



The Midpointe

News and opinion for Southpointe Academy families

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Children of the Globe

We are now educating the first generation of students to have been born into the age of the internet, the facility that connects our world as never before. Students are now, therefore, more aware of their place in their world and of how their world works, than any generation before them. We are, indeed, a global village.

It follows that those of our students who want to succeed in their careers and to lead in making the world better should understand that their ambitions are shared by many millions of like-minded students all over the world.

We, therefore, like schools and ministries world-wide, constantly strive to align our curriculum to the needs of 21st century learners. As we do this, we find remarkable consensus emerging about what those needs are.

In New Zealand, for example, after a huge consultative exercise, the new National Curriculum has identified five key competencies:

Thinking

Using language, symbols, and text

Managing self

Relating to others

Participating and contributing.

The Director General of the International Baccalaureate Program, Jeffrey Beard, travels extensively and believes that student needs fit neatly into these themes:

Language and Communication Skills

Global social consciousness, empathy

Character, integrity, ethics

Leadership, teamwork skills

Creative thinking

Expertise/competence in a chosen field

Closer to home, The Conference Board of Canada has published 'Employability Skills 2000+' and grouped its competencies under the following headings:

Communicate

Manage information

Use numbers

Think and solve problems

Demonstrate positive attitudes and behaviours

Be responsible

Be adaptable

Learn continuously

Work with others

Participate in projects and tasks

Work safely.

As I mentioned last week, China is trying to change its education system to encourage thinking and creativity.

So, it is clear that there is widespread agreement about what will be needed to succeed in our new century. Less clear is how to change schools and curricula to ensure that students are appropriately equipped, though some things seem vivid, indeed.

For a single example now, the long-perpetuated belief that the core academic subjects are far more important than the arts and athletics must be changed, for it is in the arts and athletics that students learn to work in teams, to co-operate, to make use of everyone's strengths and to be creative. It follows, of course, that these courses need, just as much as any others, expert, committed, passionate teachers who truly understand the value of their subjects, and parents who help their children to understand that value. What a disgrace it is that when schools feel the need to cut things, the first things to go are those things that grow demonstrably more valuable as our new century unfolds.

Here, we value these things greatly and intend that they should play an ever more significant role in our school life, something that will be increasingly possible as we move into our new facility.

Graham Baldwin

SCHOOL NEWS

PARENT REMINDERS:

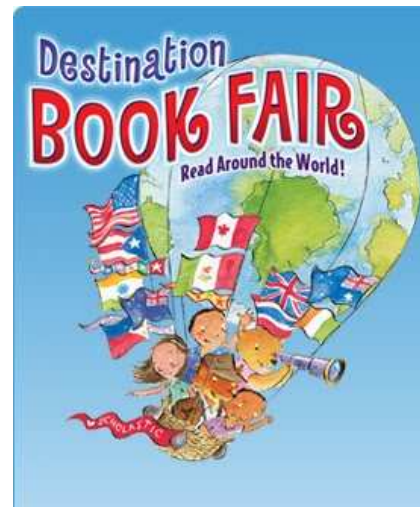
- *If there are still some Parents experiencing difficulties accessing their Zimbra email account, could you please contact the Front Office.*
- *Our last Meetings for the Bond pledging will be held on Thursday, Friday Evening and on Saturday Morning. If you cannot make these dates, please email bonds@spacademy.ca .*

LIBRARY NEWS

Last Chance to catch the Book Fair!

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held in the French Room #117, today - Thursday, and Friday.

Come on in for a visit!



WINNING POSTERS!

Recently, 4 children in Grade 3 & 4 were recognized by The Royal Canadian Legion for their Remembrance Day Poster Entries in a competition put on by the Legion.

The winning posters were submitted by Grade 3 & 4.

Grade 4: **Jim Marsden**

Grade 3: **Adelia Bailey, Simran Dhatt and Riley Gookstetter**



COOL SUIT

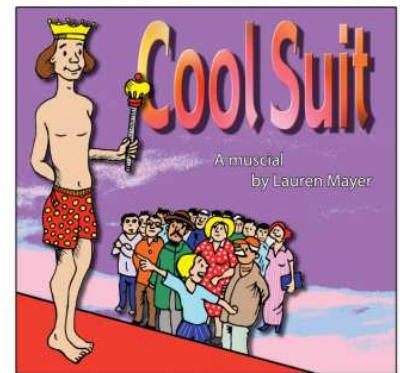
The GYP musical completed its run on Friday with a sell-out performance. This irreverent version of the Emperor's new Clothes was described by Mr. Baldwin as a "jolly romp", and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and the cast. Catchy tunes, slick dance numbers and a couple of hilarious comic turns ensured a happy audience of all ages.

One of the more enjoyable features for me as producer was to have in the cast several senior students who had very little or no experience in musical theatre. To watch these students grow and embrace their roles was what makes the teaching of any subject a continually rewarding experience. The tech crew handled the fairly complicated lighting and sound demands with hardly a single stutter.

Many thanks, to all who were involved directly and indirectly.

Irene Slater

SOUTHPOINTE ACADEMY PRESENTS



You thought you knew the story of the Emperor's new clothes?
Wait until you see this!

TSAWWASSEN ARTS CENTRE

April 21, 22, 23 at 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$10 - Adults \$5 - 12 and Under

Presented by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Services

THE AMAZING RACE IS BACK!

MACH 2

Save the Date
The Rubber hits the road, June 4th!

Team Registration starts next Thursday, May 6th, in Edu Café!

A limited number of spaces are available at the Beach Grove Club.....no stalling or you may need be left at the side of the track!

Amazing Race 1st Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 5th - 7:00pm (Library)

Come, have some fun and join in the planning!
It will be a gas!

Everyone Welcome!



Earth Day at SPA



Green and blue was
everywhere!



Some people
rode bikes...



Some people
planted
plants...



Others enjoyed
hotdogs...



Thumbs up
for Earth Day!



GYP NEWS



UNIVERSITY NEWS!

Update on University acceptances.

Congratulations to the following students!

Prabjot Gill was accepted into the Faculty of Arts at Vancouver Island University.

Justin Lucke has been accepted into the Fine Arts Program at the Arts Institute in Vancouver.

GYP SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Business Camp at Western Washington University: www.wbw.org.

If you are interested, Jin Choo and Rhys Jessop attended last summer and had a great time.

iD Tech Camps - UBC, Waterloo, McGill summer programs. Check out their website:

[iD Tech Camps](#)

Submitted by Susan Kirkwood

MYP NEWS



Dear Parents,

On Thursday, May 6th, students in the Middle Years Program will be given the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments and review their progress during student-led conferences. We are hoping that you will join us for this evening of reflection and celebration as we move towards the end of the 2009/2010 school year.

The purpose of student-led conferences is firstly to promote self-directed learning. By actively engaging in the evaluation process in which they interpret their progress, assess their strengths and weaknesses, and set specific goals for themselves, students learn to assume greater responsibility for their progress.

Secondly, by sharing their work with their parents, students are more likely to take pride in their learning. By seeing actual samples of student work and engaging in conversation about this work with their children, parents also get a much clearer picture of what goes on in the classroom and are encouraged to form genuine relationships with the teacher. One of our primary goals at Southpointe Academy is to promote partnership. We value the role parents, students, and teachers play in the learning process, and we would like to promote open sharing of information and enhance communication between home and school.

Conferences will take place in your child's homeroom and subject teachers will be circulating throughout the evening to meet with you and answer any questions you may have. **We strongly encourage you to join us on May 6th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;** however, if you are not able to attend, your child can bring the conference materials home and complete the process with you there.

Please note that student-led conferences are a mandatory portion of the MYP program, so all students will be responsible for completing the process and returning all materials to their homeroom teachers. You will also be encouraged to provide feedback for your child and for his or her teachers on the parent feedback portion of the conference booklet.

The MYP team is really excited to take this opportunity to form and maintain strong relationships with their students and with you, the parents. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for your continued support,

The MYP team
Amanda Huber, Team Leader

Spring Feeeeva (Fever)

THE MYP SPRING FEEEEVA DANCE!

WHEN: APRIL 30TH, 2010

TIME: 4:30-8:00 p.m.

WHERE: TSAWWASSEN ARTS CENTER (1172 56th Street)

FOOD: THERE WILL BE A CONCESSION STAND (Drinks and chips = \$1.00 each / Pizza = \$2.00 a slice)

***Important:** Once students have signed in at the dance they are to remain there until their parents pick them up. Students wishing to leave the dance or walk home must have a note from their parents!

TRANSPORTATION (School Bus) WILL BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS WHO WISH TO STAY AT SCHOOL UNTIL THE DANCE STARTS. NOTE THAT WE WILL ONLY PROVIDE TRANSPORT THERE....NOT BACK. SO PARENTS, PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DARLING CHILDREN AT THE TSAWWASSEN ARTS CENTER!!!! All students needing transportation to the dance must sign in and meet in Mrs. Fraser's room (North Building) at 3:30 p.m.

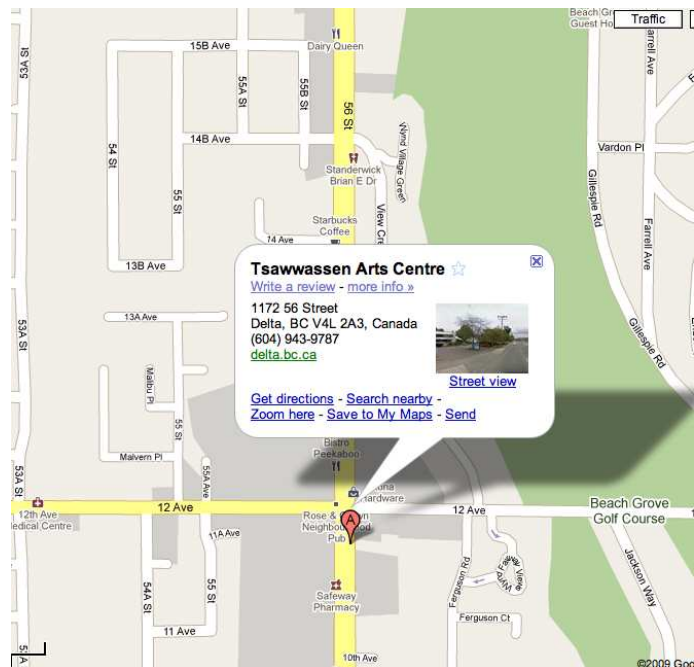
PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY BECAUSE THIS IS STILL A SCHOOL EVENT [NO REVEALING CLOTHING!]

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

MYP SCHOOL DANCE

A reminder to all MYP students who have a ticket, attending the dance, you are to be picked up at the **Tsawwassen Arts Center at 8:00 p.m.** by your parents.

We look forward to an evening of good fun!





This past Wednesday, the cast and crew of this year's MYP Musical, *The Music Man Junior*, were visited by Deneka Michaud and her team from Delta Cable, Community Magazine. The film crew taped rehearsal footage and interviewed some of the cast members. It will be airing in Delta on Channel 4, six times a day for one week starting next Wednesday; at 12:00pm, 12:30pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11:00pm and 11:30pm.

The show runs May 13th, 14th and 15th at 7:30pm, doors opening at 7:00pm. See a cast or crew member to purchase tickets this week. Tickets will be available through the office starting on Wednesday, May 5th. If you don't go, you won't know!

Submitted by Ms. Kothlow



May 13-15th, 2010

Show starts at 7:30pm

Doors open at 7:00pm

Southpointe Academy Presents

the MYP Production of...



For tickets
call our
office at:

604-948-
8826

\$10.00
per seat

Music and Lyrics by Meredith Willson

Book by Meredith Willson and Franklin Lacey

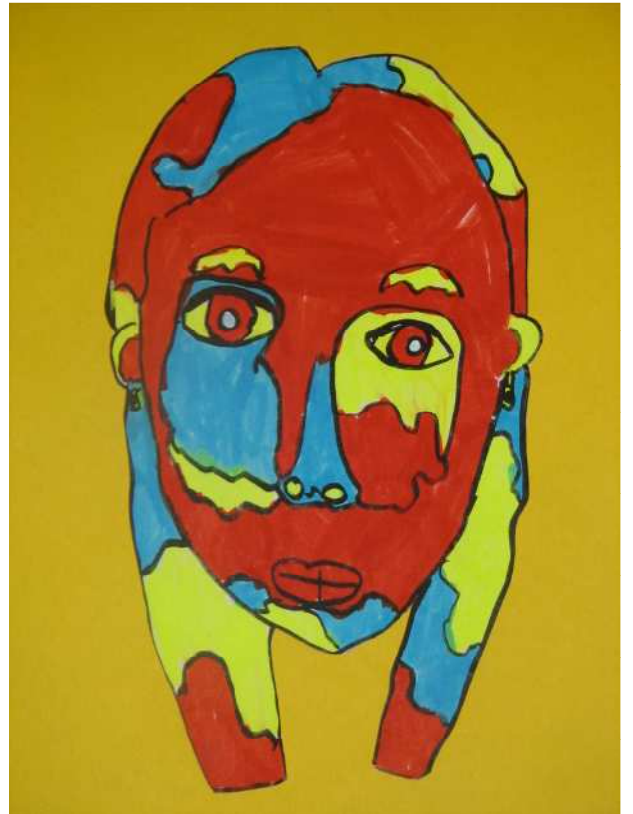
FYP NEWS

FYP ART WEEK: MAY 3RD – 7TH

Come see the wonderful Art Exhibition in the main school. The children's art will be close to their homerooms, but please enjoy it all as the exhibition will all be on the main floor. There are a few special events that are also having during this time. On **Wednesday, May 5th** from **1:30-2pm** the FYP children will gather in the courtyard for their "Family Tree" Installation.

Also, starting on **Wednesday** is the 2nd Annual Artist Trading Cards Exhibition at the Tsawwassen Library. This will run until **Friday, May 28th** where we will have a Closing Celebration from **3:30-5pm**. There will be refreshments and it will be an opportunity for the children to trade their art with their peers.

Come and enjoy all your children's creative and imaginative efforts.



Submitted by Sandy Kwok-Swan – FYP Art Teacher

SPORTS NEWS

TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

On April 24th, Southpointe Track and Field athletes competed at the Vancouver Olympic Club Meet at Point Grey Secondary. Southpointe athletes ran strong despite the bad weather. All 31 athletes did an amazing job in each of their events and showed good team spirit at the meet. A big thanks to the parents and teachers that came out to help support.



Highlights of the meet included:

Sam Kozlowski: 2nd in the boys long jump with a mark of 4.02meters, as well as a strong finish in the 1998` boys 100meter sprint with a time of 13.99 seconds!

Harrison Almrud: 2nd in the 2001 boys 60meter run with an excellent time of 9.95 seconds and fourth in the boys long jump with a mark of 2.70 meters!

Matt Valastiak: who battled a pulled muscle to come 10th in the 1999 boys 60 meter dash and fifth place in the long jump, with a mark of 3.47 meters!

Meaghan Mackenzie: who ran a brave race against strong competition from club runners, tenth!

Hillyard Carson: qualified in the competitive 60meter dash and finished strongly to come in fifth with a time of 10:17seconds, and fifth in the highly competitive 800meters!

Frank Carson: threw a great throw in the boys 1999 shot put for sixth!

Congratulations to all athletes, we look forward to your continued success at the Norwesters meet Saturday and Sunday May 1st and 2nd. Any volunteers who are willing to help at the meet please see Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Locke or Mrs. Kozlowski.

Submitted by Mr. Simpson

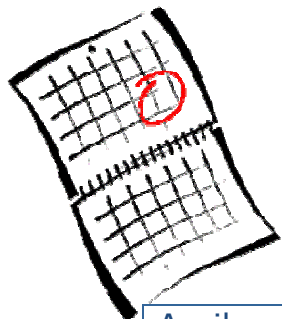
The Track and Field Team would like to thank the coaches, teachers and parents who supported us this weekend at the Vancouver Track Meet. We especially want to thank Mr. Simpson for dedicating his entire day on Saturday from dawn to dusk to help us achieve great results. Thank you!!!

SPORTS CALENDAR

April 29 – May 15

May 1 & 2 Sat. & Sun.	Norwesters Track and Field Meet
May 3 – 5 Mon.-Wed.	Playoffs for Sr. Girls Soccer

May 6 Thurs.	3:00pm – Sr. Boys Floor Hockey Exhibition Game at the Church
May 10 Monday	ISEA Track and Field Meet – all day at the South Surrey Athletic Park



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

April 29 – May 13

April 29 - 30 Thurs. & Fri.	Scholastic Book Fair – all day , in the Library
April 29 Thursday	7:00pm – 10:30pm – GYP Dance at the Tsa. Arts Centre
April 30 Friday	4:30pm – 8:00pm – MYP Dance at the Tsa. Arts Centre Grade 9 Project Discover – Group #1 Returns
May 4 – 7 Tues. – Fri.	Grade 9 Project Discover – Group #2
May 5 Wednesday	7:00pm - Amazing Race Committee Meeting in the Library
May 6 Thursday	3:30pm – 6:00pm – FYP, MYP & GYP Student-Led Parent/Teacher Conferences
May 11 Tuesday	9:30am – 3:15pm – Grade 5 Field Trip to the Mining Society Show at the Convention Centre in Vancouver 3:30pm – Project Discover Grade 5 Parent Briefing Meeting in Dr. Mangat’s Grade 5 Room #105
May 13 – 14 Thurs. – Fri.	Grade 4 Project Discover
May 13 – 15 Thurs. - Sat	MYP Musical – “The Music Man” 7:30pm at the Tsawwassen Arts Centre