas. However, our faculty has done this in a way that incorporates an emphasis on basic foundational skills, ensuring that our students are properly taught questioning strategies, organizational strategies, communication skills, and obviously the skills of reading, writing and numeracy. Since 2007, the junior school has implemented the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme to deliver our educational program, so the new conceptually based curriculum is welcome and familiar. Our teachers have focused on backwards planning with the end in mind, and have scaffolded the basic skills needed for students to truly gain that concept or big idea. We are seasoned in this type of teaching and assessment, so as parents, we trust that you have confidence in our implementation this new curriculum. This is a great change for our province, and for our students—equipping them for the future, ensuring that they are competent to make lasting contributions is what Southridge has always been about. The extra bonus is that the students receive this instruction in our school where they are known and cared for deeply. Again, thank you for entrusting them to us, and for your support of our educational programmes.

Laurel Middelaer  
Assistant Head of School  
Head of Junior School

### **Meet the Teacher Evening- Thursday, September 24, 2015 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

As parents, you are an important partner in your child's education, and we seek to have very strong relationships with you. As such, we are pleased to have our 'Meet the Teacher' on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. The format of 'Meet the Teacher' evening will be somewhat altered to provide opportunity for parents to meet with all their children's teachers. This evening is important in that our teachers have some very specific information about how their class is organized and the routines that are in place. The format will be as follows:

7:00 – 7:10 p.m. - Introductory Meeting in Junior School Great Hall –Mrs. Middelaer will introduce specialist teachers and present a brief overview of our programme. Mr. Anderson will briefly touch on LMS (Learning Management System) and school communication.

7:10 – 7:40 p.m. - Formal presentation by class room teachers in your child's homeroom. Please be on time for this as our teachers have a lot of information to convey, and will be as efficient as they can in presenting. We highly recommend that if parents have 2 or more children, they attend the session of the youngest child.

7:40 – 8:00 p.m. - Mix and Mingle in classrooms- if you did not get to attend the formal presentation in one of your children's classrooms, please visit that room during this time. This time is designed to be less formal, and the teachers can provide you with any handouts that you missed. However, it is really important to make that connection with the teacher. Specialist teachers (music, French, PE and art) will also be in the Great Hall at this time for a chat or visit.

8:00 p.m. – Dismissal- Everyone will depart to their respective families, teachers as well.

Earlier in the evening in our great hall, we are also offering an '**Introduction to PYP**' (Primary Years Programme) for any of our new families from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. so that we can explain the philosophy and teaching practices of an International Baccalaureate World School (IB). Ms. Shanaz Ramji-Motani, our PYP Coordinator, will be pleased and honoured to explain our programme.

### **Outdoor Education Camps**

All students in Grades 4 through 7 will be going on exciting adventures during the year. Please note that a decision has been made to have the Grade five students attend their camp in the fall so that all MYP students have this valuable experience at the same time. Here are the dates of the trips:

- Grade 4: Sea-to-Sky Outdoor School, Web Weavers Program, June 15-17, 2016 (compulsory)
- Grade 5: Sea-to-Sky Outdoor School, Discovery Program, Sept. 28- 30 , 2015 (compulsory)
- Grade 6: Camp Qwanoes, Adventure Program, September 29 – October 2, 2015 (compulsory)
- Grade 7: Camp Summit Outdoor Camp, September 29 – October 2, 2015 (compulsory)

### **Outdoor Education Parent Information Sessions - Thursday, September 24, 2015**

As we have outdoor education outings in mid-September, we will be hosting Parent Information Evenings on the same evening as 'Meet the Teacher' night. The time and location will be as follows:

- Grade Five        6:00 – 6:50 p.m. Mr. Best's classroom
- Grade Six        6:00 – 6:50 p.m. Mr. Anderson's classroom
- Grade Seven      6:00 – 6:50 p.m. Ms. McNeil's classroom

### **Picture Day - September 23, 2015**

The upcoming picture day on September 23 requires that all students dress in winter uniform which includes: ties, white shirts, green cardigan, vest or sweater, kilt, tunic or gray dress pants, and of course, polished black shoes. Please ensure that your child is wearing the uniform in a sharp way and respectful way.

## Hot Lunch Instructions and Order Form

Hot lunch is run by parent volunteers and it is served on Wednesdays (except the week before summer break). If you want your child to participate, please see attached menu and instructions. The completed form and a cheque payable to Canuel Caterers need to be returned to the box located on Mrs. Schaub's desk no later than 3pm on Thursday, September 17, 2015.

## Senior School News

### A Thought to Begin the Year

Each year at our Senior School Monday Opening Assembly, I like to present a theme or thought to begin the year. As our House Picnic and Terry Fox Run is happening this Friday, I wanted to incorporate my theme with Terry Fox. I also find that connecting my message with a personal story helps to illustrate the theme and hopefully invites the students to find their own personal connections to these ideas. It certainly helps me to be reflective and a more effective learner.

This summer I was fortunate to visit Ottawa for a few days and amongst the sites was the Museum of History across the water in Hull, Quebec. They had a wonderful and moving exhibit on Terry Fox. I spent a few minutes of my presentation touching on what led to this individual deciding to run across Canada to raise awareness and funds for cancer research, the amazing 143 straight days where he ran an average of 26 miles a day for a total of 3,339 miles, and the realization that the cancer had returned to his lungs. I can still recall the day that I found out he had to stop and the day that he ultimately succumbed to this deadly disease.

My main message to the students; however, was the amazing effect that one individual had on so many people during his Marathon of Hope. The gifts, letters, cheering, encouragement and support he received was monumental. And the stories of how his courage and perseverance affected so many are inspiring.

As a 13 year old boy I was deeply moved by Terry Fox's journey and hold these feelings to this very day. I explained to the students that this was one reason I signed up to be a participant in the Ride to Conquer Cancer. This is a two day, 250 km cycling event that raises money for cancer research. The route goes from Vancouver to Seattle and I was a part of the Friends of Southridge team. This was a group of faculty, parents and friends of Southridge that has been together for the past three years. Each rider is required to raise \$2,500 each to participate. Through our various individual and group fundraising events over the year the 27 riders in the group managed to raise over \$138,000! We trained hard and prepared for the weekend and we were blessed with exceptional weather.

The ride was on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and you will recall that the weather was far from the warm and dry summer we enjoyed. It was very rainy to begin and then the wind arrived and caused a great deal of chaos with the route including power lines and trees down! As one rider stated, it was like we were living through a Stephen King novel. While I was "fighting" the day throughout the ride I recalled a Terry Fox quote I had read from the exhibit I had visited. It was in response to the question of how he could run for so many days in a row. His answer:

*"I broke it down. Get that mile done, get to that sign, get past that corner and around that bend. That's all it was. That's all I thought about. I didn't think of anything else."*

It really helped to have this type of mindset as I went kilometer by kilometer. The second day, although longer due to route changes from the previous days weather, was much more bicycle friendly.

In summarizing these events I had two thoughts to share with the students. The first was to "break it down". Southridge is a busy place and each student will have many responsibilities and commitments throughout their year with classes and co-curriculars. Add in any commitments away from the school and there will days that might seem to be overwhelming. Thinking about Terry's quote reminds us to focus on the small steps that seem manageable. The second thought was to never underestimate the effect we all have as individuals. I reminded them that we all have a responsibility to help others, to be supportive and encouraging. It is important to share our passions with one another and remain positive.

I concluded by reading a poem entitled “It Couldn’t Be Done” by Edgar Albert Guest. I include the last few lines and wish you all a wonderful year!

*But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing  
That “cannot be done”, and you’ll do it.*

Mr. Doug Palm  
Head of Senior School

### **Exceptional Scholars**

As many of you may know, the Senior School is well into its implementation of our Senior School Educational Plan. A major aspect of this implementation is assessment: specifically how we assess and recognize the many ways our students express their talents, abilities, and learning. Related to this, our Personal Growth & Development Committee, which focusses on the character and goodness of our students, formed an Awards Committee last year to ensure our recognition of students reflects what we value at Southridge and inspires all of our students to reach their true potential. One recommendation from this committee was the replacement of the traditional Top Three (Gold/Silver/Bronze) Overall Academic Awards with a criterion-referenced Exceptional Scholar Award. In other words, instead of simply ranking our students, a process that is comparative rather than based on students achieving a pre-set standard, we would establish a benchmark overall average. If any Southridge student attains this average in all of their courses in a given school year, they would automatically qualify to receive this highest academic award at our school. By analyzing the data over the past four years, we’ve determined that that average is 94% for the 2015-2016 school year.

We felt it was important to communicate this new award and its accompanying benchmark at the outset of the academic year so that everyone is aware of it. We will continue to explore the possibilities of further recognizing excellence in all aspects of school life. If you have any questions or concerns about the Exceptional Scholar Award, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Weaver at [dweaver@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:dweaver@southridge.bc.ca) or 604-542-1796.

Mr. Daryl Weaver  
Assistant Head of Senior School  
Director of Experiential Education

### **Outdoor Gear And Strathcona**

Do you have used outdoor gear at your house that you no longer need? Please consider selling or donating this equipment to Grade 8/9 families whose son or daughter will be attending Strathcona. You can post information regarding items for sale or donation under the Bulletin Board section in the parent portal of the Southridge website.

Norman Dods  
Lower Division Coordinator  
Advisory Chair

### **International Service Trips 2016**

While our roster is essentially set for our inaugural visit to Uganda in March 2016, there are still several spots available for our Ecuador option. For more information about this experience, watch the video and check out the information on the following links:

<http://www.metowe.com/volunteer-travel/youth-trips/ecuador/>

We have also received a personalized invitation from Craig Kielberger, the founder of Free The Children:

Video: <http://www.mediafire.com/watch/apk25nzd3itpphm/Southridge.mp4>

These transformational experiences are open to any student in the Senior School. If your son or daughter is interested, please contact Mr Weaver at 604-542-1796 or [dweaver@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:dweaver@southridge.bc.ca) by September 30, 2015, at the latest.

Mr. Daryl Weaver  
Assistant Head of Senior School  
Director of Experiential Education

### **Languages Tour 2015 - Guadeloupe December 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 to January 10<sup>th</sup> 2016**

We are heading off to Guadeloupe this year for our second languages tour! The trip will leave on December 25<sup>th</sup> (at 11 pm at night) as we must first make our way to Montreal. Then, we will be on to Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe and will transfer to our studio accommodations at Sainte-Anne. The tour includes flight, accommodation, activities, and tuition at a school where we will study and improve our French skills. If you would like more information on this tour, please contact Madame Lew at the school. There are only twelve spots available as the school we will study at is very small. Allons-y!

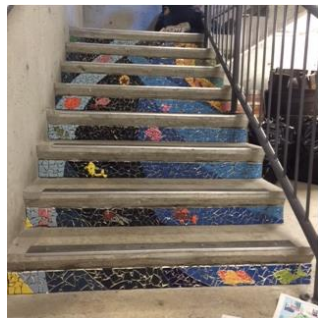
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### **Senior School Picnic**

This year's senior school picnic is on Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>. After a short day of classes, students will get on the buses (10:40) and travel a short distance to Crescent Park. Students will enjoy a picnic and participate in welcoming rituals, tug of wars and finally, the Terry Fox Run. New students and teachers will get their house t-shirt at the picnic. We will return to school by 3:00. Students need to come to school on this day wearing their house colours/costumes and bring:

- Bag lunch
- Water Bottle/water
- Running Shoes
- Clothes should be old clothes in house colours that are ok to get dirty
- Students can dress up in house coloured crazy costumes
- Students can paint their faces/hair in their house colour
- A towel to clean up after welcoming ritual or a change of clothes
- Raincoat or suntan lotion...we go rain or shine
- Donation for Terry Fox
- An extra set of clean clothes for the Welcome Back BBQ.

### **Semiahmoo House Society Looking for Purple Tiles**



For many years, the students and faculty of Southridge School have worked with Semiahmoo House Society establishing close ties and meaningful relationships. The non-profit organization is situated in White Rock/South

Surrey and provides services and support to people with disabilities and their families. From dynamic fitness groups to theatrical and musical productions, everyone within the community has the opportunity to discover their passions and talents.

At the start of last year, a mosaic tiling project began involving members of the organization's tiling class and students specializing in the visual arts program of the Senior School. Susy Baranszky-Job, an instructor for the visual arts program, Aleksandra Golos, a Southridge Alumni, Jessy Sidhu, Sarah Sutanto and Rachel Tong worked together to create an aesthetic design for the underside of the stairwell in the Semiahmoo House building. With three flights of stairs and more than forty five steps, the tiling class has been busy throughout the summer completing over half the project.

Currently, they are in need of purple tiles to finish the final portion of the design. The top half of the design and an image of their stairwell can be viewed above. If you have unwanted purple tiles of any shade or know of any tiling companies that would be willing to donate, please contact Sarah Sutanto [ssutanto@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:ssutanto@southridge.bc.ca), Rachel Tong [rtong@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:rtong@southridge.bc.ca) or Jessy Sidhu [jsidhu@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:jsidhu@southridge.bc.ca) in the Senior School. Broken tiles are welcome.

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## Both Schools

### Stories of Character: Episode 1

*These stories are inspired by our students and the amazing things they do every day that in turn inspire us and make us thankful that we get the opportunity to work and learn with them. We also hope that they will inspire you and others to find those big and little ways to make a difference in your world.*

There's a group of boys in the Senior School who have an unquenchable passion for basketball. They arrive here as early as 6:30 am sometimes, knocking on my office window to be let in, and often playing over lunch and after school for hours...every spare minute they can find. This passion can go a bit sideways, as it did this past summer when they attempted to use our school gym after-hours without any supervision – sadly, we couldn't let that happen, in case someone got hurt and no one was around to help.

Undeterred, these boys asked around for faculty help – and our Senior Girls' coach, Paul Chiarenza, was able to find time to help them out. Eventually, his involvement, inspired by the boys' enthusiasm, expanded to multi-hour sessions three or four days a week. This went on for weeks, from mid-July until school started up again last week, and increased from a core group of Senior Boys to alumni who graduated as long as six years ago, as well as girls and boys of all ages currently attending Southridge. While I know Mr. Chiarenza improved his fitness substantially, I was blown away by the amount of time he was willing to give to these kids – not just basketball knowledge, but mentorship in the real game of life.

Now, I'd suggest that the average sixteen-year-old male would not fully recognize Mr. Chiarenza's contribution – but these boys are special. Surreptitiously contacting Mr Chiarenza's girlfriend, who is a chef at an impressive Vancouver restaurant, Rohin Buttar and Azwa Mohamed, from the Class of 2015, arranged a special surprise dinner for Mr. Chiarenza. A group of other players, including Hunter Hughes, Noah Tregobov, Mat Andreou, Greg Eriksen and Jack Wells (all current Grade 12 students), joined in the event and made their way to the restaurant on an evening in late August. When Mr Chiarenza walked into the restaurant that night, he was floored by the planning and the special dinner the boys had arranged for him. He spoke with me of the emotion he felt and how much it meant to be acknowledged in this genuine and authentic way. I felt that emotion second-hand, and am so impressed about how these guys spontaneously found a way to give back to someone who had gone the extra mile for them. That, to me, is a sign of not only true class, but real character.

### **Rain or shine, it's Welcome Back BBQ time!!!**

We hope you are planning to join us this **Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:30pm** for our annual Welcome Back BBQ. All teachers from the Junior and Senior Schools will be present and this is an excellent opportunity to mingle with the Faculty and for new families to get involved in our school community!

Food and drinks are free thanks to our generous sponsors, The Nuraney Family, Mr. Alan Mizuguchi and WaterFillz Canada – hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, and popcorn will be served, along with the famous root beer float! There also will be an opportunity to have your family photo taken in the Junior School Great Hall by a professional photographer.

Thank you to those who have already signed up to help with this event. We are still looking for more volunteers, so if you are interested, please kindly email Graham Robins [grobins@aacb.com](mailto:grobins@aacb.com) or Suzanne Burgess Robins [Suzanne@robins.ca](mailto:Suzanne@robins.ca)

Parking will be very limited that day, so we are asking EVERYONE to PLEASE park off-site and WALK to the school for the BBQ or to pick up your children if you aren't able to stay. Parking in our neighbourhood is also limited, so plan accordingly

Junior School parents who are used to parking on the road in front of the Kindergarten and Grade 1 classroom doors, will NOT be able to do so that afternoon. Also, the road to the Senior School around the grassy commons area will be gated off at 2:30pm, so parents will NOT be able to drive to the Senior School to pick up their children.

This is a great way to re-charge our community spirit and catch up with old friends and welcome our new families – we look forward to seeing everyone this Friday at 3pm!

Graham & Suzanne (Burgess) Robins  
2015 Welcome Back BBQ Co-Chairs

### **Bring on Your Photos! Vidigami is Ready for 2015-2016**

Our photo sharing service, Vidigami is now set up for the 2015-2016 school year. You will be receiving an email invitation on Thursday with a link to log onto the Vidigami service. For you new parents, Vidigami is a password protected, secure website that allows everyone in the Southridge community to share photos. Parents may both upload photos of school events that they take and download any other photos that you want to keep. Vidigami also allows everyone to tag photos so that each year, you will end up with a collection of photos of your children. Be sure to look for the Vidigami email and plan on visiting the Vidigami website often to view the photos. The photos from today's Full School Assembly will be on Vidigami after Thursday.

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### **Spirit Magazine**

The 34<sup>th</sup> issue of Spirit magazine is now complete and ready for your reading pleasure! This issue features wonderful stories and reflections from students and alumni about opportunities they have had to develop leadership and make a difference in the world.

In an effort to be fiscally responsible, the Spirit magazine will no longer be mailed home – rather it will be distributed at school to the youngest student in each family. Please check your child's backpack, or remind them to pass along the latest issue to you. Copies of the magazine are also available for pick-up at the Junior and Senior school receptions. The PDF version of the Spirit magazine is also in the Publications section of the Parent Portal so you can read it online.

If, for any reason, you would still like the magazine mailed to you, please contact Erin Labbé, Director of Communications & Marketing to arrange this.

### **Summer Camp Success**

Although the school year came to a close in June, the grounds were full of activity again during our Summer Camp program. From June 29 – July 24 Southridge delivered close to 90 fun-filled camps to children 4 – 17 years old such as Minecraft, Mad Science, Physical Fun and Junior Art Camp. The purpose of our Summer Camp program is to connect with the local community and provide an environment for children to have exciting memorable summer experiences during their break from school. We had another great turn out this year and from the feedback we have received, it seems we had many happy campers!

In addition to supporting families in our local community, the summer camp program provides volunteer opportunities to students 14+ who want to fulfill their required volunteer hours and develop their leadership skills. This year we had approximately 115 students sign up to help the teachers facilitate the camps and assist the children with the daily activities. These volunteers became mentors to the campers and really developed their leadership skills in the process.

A program like this requires a huge amount of support from our staff including teachers, admin, facilities, and technology to name a few. In addition, we are lucky to have over 35 fantastic teachers from various school districts in the Lower Mainland who sign on each year to bring their energy and expertise to our summer camp program. We would not be able to be successful without the collective support from everyone involved, so thank-you to each and every person who contributed to making this year's Southridge Summer Camp's program a success.

### **2015 Gala Procurement Helpers Needed!**

Planning for the 2015 Gala on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> is well underway, and in order to ensure the success of our silent auction, we are currently looking for parents to help us obtain donation items for this year's event.

In addition to the generous donations we receive from our families, we also count on the support of the local business community to contribute items and services. Introduction letters have already been sent to a number of businesses asking for their support and we now need help following up with them to secure their donation.

The success of our auction depends on the number of top-notch items we receive and it takes many helping hands to get the job done. We'll provide you with all the details needed to follow-up with each business and no experience is necessary!

This is an excellent opportunity for parents to volunteer and support the school in a behind-the-scenes capacity. For further information on how you can help, please contact Shelley Slaughter on 604-542-2334 or [sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca).

Ms. Slaughter  
Advancement Officer

### **Photo Day is Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Southridge School photos will take place on Wednesday, September 23. All students need to come to school in full winter uniform with blazers and ties (no polo shirts). Artona offers many photo packages to choose from, please visit <http://schoolday.artonagroup.com> to pre-order your photo package.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeannie Rickard [jrickard@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:jrickard@southridge.bc.ca) in the Junior School or Lisa Byrom [lbyrom@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:lbyrom@southridge.bc.ca) in the Senior School for assistance.

### **Playground Project Update**

Last week was a very exciting one for the playground project! On Thursday, the students were lined up along the fence watching the take-down of the two oldest pieces of equipment. This week will probably be even more exciting as the new equipment starts to go up!

A huge thank you to all the families who have already contributed to the new playground! To-date, we have raised nearly \$50,000. When you see them, please be sure to thank them for their support. They are:

- The Yang/Wang Family
- The Yue Family
- The Brown Family
- The Povey Family
- The French Family
- May Zhang & Ben Lu
- Isabel & Louis Kim
- The Mao Family
- The Embley Family
- The Favor/Mantini Family
- Yi Zhang
- The Lawson Family
- Gemma Martini and Terry Vipond
- The Hodson Family
- The Robins Family
- Anonymous

It's not too late to give! Our fundraising goal for Phase 1 is \$150,000, so we still need your support. Please consider making a gift towards this special campaign. [Click here](#) to make a gift online or contact me directly to discuss your contribution at [chodson@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:chodson@southridge.bc.ca) or 604-542-2330. All donors who contribute \$1,000 or more will be recognized on a special donor wall on the playground. Thank you, in advance, for your generous support.

Phase 1, which includes an amazing climbing structure, as well as a new play structure with 4 slides, multiple platforms and lots of monkey bars, will replace the two oldest structures on the current site and is scheduled for installation this week. The playground will be gated off until construction is complete.

Phase 2, which will incorporate our students' input and ideas, will be supported through the annual gala on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Installation will take place in the spring and will be a 'community build' which means that you can be involved in building the playground that your children will enjoy every day!

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

### **Volunteer Sign-up Now Open!**

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer! The first day of school is nearly here and we'll need our parent volunteers to sign-up for everything from hot lunch to gala set-up! Similar to previous years, volunteer positions are currently posted online and you can sign up today for the positions you're interested in.

Please remember that some positions require a completed and returned Criminal Record Check. If you have completed one in previous years, you do not need to re-submit one (they expire every 5 years). If you are new this year or have not submitted one previously, please do so as soon as possible. More information about this process can be found in the parent portal under "Volunteer Corner". Also, if you are planning on driving students on a field trip or sports trip this year, you must submit your Driver's Abstract and have a Criminal Record Check on file at the school. Driver's Abstracts expire every year. More information about this process can also be found in the volunteer corner of the parent portal.

All positions that require a Criminal Record Check, will also require you to watch a short training video. We will send out the link to this video in early October when the schedules have been finalized.

Some positions also have other pre-requisites or required skills (for example, a class parent must be a returning parent). Please click on the "read more" links for more information about a position.

Country Fair and Golf Tournament volunteer opportunities will become available in February/March. Please watch for more information in *The Wednesday* for specific dates.

The Welcome Back BBQ chairs are still looking for some volunteers for the afternoon of September 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering specifically for that event, please contact Graham directly at [gsrobins@aacb.com](mailto:gsrobins@aacb.com).

The Gala Committee is desperate for procurers for the live and silent auction. Please contact Shelley at 604-542-2334 or email her directly [sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca) if you can help out.

If you have any questions about volunteering at Southridge, please don't hesitate to contact the Volunteer Committee at [volunteer@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southridge.bc.ca).

Thank you so much for volunteering at Southridge and keeping our strong tradition of volunteer support alive!

Volunteer Committee

### **Bakers Needed**

Are you looking for a volunteer position that you can do at home? Nurture the teachers that nurture your children. Volunteers are needed for Friday morning baking for faculty. This requires contributing two dozen home-baked items every 1-2 months. Both Junior and Senior school parent/grandparent/big person volunteers are needed. Contact [Vanessa.Lapointe@shaw.ca](mailto:Vanessa.Lapointe@shaw.ca) for more information. Sign-up is done through the Volunteer Corner of the parent portal (click on the orange "volunteer now" button). Happy baking!

### **Operations Volunteers**

Did you know that many daily and weekly school operations are dependent on volunteers? These positions give you a wonderful glimpse into the world of your child and are a great way to give back to the Southridge community. Volunteers are needed for the **uniform shop**, **playground supervision**, **library** (both junior and senior school) and **hot lunch**. These positions function on a schedule and you can let the coordinators know what frequency would work best for you (weekly, biweekly, monthly). Sign up on the Volunteer Corner of the parent portal by clicking the orange "volunteer now" button.

### **Hospitality Volunteers Needed**

The Southridge Open House will be happening on Thursday, November 5th. Volunteers are needed from approximately 5:30pm - 10:30pm to assist with the hospitality table. All items will be prepared and available, but volunteers are needed to ensure the supplies are replenished as needed. Email Amandeep at [amandeepdhillon78@googlemail.com](mailto:amandeepdhillon78@googlemail.com).

### **Have you got old style uniforms that you aren't sure what to do with?**

Now that the old style uniforms are no longer to be worn at school you may be wondering what to do with your old uniform items. Is it garbage? No. Many people do not know the negative effect on the environment by throwing clothing in the landfill.

Did you know:

- Textiles make up 5% of our local landfill
- Natural fibers can take hundreds of years to decompose and may release methane and Carbon-dioxide gas into the atmosphere
- Synthetic materials do not decompose, and can release toxic substances into the groundwater and soil

By recycling textiles instead of throwing them away, water and energy consumption is reduced, there is reduced pollution and less use of dyes.

We are organizing a textile-recycling program for the old uniforms at the school so please hang on to those old uniforms and stay tuned for more details to come soon.

Charlotte Luking  
Grade 7

### **Used Uniform Sale**

The grad committee will be holding the first Used Uniform Sale to help support the Grad 2016 Celebration & Fundraising. We will have all of the new style uniform items that are required this year for sale.

***Date:*** September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

***When:*** 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

***Where:*** Junior School Great Hall

We will be accepting used uniform donations in the boxes at the front of the Senior School Great Hall and the Junior School Great Hall. Please ensure they are washed prior to dropping off. Any old-styled uniform items that are donated will go to support Charlotte Luking's textile-recycling program.

Thank you for supporting the 2016 Celebration & Fundraising!

Heather Mosher  
Grad Committee Coordinator

### **Uniform Shop Hours**

Welcome Back. The Uniform Shop is open during the following hours.

Monday – Thursday (closed Fridays)  
7:45 - 9:00.a.m and 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Phala Tan  
Business Services Manager  
[ptan@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:ptan@southridge.bc.ca)

**Cafeteria Update – Welcome to Canuel Caterers!**

Southridge welcomes Canuel Caterers to the cafeteria. Canuel will be taking over operation of our food services including the cafeteria, hot lunch program and vending machines. Canuel Caterers is a twenty three year old company with local roots that now specializes in educational sites as well as government facilities, private and public corporations and sports and entertainment complexes. Canuel Caterers services the lower mainland and the Kamloops area.

The cafeteria will accept cash and prepaid accounts. Please make your cheques payable to **Canuel Caterers** and drop off with the cafeteria to set up your account. Any balances that remained at the end of the previous school year will be credited to your Southridge student account for the next billing period. Food Services will be managed by Phala Tan, Business Services Manager at Southridge and she is available to answer any questions.

Menus will be posted on the website and available for the full month to help make your lunch plans! We look forward to a tasty new school year.

Phala Tan  
Business Services Manager  
[ptan@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:ptan@southridge.bc.ca)

## **Hot Lunch- 2015/2016**

Hot lunch is run by parent volunteers and it is served on Wednesdays (except the week before summer break). If you want your child to participate, please complete the attached form:

- 1) Fill out the information about your child (name, ID and classroom).
- 2) Circle your menu choices for each weekly meal.
- 3) **Calculate the amount you need to pay based on your order. If you order all the meals for every week, there are 33 meals at a cost of \$226.75.**
- 4) Attach a cheque made payable to "Canuel Caterers" with the name of your child on the cheque. Each child requires a separate cheque. **If we do not receive a cheque, we cannot process your form.**
- 5) Return the completed form and cheque to the box located on Mrs. Schaub's desk **no later than 3pm on Thursday September 17, 2015.**

\*If you lose the attached form, it is online in the "Wednesday".

### **\*\*\*\*\*Volunteers Still Needed for Hot Lunch\*\*\*\*\***

We are still in need of volunteers to make this year a success! The commitment is 5 or 6 times this school year from 11:15 am to 1:15 pm. You can also sign up to be an "on-call" volunteer too.

Please sign up thru the volunteer portal. If you have any questions you can contact us at: [hotlunch@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:hotlunch@southridge.bc.ca)

Thanks!!

*Hot Lunch Chairs –*

*Shaída Nanji (Grade 3 mom) & Jackie Christofferson (Grade 5/7 mom)*

## Hot Lunch Form – 2015-2016

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**To ensure the safety of your child, we are not able to accommodate any allergies or dietary restrictions.**

**Please circle: one food item, one drink and dessert choice**

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### Breaded Chicken Strips

(Served: Sept 23, Nov 4, Jan 13, Feb 24, April 20, June 1)

**Circle One:**                      3 - All White Chicken Breast Strips                      4 - Breaded Veggie Nuggets

**Circle One:**                      2% Choc Milk                      2% Milk                      Bottle Water                      Apple Juice

**Includes:**                      *Tater Tots, Selection of Seasonal Sliced Fresh Fruit and Cheese String for Dessert*

**6 Meals @ \$7.00 (Tax Incl.) = \$42.00**

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### Pizza on Multigrain Crust

(Served: Sept 30, Nov 18, Jan 20, Mar 2, April 27, June 8)

**Circle One:**                      Pepperoni                      Cheese

**Circle One:**                      2% Choc Milk                      2% Milk                      Bottle Water                      Apple Juice

**Includes:**                      *Raw Veggies with Ranch Dressing and a homemade rice crispy bar for Dessert*

**6 Meals @ \$6.75 (Tax Incl.) = \$40.50**

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### Homemade Macaroni and Cheese

(Served: Oct 7, Nov 25, Jan 27, Mar 9, May 4, June 15)

**Circle One:**                      with Cheese Sauce                      Only pasta – no cheese sauce

**Circle One:**                      2% Choc Milk                      2% Milk                      Bottle Water                      Apple Juice

**Includes:**                      *Garlic Bread, Selection of Seasonal Sliced Fresh Fruit, Homemade Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookie for Dessert*

**6 Meals @ \$6.75 (Tax Incl.) = \$40.50**

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### **Burger on a whole-wheat bun**

(Served: Oct 14, Dec 2, Feb 3, March 16, May 11)

**Circle One:** Beef Patty Chicken Patty Veggie Patty

**Circle One:** with cheese without cheese

**Circle One:** 2% Choc Milk 2% Milk Bottle Water Apple Juice

**Circle One:** Chocolate Ice Cream Vanilla Ice Cream

**Includes:** Selection of Seasonal Sliced Fresh Fruit

**5 Meals @ \$6.75 (Tax Incl.) = \$33.75**

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### **Scooby Doo Pasta Noodles with Choice of Sauce**

(Served: Oct 21, Dec 9, Feb 10, April 6, May 18)

**Circle One:** Meat Sauce Tomato Sauce No Sauce

**Circle One:** 2% Choc Milk 2% Milk Bottle Water Apple Juice

**Circle One:** Raspberry Yogurt Tube Strawberry Banana Yogurt Tube

**Includes:** Garlic Bread

**5 Meals @ \$7.00 (Tax Incl.) = \$35.00**

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### **Chicken Souvlaki with Tzatziki**

(Served: Oct 28, Dec 16, Feb 17, April 13, May 25)

**Circle One:** Chicken Marinated Tofu (lemon and herb)

**Circle One:** 2% Choc Milk 2% Milk Bottle Water Apple Juice

**Circle One:** Chocolate Ice Cream Vanilla Ice Cream

**Includes:** Pita Bread, Rice and Veggie Sticks and Ranch Dressing

**5 Meals @ \$7.00 (Tax Incl.) = \$35.00**

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**\*\*Please note that there are no food or drink substitutions**

**Total number of meals** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payable** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form with Cheque by Thursday September 17**

**Make Cheques Payable To "Canuel Caterers"**



# How Vidigami Works.

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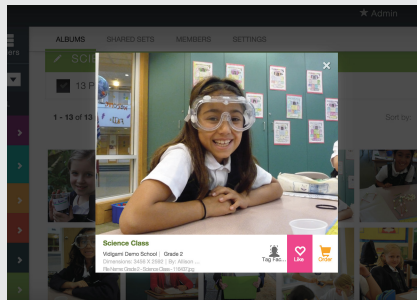
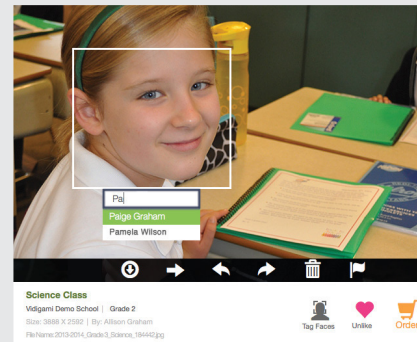
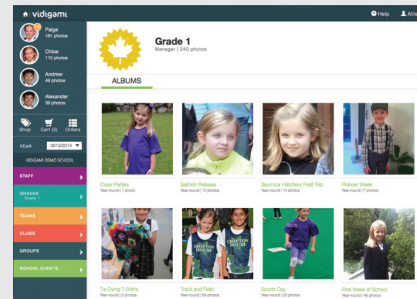
On The Go



Previous Years



## View, Preserve & Share



### Centralized School Memories

- All school-wide photos in one cloud-based centralized place
- Photos contributed by faculty, parents & students
- Accessible year after year

### Intelligent Organization

- Facial Detection and Smart Tagging
- Organize photos by student, album, year, grade & event
- Easily find, view, download specific photos

### Secure Storage & Sharing

- Permission-based viewing & downloading
- Like favourite photos
- Private share links of albums to Facebook, Twitter & email

## Keep Memories

**Schools** - Support Yearbook Productions, Create Advancement & Marketing Collateral

**Families** - Order Prints, Canvas Collages & Other Keepsakes

