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Head of School

What Can We Learn from Finland?

Pasi Sahlberg, a Finnish education official and author of *Finnish Lessons: What can the world learn from educational change in Finland* credits Finnish schools for redesigning learning according to how innovation occurs. He argues that “teaching and learning have traditionally been conceptualized as linear, deterministic procedures. (But) innovation is an organic entity. Teaching and learning in schools should rely on principles of active participation, social interaction and reflection.” In addition to emphasizing collaborative work, Finnish schools have a different conception of knowledge than the traditional one. Teachers don’t think of knowledge as a cumulative store of objective information. “It is not primarily what individuals know or do not know, but more what are their skills in acquiring, utilizing, diffusing and creating knowledge that are important.”

The approach that Dr. Sahlberg describes has translated well in Finnish schools, which owe their fame to the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) survey, a report published by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that compares the competencies of 15-year-olds in about 70 countries in reading, math and science. Despite the fact that Finnish students do less homework and spend fewer hours at school than the OECD average, the country consistently ranks among the top 3 (the *Globe and Mail*, Thursday, May 9, 2013).

I find it interesting that some of the educational elements that Finland emphasizes, especially those related to active participation, social interaction and reflection are included in the educational program we have developed at Southridge. At the core of our three programs (the PYP, MYP and SSEP) lays the ability to ask questions, or to inquire, in a collaborative classroom environment. In the Senior School our teachers have started to integrate Harkness teaching and learning. The programs in our Junior School complement Harkness learning and our students are prepared very well for its key elements, which include:

- discussion and analysis leading to a deeper understanding of the question that is central to the learning process
- regular reference to text, problems or lab results that are reflective of the curriculum
- the development of many possible solutions or answers to questions
- consideration, analysis and assessment of the answers
- determining the relationship of the questions and answers to a larger body of knowledge

But what makes the education program at Southridge truly special is the embedding of character within the way we model our program’s structure. Whether it is by way of the learner profile in the Junior School or integrity, commitment and optimism in the Senior School the association of character – both moral and performance – to learning at Southridge is very important to us. In other words, at Southridge the skills used in acquiring, utilizing, diffusing and creating knowledge are supported by the character traits that help our students make a difference.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates			
Café Concerto	Tuesday & Wednesday, May 28 th and 29 th	7:00 – 9:00 PM	Senior School Great Hall

New Parent Night	Wednesday, May 30 th	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Senior School Great Hall
Grade 5 - 7 Parent Laptop Evening	Thursday, June 6 th	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Junior School Great Hall
Southridge Golf Tournament	Friday, June 7 th	12:00 - ?	Morgan Creek

Junior School News

‘Twenty-first Century Learning’ in Action - The Exhibition

There is a great deal of buzz in educational circles around the term ‘twenty-first century’ learning. While there are various definitions of the term, basically, what it means is that we are educating young people and equipping them to be successful contributors in their world. There is general consensus on some of the important skills of a 21 century learner--they must be collaborative, creative, critical thinkers, have good character, demonstrate cross cultural competency and be able to communicate effectively (Patrick Bassett, President of the National Association of Independent Schools NAIS, 2012). We believe that these skills are being nurtured and reinforced daily in our programming at Southridge. One fine example of this is our Grade 4 Exhibition Unit.

In this unit, our students select a real life issue that has relevance to the world. In groups of 4 -5, they develop their own inquiry into this unit, and complete an analysis of the different sides to the issue. Working collaboratively, and beneath the guidance of a mentor, they creatively consolidate and communicate their findings to a greater audience. Another component that is required is an action piece, where each group must ‘do’ something as a result of their learning, in order to make a difference.

Our Grade 4s have been very active these past weeks, and are completing the finishing touches on their units of inquiry. We invite you to come and celebrate with us as they communicate their analysis and findings in an engaging, creative manner. The Exhibition will be held yesterday afternoon and will be tonight from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Again, the skills and research that are consolidated in this six week unit of study reflect those twenty-first century skills which are deemed to be essential for our future. This year’s Exhibition has a refined focus on student speaking, quality research, and a fine arts component. At Southridge we are helping to build students who are ethical and successful contributors and leaders in their families, their communities, the workplace, and the world. In summary... someone who makes a difference in the world.

Thank you.

Mrs. Laurel Middelaer
Head of Junior School

Grade 5-7 Parent Laptop Evening - Thursday, June 6th, 2011 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.- Junior School Great Hall

As the year draws to a close, we want to prepare our existing Grade 4 students and parents for the upcoming MYP programme. Perhaps the most exciting addition to their educational programme is the use of the computer laptops. We view the laptop as an educational tool, and work with the students to teach the proper care and usage of the laptop. We are also mindful that the students have access to the internet and email with the laptop, and we teach the appropriate use of these tools as well. We do feel that it is very important for our parents to understand our philosophy for these laptops, and also our expectation for their use at home. As such, we are hosting a parent –laptop information session on Thursday, June 6 from 6:30- 7:30 p.m. Our education at Southridge School is a partnership and Mr. Anderson, our MYP Technology Coordinator, welcomes you as we present the goals of the laptop programme, and our recommended use for the laptop at home.

Reminder to Lock Up in the Parking Lot

Just a reminder to ensure that when visiting Southridge School for any event, it is prudent to ensure that your vehicle is locked and that there are no valuables in plain sight. Although we are a community that has a common set of values in terms of respect and honour, sadly this cannot be said for a very small number of people in our local community. When the weather is nice, people tend to leave vehicle windows down and purses and cell phones in full view. Let’s all be prudent in the safety of all our belongings so that the potential opportunities at Southridge will be fruitless for anyone so inclined in this manner.

MYP Speech Competitions

It is time again for the Southridge MYP Speech Competition! Over the next two weeks, students in Grades 5, 6, and 7 will be planning, writing, and practicing their speeches. This annual event gives students the opportunity to develop their public speaking skills and to demonstrate their creativity.

The style of the speech may be informative, persuasive, anecdotal, or a combination of all three. Appropriate humour is always appreciated. Grade 5 students will speak for 2 – 2.5 minutes, Grade 6 students for 2.5 – 3 minutes, and Grade 7 students for 3 – 3.5 minutes.

In Grade 5, the majority of speech preparation will take place in class. Students in Grades 6 and 7 will work more independently; a significant portion of their English prep time will be devoted to writing their speeches.

Two finalists from each class will be chosen in the classroom contests during the week of June 10-14. We invite parents to join us on Tuesday, June 18th at 1:30 pm in the Junior School Great Hall to hear the four finalists from each grade present their speeches at the Southridge MYP Speech Competition. The judges will choose one winner from each grade.

We hope this will be a rewarding and fun experience for all students. Thank you.

Ms. Bennett, Ms. Graham, Ms. Mauricio,
Mr. Anderson, Dr. Besspflug, and Ms. McNeil
MYP English Department

Mini World Partnership Walk at Southridge School on Friday, May 31st, 2013

The Southridge World Partnership Walk 2013 team consisted of a range of students from Grade 1 to Grade 8, teachers, administrative staff, parents and other family members. All eagerly showed up early at Stanley Park on Sunday, May 26th to walk or run to 'make a difference'. We met so many other excited participants, learned more about the projects that will be funded through our donations and enjoyed the food and the entertainment program. The best part was that as a team, we raised \$ 19,660! It was the second highest amount raised amongst all the participating schools in B.C. and caught the attention of local media who interviewed members of the Southridge team. We want to thank all the participants for their amazing commitment and enthusiasm.

We also found out that for some of the projects this year, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will match the donations by more than five times. Imagine that! By participating, we are helping to make a huge difference in the lives of thousands of people around the world! To learn more about the projects, please visit www.worldpartnershipwalk.com.

On Friday, May 31st, we can continue to fight global poverty by participating in the annual Southridge Mini World Partnership Walk. All afternoon, students in the Junior School can walk or run on the Southridge grounds and show their dedication to the cause of fighting poverty around the world. Please remember to wear your house colours and bring your water bottle. Make sure that your bottle is labeled with your name and be sure to bring your \$5 donation which will be added to the funds that the school has raised so far. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Below, check out some of the team pictures from the World Partnership Walk last Sunday. Thank you!

Tareeq Mangalji, Jaden Sanghe and Chris Bond
Grade 6 Students

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Hot Lunch

Please note that due to PYP Picnic at Centennial Beach, that the Chicken Strip Hot Lunch scheduled for June 19th will be moved to Friday June 14th.

Stephanie Schmidt and Jasmine Sandhu
Hot Lunch Co-Chairs

Junior School Library Books Returned by June 3rd, 2013

We need your help to ensure all library materials are returned to the Junior School Library by Monday, June 3rd so we can conduct our inventory. Books can be dropped off to the Library or the Book Drop in the Junior Great Hall. Books can be signed out for the summer starting on Monday June 17th. Thank you for your help,

Ms. Chong
Junior School Librarian

Senior School News

Parking Lot Reminder – Senior School

You will have likely noticed Mrs. Middelaer's Wednesday article last week noting the changes that have been made in the Junior School area of the parking lot and the process of pick-up and drop off. As she referenced in her opening paragraph, safety is a priority at Southridge and a constant focus for us is to be certain we are ensuring this occurs in our parking areas. While I know that most of you will have likely noticed the new markings on the pavement in the Senior School areas, we haven't changed the process to do with pick up or drop off. The markings and signage are merely trying to add clarity for everyone and to help you to remain mindful that the safety of our community is the priority.

To review, if you are picking up or dropping off a Senior School student, please be sure to enter the school from the gate where the traffic light is located. Travel along the roadway around the turf field and towards the Senior School building. You will note that there are two lanes. The lane closest to the fields is designated as a waiting lane. This doesn't mean that we wish you to stop and wait in this lane, but if you plan on waiting on either side of the through lanes once you have arrived at the School, please remain in this lane. The 'inside' lane is a through lane and should only be used if you plan to drive by the school or if your child is ready to "jump" into the car right away. You may loop around the commons area if you wish to remain in the through lane, but please do not stop and wait for a stall or an area of the wait lanes to open up. Once you have turned the corner towards the Senior School, the roadway splits into three lanes. The centre lane remains the through lane. The two outside lanes allow you to wait (when they are free) for your child to come. If there are no openings here, please wait patiently in the outside waiting lane by the field.

As a final thought, please remember that at 3:00 p.m. we have over 600 students being picked up at both schools. Although the time it takes is only roughly 20 minutes, there is a reality that this will take some time even with the most efficient plan in place. Driving cautiously and with a heightened sense that many students are walking out on the roadway to get into cars will help immensely to ensure we are keeping our important people in our community safe.

Please feel free to speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I will see you as you drive by! Have a safe week!

Mr. Doug Palm
Head of the Senior School

Book Return Process for Senior School Library

With the Term 3 AR deadline coming up on Monday, May 27th, it is time to start considering the book return process for the end of the school year.

Library Books

- Students will receive a printout of overdue library books by May 23rd from their advisors.
- Students need to return all library books by Tuesday, May 28th.
- The library will be closed to borrowing starting May 28th for a few days while we conduct our annual inventory.

Text Books

- Most textbooks will be returned in the Great Hall on exam days. We will begin collecting textbooks from 7:45 am for morning exams and from 11:30 am for afternoon exams.
- All textbooks should be returned by the final day of exams on Friday June 21st.

Please note that charges will be incurred for any library books and text books not returned by Monday June 24th, at which point replacement orders will be processed. A summary of the return process and related dates is in the attached file.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Maggie Yee
Senior School Teacher-Librarian

Technology and Student Safety

Please read the attached letter about technology and student safety.

Grade 12 Tea Volunteers

It has been the tradition at Southridge for the Grade 11 parents to host the tea after the Grade 12 Convocation ceremonies. This year the event will be held on June 21st and we are looking for Grade 11 parent volunteers to help put on this early evening celebration. If you are interested, please email this year's coordinator, Roberta Pak at pak.roberta@gmail.com.

Mrs. Roberta Pak

Kettle Valley Railroad Trip

KVR is a yearly outdoor Education trip at Southridge that involves adventurous level two days of biking during the day and authentic overnight camping. Madame Beer, Mrs. Alexandra, Mr. Sterelyukhin and Mrs. Szymczak were the four teacher chaperones, given the difficult task of supervising twelve students, eight Grade 11s and four Grade 10s. Getting dropped off at Coalmont, we spent the first day riding 20km to Princeton Castle Resort where we set up camp on the hillside overlooking a beautiful valley. The next day was a little harder than we expected, riding for 44km with a 2.2% incline which slowly segued into 1.1% after 20km of treacherous sand (soon proclaimed as the infamous KVR sand dunes.)

After the uphill journey from Princeton to Osprey Lake, we all set up camp along the scenic Link Lake. Waking up the next morning with burning quads and sore calves, we headed out to a nearby restaurant for bacon and eggs; loading us with enough energy to cycle through the mountainous trail ending in Summerland. Under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Sterelyukhin, we 'accidentally' passed our campsite at Trout Creek by a good 10km. Even though having to backtrack was somewhat frustrating, it allowed us to experience the lovely scenery for a second time, making it twice as special! We finished off the trip on Sunday by cycling 10km into Summerland and taking the historic KVR train. We got off the train, packed up our bikes for the last time and headed home on the bus, blasting 80s music. So close to exams, this trip gave us a relaxing break from our crowded study schedules and allowed us to escape from all the stress. Between the exploratory cycling, surplus's of dried fruit and cozy campfires along the lake, the Kettle Valley Railroad trip was an unforgettable experience that I would recommend to anyone up for a little challenge, excitement and adventure.

Serena Bonneville
Grade 11

Tech Team Enjoys Recording Workshop

The Senior School Tech team got to immerse themselves in the audio recording world with a workshop held at White Rock's [Blue Frog Studios](#) on Wednesday, May 22nd. Led by a seasoned recording engineer, Brad Graham, the four students were led through the process of planning, set up and execution of a recording session. In the first hour, Mr Graham covered topics such as studio design, microphone types and uses, microphone placement, audio mixing theory and practice, and recording technologies; digital vs analogue. After the preparation stage and training, the Grade 10 Jazz studies students arrived with Mr. Mitchell and then the Tech team participated in the recording session of three songs. Avery Laird, the Senior Tech Steward got to wear two hats that day as he participated in the workshop and then, as a member of the Jazz Studies 10 class, he played with the band, even having one of his compositions recorded. The new skills and knowledge that the Tech students gained will benefit their support of other music events at Southridge throughout the year.

Alan McInnes
Manager, Web and AV Services

Laptop Return

Grade 8, 9, and 11 Students

All Grades 8, 9, and 11 students are required to hand in their laptop, charger, lock and backpack/laptop bag before leaving for summer vacation. The deadline is the day of your last Senior School exam.

Alternatively, you are welcome to hand in your laptop any time after June 7th if it's not required for studying or electronic exams. The specific deadlines are:

Grades 8 & 9 – June 13th before 12:30 PM

Grade 11 – June 21st before 8:00 AM

Please hand in your laptop backpack to Mr. Latta at the Tech Office or Room 224 at least 30 minutes prior to the exam. If any item is not returned, a replacement part (laptop, charger, backpack, or lock) will be ordered and charged to your student account.

The laptops will be re-imaged (wiped clean) for the beginning of next year so please back up any personal files prior to handing in your laptop. No repairs will be made during the summer and the laptop will be returned to you as-is when you return in September.

All laptops must be returned in the original Southridge backpack or carrying case that you were given in September, no exceptions.

Grade 10 and 12 Laptops

All Grade 10 and 12 students are required to hand in their laptops for factory imaging before leaving for summer vacation. Grade 12 students may keep their locks, however Grade 10 students are required to return them for next year's laptop package. The deadline is on the day of your last Senior School exam. The specific dates are:

Grade 10 – June 21st before 12:30 PM

Grade 12 – June 20th before 8:00 AM

Please hand in your laptop to Mr. Latta in the Tech Office or in Room 224 at least 30 minutes prior to the exam with a fully charged battery. If you are using your laptop for the exam, then return it immediately after you complete your exam.

The laptops will be restored to the factory settings before you take them home so please back up any personal files prior to handing in your laptop. The restored laptop will be available after the exam or within 45 minutes after turning them in if you used it for the exam.

If your laptop has not been restored to the factory settings by the end of June, your account will be billed \$800.00 for the licensed software that was accessed over the course of the year.

Ms. Heather Mosher
Senior Education Technology Coordinator

Both Schools

HR News

We are currently recruiting for an Advancement Officer. Please read the attached PDF file for more details.

Darcie Sagert
Manager, Human Resources

Absolutely LAST Chance to Sponsor the Golf Tournament

Next Friday, June 7th is our Annual Golf Tournament and we have only a few sponsorships still available.

If you or your business would like to sponsor, please let us know as soon as possible!

[Click here](#) for the most up-to-date form sponsorship form. A huge thank-you to all our confirmed sponsors to-date:

- The Toporowski Family
- White Rock Orthodontic Center/Drs. Sonya, Hogland and Nagamatsu
- Vitrum Industries
- Fastsigns
- The Lawson Family
- Jamie Middleton and Stu Hunter, Financial Advisors of Raymond James Ltd.
- Four Seasons Lawn & Garden Care
- TD Wells/Wells Wealth Advisory Group/TD Bank
- Lark Recreational Properties Ltd.
- Wayne & Jan Peace
- Davis Benefits & Pensions Ltd.
- The Radu Family
- The Basran Wealth Management Group – Jerry Basran, Wealth Management Advisor
- Bay Wealth Management
- South Surrey Smiles/Orthodontics Specialists
- Monark Group
- Pedersen's Party Rentals
- Buckley Hogan Law Offices (Rand Buckley)
- Laser Health Solutions/The Skleryk Family
- The Luking Family
- Dr. Curtis Gill Inc.
- Wok Box Fresh Asian Kitchens
- Nadia & Keith Leach
- Van Westen Vineyards
- The Stephens/McCaw Family
- Dr. Murray & Mrs. Janice Fain
- Leavitt Machinery General Partnership
- KNV Chartered Accountants LLP

Thank you for your support!

2013 Golf Committee

Golfers Still NEEDED!

Southridge's annual golf tournament is less than 2 weeks away and we need your participation to help make it a success!

We are asking every class to enter a foursome into the tournament – this could be a men's, ladies or mixed team. Play to win or just play for fun! You don't have to be great golfers to participate.

All golf registrants are entered to win the grand prize – a family weekend at Great Wolf Lodge OR a romantic weekend for two in Whistler! WOW!

Plus, we have a hole-in-one contest with the opportunity to win \$25,000 and the always-popular wine raffle! Sign up as a foursome or just sign up as an individual and indicate which class you want to play with.

Friday, June 7th
 Morgan Creek Golf Course
 Cost per golfer - \$225.00
 Shotgun Start at 1:00pm

Delicious buffet dinner, prizes and pub night to follow at 6:30pm

Please sign up online today!!

Can't make it out to golf? Donate an auction item, sponsor or attend the pub night portion of the evening!!

Thank you so much!

Mike Schmidt and Cam Blandy
2013 Golf Chairs

Summer Camps

Keep your kids active this summer. Lots of sports and recreation camps to choose from! Please see the attached description of some of the sports and recreation camps.

Uniform Shop – New Products Have Arrived!

The uniform shop just received 5 X 7 silver picture frames, perfect for your child's graduation photo.

New shipment of socks has just arrived at the uniform shop.

- Get into the swing of things, the uniform has all white golf socks for all you golfers, 3 pack for \$9.00.
- Girl's white Knee Hi in 4 different sizes is now in stock.
- Athletic socks available in 3 sizes, 3 pack for \$9.00.

Barb Collett

Daily Digest and Menu for the Week of June 3rd – 7th

Don't forget to log onto our FACEBOOK page to be part of our café and all its daily activities.

We look forward to serving you at the Southridge Café.

Bon Appetit

Marat Dreyschner
Chef/Unit Manager

ADVANCEMENT OFFICER

Southridge School is a university preparatory day school located in south Surrey with 670 students enrolled in Kindergarten to Grade 12. Founded in 1995 and having graduated our first class in 1999, we are a young but well established and very successful school ranking consistently in the top ten schools in the province. Our faculty and staff members have a shared sense of purpose as defined by our vision, mission and guiding principles and strive to make a difference.

Position Overview: Reporting to the Director of Advancement and working closely with our volunteers, the Advancement Officer will plan, organize and manage fundraising, alumni, and other Southridge community events. In addition, the Advancement Officer will assist with annual fundraising appeals to parents, alumni, alumni parents, employees and grandparents. The successful candidate will have extensive fundraising event experience and hands-on experience managing and nurturing volunteer relationships. The successful candidate will also be proficient in annual giving best practices and strategies. This position is permanent full-time and we offer a full benefits package and a competitive salary.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities:

Fundraising Event Management

Works in collaboration with volunteers to plan, conduct and administer major fundraising events, including an annual gala, golf tournament and country fair

- Ensures compliance with Canada Revenue Agency regulations on charitable gift receipting, acceptance and valuations of gifts-in-kind, etc.
- Ensures compliance with BC Gaming regulations, including the application for permits to conduct raffles, 50/50's, and any other gaming activities.
- Ensures that we abide by all regulatory boards including the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, city and municipal by-laws, and that we have all required licenses, permits and contracts.
- Establishes and monitors the event budget.
- Ensures maintenance of records of event details, including input of data to Auction Maestro software and preparation of reporting output such as financial summaries.
- Ensures maintenance of event registration and sponsorship records.
- Participates in the solicitation, evaluation and selection of providers of services according to event requirements. Also involves negotiation of contracts with suppliers (e.g. production management, caterers, rentals, security).
- Utilizes a high degree of creativity in the development and design of marketing and promotional material including press releases, brochures, e-mails and other materials
- Provides administrative support for event committees – takes minutes, records action items, etc.

Community Event Management and Support

Works in collaboration with the Director of Advancement, Director of Community Relations and/or other staff and teachers to manage and support other major events at the school, including but not limited to, the Welcome Back BBQ, alumni summer reunion, alumni Christmas event, guest speaker events, Meet the Leaders events, summer camps, etc.

- Coordinates organizational and services support for events (e.g. transportation needs, accommodation, catering, signage, displays, printing, security and special needs).
- Assists in the design and implementation of event publicity and promotion.

Annual Giving

Works with the Director of Advancement in coordinating all annual giving appeals, including direct mail, e-solicitations and face-to-face fundraising appeals.

- Establishes and implements short- and long-term fundraising strategies and plans for annual giving appeals.
- Recruits and trains volunteers to canvass and provides them with administrative support.
- Manages donor and prospect relationships.
- Engages and solicits existing and prospective donors by mail, by phone, through events and in face-to-face meetings; recommends and implements initiatives to increase donor retention and acquisition.
- Assists with the preparation of all annual campaign materials, including solicitation and acknowledgment letters.
- Oversees the recognition and stewardship of donors, including updating and coordinating donor recognition walls and plaques.

Volunteer Management

- Oversees the recognition and stewardship of volunteers.
- Attends meetings and supports the parent volunteer committee in their role of identifying, recruiting and placing lead volunteers.
- Is an active and visible member of the school community through participation in school-wide events, including staff meetings, student performances, awards ceremonies, etc.
- Liaises and develops professional relationships with the parent volunteer committee and supports them in their role of identifying, recruiting and placing volunteers.

Contributes to the ongoing and overall success of the school community

- Other duties as assigned
- Provide relief for Senior School Receptionist as required

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline, CFRE designation is an asset
- 3 – 5 years experience organizing and managing fundraising events
- Thorough knowledge of computer software including word processing (Microsoft Word), spreadsheet (Excel), presentation (PowerPoint), internet browsing applications, Raiser's Edge, Auction Maestro, CampBrain

Required Skills:

- Excellent spoken and written communication skills combined with creative thinking and strong organizational skills while maintaining attention to detail.
- Extensive experience in annual giving fundraising and volunteer management
- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to work independently and as a team member
- Familiarity with the culture of independent schools
- Ability to maintain a high degree of confidentiality and handle sensitive issues with tact and diplomacy.
- A willingness to put in extra time during peak periods of activity.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please send your resume and cover letter, quoting the position in the subject line of your email, in confidence to careers@southridge.bc.ca by Monday, June 10th.

Dear Parents,

Over Term 3 we have been emphasising the importance of safety and technology among teenagers in our interaction with students. Earlier this month we met with the entire grade eight class and our student life team has been speaking to all senior school students about the importance of making healthy digital decisions in our conversations with students. At our fingertips are devices which allow us to access information very quickly. Programs such as Youtube, Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, TED, Khan Academy, Kik, Snap Chat, Instagram and so on encourage people to build stronger connections, share ideas and ignite intellectual curiosity. However, in some cases the same programs can be used to harass, bully and generally make individuals feel uncomfortable. In many ways perceived anonymity is both the best and worst characteristic of the technology age. It allows people to explore, create and gain large amounts of information without social scrutiny. However, it can also give some individuals a false sense of bravado to act in harmful ways toward other members of the community aided by their sense of invisibility.

This is especially the case with sites such as “ask fm” as there are no privacy settings or ability to report an individual who is acting inappropriately. It also allows individuals to make attacks on others without revealing their identity. More concerning is that many students on “ask fm” use their real name or are “liked” by others who do. Anyone who has access to the internet can “google” and find any user’s “ask fm” site. This includes parents, online predators, employers and university scholarship committees. Open access to personal information is disturbing as an online predator who knows a teenager’s name and has access to their friends can easily discover their school name and other personal information. Southridge students are no longer able to access “ask fm” from their school laptops. However, it must be noted that there will always be new sites, new ideas and ways to express thoughts on the internet. We must teach our youth to make good decisions in a digital world.

It is important to highlight that programs such as Snap Chat and kik give teenagers a false sense of security as photos sent over these mediums are thought to disappear. However, the individual receiving the picture may be able to obtain the photo before it self-destructs. Our hope is that together we can help empower our youth to make good online decisions. Please ask your son or daughter to reflect on the reputation and digital footprint they are creating and the amount of their personal information which can easily be accessed. It is Southridge’s recommendation that you have consistent conversations with your child concerning their online activities. It is our hope that together we can help empower our youth to use the digital tools available to them to make positive contributions to both their learning and the broader community. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact Mr. Dods, Mr. Doig or Ms. Mosher.

Sincerely

Norman Dods
Lower Division Coordinator

Paul Doig
Upper Division Coordinator

Heather Mosher
Education Technology Coordinator

BOOK RETURN 2013

By Tuesday May 28th

Return all library books to the library



Before Exam Day

Return textbooks in person to the library

Return textbooks in person to the class teacher



On Exam Day

Return textbooks in person in the Great Hall

From 7:45 am for morning exams

From 11:30 am for afternoon exams



After Exam Day

Return textbooks in person to the library to ensure the books are removed from the correct account

Students will be charged for any textbooks and library books that have not been returned by Monday June 24th.

After this date, orders for new textbooks will be placed.

July 1 – 5

SPORTING GAMES AND MORE!	F107
Ages 6 - 8 (as of 12/31/13)	\$225
FOR BODY! FOR MIND! FOR FUN!	F111
Ages 8 - 10 (as of 12/31/13)	\$225
FUTURE STARS GIRLS BASKETBALL	F117
Ages 10 - 14 (as of 12/31/13)	\$225
PHYSICAL FUN: HIKING, BIKING, SWIMMING	F119
Ages 10 - 13 (as of 12/31/13)	\$285

July 8 - 12

ALL STAR SPORTS	S206
Ages 6 - 8 (as of 12/31/13)	\$225
SOCCER SKILLS AND MIND EXERCISE	
Ages 8 - 10 (as of 12/31/13)	\$225
PLAY TOGETHER, LEARN TOGETHER: HEALTH, FITNESS AND FIRST AID!	S219
Ages: 10- 13 (as of 12/31/13)	\$225
SOCCER SKILLS AND MIND EXERCISE	
Ages 11 - 14 (as of 12/31/13)	\$225
BOYS SENIOR ELITE BASKETBALL CAMP	S223
Half Day (9 am to Noon)	\$165 Ages: 13 - 17 (as of 12/31/13)

July 15 - 19

SPORTS MANIA: BASKETBALL BASICS AND MUCH MORE	T305
Ages 6 - 8 (as of 12/31/13)	\$225
ALL STAR SPORTS	T314
Ages 9 - 11 (as of 12/31/13)	\$225
BUMP, SET, SPIKE and SERVE!	T320
Ages 11 - 14 (as of 12/31/13)	\$225

July 22 - 26

ALL STAR SPORTS		R406
Ages 6 - 8 (as of 12/31/13)		\$225
BASKETBALL and MIND GAMES		R409
Ages 7 - 9 (as of 12/31/13)		\$225
BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL		R410
Half Day (9 am to Noon)	Ages 7 - 9 (as of 12/31/13)	\$145
PHYSICAL FUN: HIKING, BIKING, SWIMMING		R417
Ages 10 - 13 (as of 12/31/13)		\$285
BASKETBALL and MIND GAMES		R418
Ages 10 - 13 (as of 12/31/13)		\$225

Weekly Menu

June 3rd- June 7th, 2013

Monday

BREAKFAST YOUR WAY

Crispy bacon, fluffy pancakes with syrup
and eggs in a nest, tater tots

Tuesday

CHICKEN STRIPS

With choice of dipping sauce
Served alongside salad and home cut fries

Wednesday

CHICKEN POT PIE

Thursday

BBQ CHICKEN PASTA

Roasted vegetables,
Pieces of bbq chicken
over chefs choice pasta

Friday

REUBEN SANDWICH

Delicious pastrami topped with sauerkraut and Dijon mustard
With a pickle

