



# The Midpointe

News and opinion for Southpointe Academy Families

## February 10, 2011

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## NEW BUILDING WEEKLY UPDATE



# MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

## “Global Village”

March 11, 2011

Multicultural Night will soon be here.



Come see our amazing performances, enjoy delicious foods and peruse our Bazaar!

Tickets available all week, starting February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Adults:- \$30

Children:- \$20

Come enjoy Tea and a Samosa on February 16th!

Available at lunch for the children or after school.

All for a Toonie!

We list below the events of the evening. If you would like to join us in sponsoring one or more events, please complete the form. Thanks for your consideration.



Band Ensemble		\$500	
Special Guest		\$500	
Gr. K &1	Yoga (Animal Kingdom)	\$500	
Gr. 2	Chinese Dragon Dance	\$500	
Gr. 3	Marimiba	\$500	
Gr. 4	Filipino Stick Dance	\$500	
Gr. 5 & 6	Square Dancing	\$500	
MYP	Scottish Dancing	\$500	
Gr. 6 -12	Massed Choir	\$500	
Sr. Boys Bhangra	Bhangra Dancing	\$500	
Sr. Girls Bhangra	Bhangra Dancing	\$500	
Girls Ghidra		\$500	
Jr. Boys Bhangra	Bhangra Dancing	\$500	
Girls Bollywood		\$500	
Ballet/Dance		\$500	
Flamenco		\$500	
Mexican		\$500	
Special Event		\$1000	
The Event Itself		\$2500	
Total Remitted			\$

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## "CHINESE NEW YEAR!"



## GYP NEWS



Many Universities wait until May to send out offers of admission. However, many of our students have already been offered conditional admission on the basis of their first set of grades.

Lauren Anderson, Calgary and University of Victoria  
Ramneet Basraon - Alberta, SFU  
Melissa Beaulac - Waterloo, Western, Alberta

Randeep Bhullar - U of T and Waterloo  
Karen Dhanda - U of Vic, SFU, Calgary  
Manny Gill - SFU  
Vishav Gill - Calgary, Alberta  
Kristin Gosal - University College of the Fraser Valley, Kwantlen  
Christina Jones - Laurier, Calgary  
Tim Kong - McGill and Waterloo  
Scott Mielcarski, U of Vic  
Ashina Nagra - SFU and Alberta  
Benia Nowak - Western  
Morgan Platt - Calgary and McMaster  
Jastej Sidhu - SFU and Alberta  
Derek Stroh - Calgary and U of Vic  
Iman Virji - Calgary  
Aman Virk - Alberta  
Thomas Wizinsky - Calgary

These offers are based on self-reported December grades. UBC does not open their self-reporting feature until March and typically students will not hear until some time in May if they have been given conditional offers of admission. Most universities in Ontario do not send out offers until after they receive second term report card grades in March.

Students should continually check their OUAC accounts for offers.

### **Capilano University:**

Capilano University offers an excellent design and animation programs. If you are interested in design, illustration or animation, Capilano is holding an open house this Saturday from 1-2:30 for Design and from 1-4:00 for Animation. Studio tours and information sessions are available. If you require additional information, please phone [604 983 7516](tel:6049837516).

Capilano University also offers summer programs in design and animation. For more information, please visit their website at; [www.capilanou.ca/summer](http://www.capilanou.ca/summer) or call them at [604 990 7942](tel:6049907942).

**The Faculties of Medicine and Law** are once again offering their summer program where high school students experience what it is like to be a student in either medicine or law. Participants have access to the University's top academic and research professionals and take part in "hands on" academic programming. The MED summer program offers an exclusive glimpse into the world of medicine and medical research, while the LAW program introduces students to the legal system and a variety of legal concepts.

Both programs are offered in July and range in length from one week to five weeks. For more information about this program and the fees, please visit their website at: [www.ysp.utoronto.ca](http://www.ysp.utoronto.ca).

Submitted by Susan Kirkwood



## OUTBOUND!!!!

This time last year Vancouver welcomed the World with the 2010 Olympics...we were awash in Canadian spirit, I had the lifetime memory of carrying the Olympic torch, and we all cheered our Canadian athletes to gold in a record number of sports! Fast forward one year and as our community prepares this weekend to celebrate that memory one year ago.....23 Grade 9

Southpointe students set out on Wednesday afternoon for New Zealand for a ten day trek. Packed with our outdoor gear, we are setting off to go

through a water cave, zip lining, rock climbing, overnight camping, and to a sheep farm.

As we set out on Wednesday for our flight...we leave behind our classmates to celebrate the one year anniversary of our tremendous Canadian spirit that we showed the world in 2010 and for 23 of us, we will be setting out and showing New Zealand our Canadian smiles and true Canadiana spirit.

Here we come New Zealand....eh?!

-Morgan Leung, Grade 9 Class Rep





## GRADE 11 PHYSICS!

The students of Physics 11 were given an entertaining but rather difficult task to complete. We had to create a design that would allow a raw egg to survive when it was dropped from a 2 storey high building. This is better known as the infamous egg drop! There were some strict rules to follow; the design could only be made from 3 pieces of paper and 2 meters of regular sticky tape

Using our knowledge of physics, which included force and momentum and air resistance, we all constructed very unique designs. Every design was original in its nature and almost every design looked as if it would work. Some used the parachute concept to slow the device down, others focused on cushioning the egg when it landed on the asphalt.

Although we spent the block watching most of the eggs break, we all learned something new. We pointed out the flaws in each design and discussed why they did not work. We also pointed out the strengths in some designs and discussed why they did work.

It was an excellent hands on experiment that forced the students to think out of the box and apply the knowledge we learned in class into the project. At the end of the day everyone had an enjoyable time, learned something new, and either encountered success or failure!

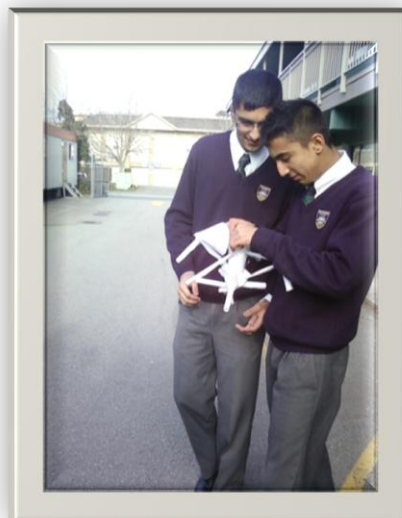
Submitted by Navi Boparai



Avneet's egg dopper in mid-flight and after landing.



Sunny & Ishpreet's egg dropper after landing.



Irwind & Navi's egg after drop.

# MYP NEWS

## **MYP NO GARBAGE WEEK**

The MYP No Garbage Week was held January 24-28. During the week, students tried to minimize their island teams garbage production. All the island teams started with 1000 points on Monday. For every piece of garbage, they lost 5 points and if the garbage could have been recycled they lost 50 points. By the end of the week, the standings were:

1. Denman – with 60 points
2. Tie between Quadra and Mayne, each with -255 points.
3. Pender – with -355 points.

- Summary by Mason Rai, 7- TS

Here is what some other students said about MYP No Garbage Week:

No Garbage Week showed me how much we actually throw away. After one week, 3 teams got a negative score and the winning team was just above 0. This means that we throw away a lot of garbage and items that could be recycled, and we should try to reduce that amount.

- **Dalton Huey, 7-LF**

I think that the litterless lunch competition was a great way of raising awareness of how important it is to reduce waste in our environment. Even though the event is over, we all should do our best to bring litterless lunches to school. So let's be good to the planet by doing this small favour.

- **Inderpreet Ghotra, 7-LF**

The litterless lunches made all of our students think of our food and how we should pack our lunches. Also, people ate healthier because most junk food is packaged in plastic and the healthy food could be carried in Tupperware.

- **Maheep Nagra, 7-TS**

I honestly liked the litterless lunch week. It made most people think about how much they throw out and even changed my habits a bit. I now use reusable containers for my lunch.

- **Rajan Kalia, 7-TS**

I thought that No Garbage Week really helped the MYP students to reduce the amount of garbage that we were throwing away. I know for my class, it also helped people to recycle their juice boxes, water bottles, and cans. Overall, I think that No Garbage Week went very well.

- **Brenna Krause, 7-TS**

I really enjoyed this week, because it taught me a lesson. Some days I would throw out garbage and some days I wouldn't throw out a single thing. When I did throw something out, I would think to myself, "Where does all this go and how will this look in the future?" I really loved this experience and I hope we do it again someday.

- **Sumit Sharma, 7-LF**

Submitted by Ms. Ferreira

**MYP TALENT SHOW** will not proceed as originally planned because unfortunately there were only 2 serious names written on the sign up sheet for "MYP's Got Talent." Student Council hoped there would be more interest to create more spirit. Due to insufficient interest and participation we will be cancelling this event, and allowing for extra H.A.C.E. programming (Gr. 6's) and time for the Gr. 7's and 8's to work on their Night of the Notable projects. Thank you all for your understanding.

Submitted by Ms. Huber

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## MYP ALTERNATE PROGRAMMING WEEK

Cooking

Lifeguard  
Training

Babysitting  
& 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

Sports

Southpointe Academy is dedicated to providing a variety of learning experiences for our students and we have arranged an Alternate Programming Week (APW) where students have the opportunity to participate in a program of study that is different from their usual school day. APW will run from **Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** and students can choose from a variety of intellectual, manual and career orientated programs.

Sewing

Knitting

Yoga &  
Dance

Fencing

Exploring  
Web 2.0

Woodworking

Reach  
Out

Math &  
Science

Boot  
Camp

Film  
Critic

*Forms have been sent  
home with your child,  
Please return selections by  
**Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>!***

Digital  
Animation

Equestrian

## FYP NEWS

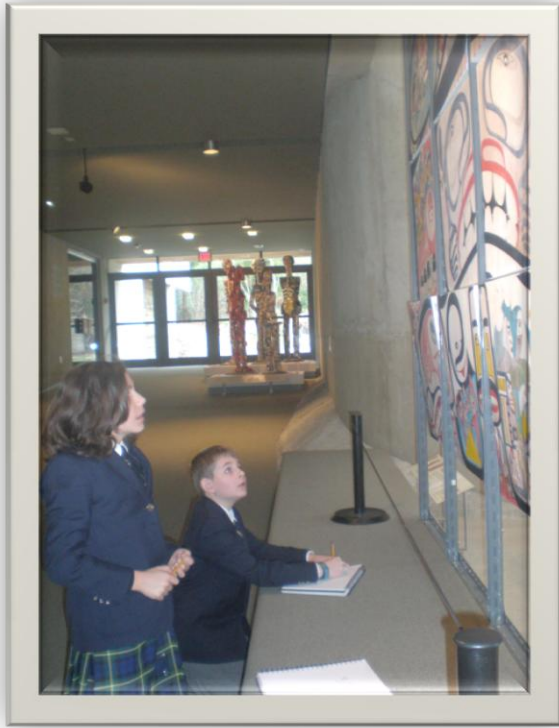
### Museum of Anthropology: Grade Four Field Trip February 2, 2011



The Grade Four students at Southpointe recently visited the Museum of Anthropology to further their inquiry into West Coast First Nations and *Art Expressions in Culture*, our current Unit of Inquiry.



Students were able to spend some time in a longhouse. They considered what it would be like to live in a house with 50 other people in one open room. On a February morning, they were also able to recognize how cold and how dark it could be without any windows.



Students thoroughly enjoyed using their sketch books to further appreciate the form and style of Aboriginal art.





In keeping with the inquiry approach, students were challenged to identify Aboriginal artifacts and predict what they were used for in the past.



Our tour of the MOA finished with a group photo in front of Bill Reid's impressive cedar carved, "The Raven and the First Man."

Submitted by Ms. Santry

## **SPORTS INFORMATION**



### **BASKETBALL UPDATES:**

#### **SR. BOYS**

On Wednesday afternoon, the Sr. Boys Basketball Team hosted Fraser Valley Adventist in a game that turned out to be much closer than it should have been. If not for the strong offensive performances from the Bhatti brothers, we may not have pulled out the victory. Irwind and Eric Bhatti combined for a total of 50 points to help the team win by a score of 69 - 59!

Our final regular season game takes place at the church gym on Wednesday, Feb. 16th against Maple Ridge Christian. A win in that game would put us in a great position heading into the playoffs and we could really use some fan support to help make that happen!

Submitted by Mr. McCall

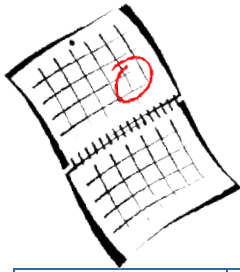
#### **SR. GIRLS**

The Senior Girls Basketball team played Traditional Learning Academy on Tuesday. Although we were down six players, leaving us with only half our normal roster, the team played very well together and were victorious. Ashina Nagra lead the team in scoring with 17 points, while Ramneet Basraon scored 16 for the Titans. The final score was 64-26. Our next game is Thursday Feb. 17th at 3:30 against BC Christian Academy.

Submitted by Mrs. Locke

## **SPORTS CALENDAR** ***February 10 – February 24***

Feb. 15 Tuesday	5:15pm – Jr. Boys Basketball Playoff Game @ Mulgrave School, West Vancouver
Feb. 16 Wednesday	4:00pm - Sr. Boys Basketball vs. Mapleridge at the Church
Feb. 17 Thursday	3:30pm - Sr. Girls Basketball vs BCCA at the Church
Feb. 18 Friday	ISEA Swim Meet - Elementary Swim Meet for ISABC schools hosted by WPGA  Jr. Boys Basketball Tournament @ Mulgrave School, West Vancouver
Feb. 19 Saturday	Jr. Boys Basketball Tournament @ Mulgrave School, West Vancouver
Feb. 22 Tuesday	GVISSA – Jr. Boys Final Four @ Carver Christian School in Burnaby.
Feb. 24 Thursday	ISEA Basketball Playday for Grade 6 Boys at Stratford Hall, Vancouver



## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

***February 10 – February 24***

Feb. 11 Friday	Grade 2 Field Trip to the Port of Vancouver – Discovery Centre, Canada Place.
Feb. 14 Monday	<p><b>"HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY"</b></p> <p>Mrs. Common &amp; Mr. Griffioen return from Kenya, Africa</p>
Feb. 14 – 17 Mon. – Thurs.	Grade 9 – Project Discover – Zajac Ranch
Feb. 16 Wednesday	1:30pm – 3:00pm – MYP AP Afternoon, Grade 6 – HCE, Grades 7 & 8 will prepare for "Night of the Notables."
Feb. 18 Friday	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK</b>
Feb. 20 Sunday	<p>Graduation Photos at Artona Studios in Vancouver. Individual and small group photos will be taken.</p> <p>Grade 9 Project Discover New Zealand Group Return</p>
Feb. 21 Monday	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK</b>
Feb. 22 Tuesday	9:30am – 10:30am – Grade 6 Math Contest
Feb. 23 Wednesday	GYP AP Day
Feb. 24 Thursday	9:30am – 10:30am – Grades 9, 10 & 11 Math Contest

VALENTINE'S DAY

