



# The Midpointe

News and opinion for Southpointe Academy families

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## MIDPOINTE JUST ROLLS ON

Though the school year has ended, Midpointe will continue to be published weekly, except for the first two weeks in August. There will not be the usual content –but we shall bring you necessary updates, provide information about programs and activities for next year, keep you abreast of staffing matters and so on. So, please keep checking every Thursday.

## NO SOD TURNED!

The pipes led the Grads, the Band entertained us, the crowd waited -for what they did not know.

We were standing on the site of our new school, chilled but expectant.

First, we heard how Board member Bob Semple had searched diligently for four years to find a site for our new school. Newly named 'Semple the Searcher', he was presented with our Gold Service Medal by Board Chair Richard Jackson and made a brief speech about the moment of hope when the church appeared receptive to our desire to buy some of their land.

Second, for reasons unknown, three fast runners were summoned from the crowd and stood ready by a sturdy box with a hole in it!

Suddenly, eyes turned to the sky as the sound of a passing helicopter assailed our ears. But the helicopter did not pass; it wheeled and hovered. As we all watched, agog with excitement, large parcels were dropped from it; they split open on hitting the ground to free a thousand bouncing balls and..and what? We could not see. The runners were dispatched to fetch the 'what'. They returned triumphant with our school flag atop a pole. The flag was handed to Mr. Jackson, now surrounded by all the board. He planted it in the sturdy box to loud applause –our land was claimed and, for the first time, our flag flew proud upon it!



The Headmaster then, with a spirit of generosity and co-operation, closed the school year for two schools and we all rushed off for the ice-cream!

When, later, the helicopter took off, we peered hard into the cabin, where we could just make out Mr. Griffioen and Mrs. Common, in full academic dress, winging their way to who knows where.

All in all, a memorable end to our school year!

## MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

<p><b>The Governor General's Medal</b> Awarded to the top academic student in Grade 12 From the previous year.</p>	<p><b>Taylor Reifel</b></p>
<p><b>The Faculty Awards</b> Awarded to the best scholar in each grade from 4-12. This award is not necessarily for the best marks. The winning students need to demonstrate excellent attitude, interest and work-habits also. The awards are made by the teachers under the chairmanship of Mr. Griffioen.</p>	<p><b>Gr. 4 Rohet Bains</b> <b>Gr. 5 Ashley Dhanda</b> <b>Gr. 6 Jody Mielcarski</b> <b>Gr. 7 Melissa Lau</b> <b>Gr. 8 Kathleen Jackson</b> <b>Gr. 9 Carson Vander Noot</b> <b>Gr. 10 Susie Yoo</b> <b>Gr. 11 Timothy Kong</b> <b>Gr. 12 Bryson Dodwell</b></p>
<p><b>The Junior Titan Bowl</b> Awarded to the best junior female athlete. This award is made by all the coaches under the chairmanship of</p>	<p><b>Meaghan MacKenzie</b></p>
<p><b>The Senior Titan Bowl –Female</b> Awarded to the best senior female athlete</p>	<p><b>Gurjeevan Sidhu</b></p>
<p><b>The Senior Titan Bowl-Male</b> Awarded to the best senior male athlete</p>	<p><b>Kevin Shen</b></p>
<p><b>The Elliott Award Junior</b> Awarded to the best junior artist. The decision is made by Mrs. Elliott</p>	<p><b>Angela Mason</b></p>
<p><b>The Elliott Award-Senior</b> Awarded to the best senior artist. The decision is made by Mrs. Elliott.</p>	<p><b>Iman Virji</b></p>
<p><b>The Florencio Award-Junior</b> Awarded to the best musician in the junior school</p>	<p><b>Lucy Yu</b></p>
<p><b>The Florencio Award-Senior</b> Awarded to the best choral scholar in the senior school.</p>	<p><b>Kelsey Leung</b></p>
<p><b>The Bredenholler Award</b> Awarded to the best musician in the senior school</p>	<p><b>Susie Yoo</b></p>
<p><b>The Webber Award –Junior</b> Awarded to the best actor in the junior school</p>	<p><b>Fraser Dodwell</b></p>
<p><b>The Webber Award-Senior</b> Awarded to the best actor in the senior school</p>	<p><b>Alexander Semple</b></p>
<p><b>The Principal's Awards</b> Awarded to the person who best epitomizes the qualities sought in a Southpointe student. One for each Grade 4-11. These are awarded by a committee of the teachers chaired by Mrs. Quenville.</p>	<p><b>Gr. 4 Ryan Vaughan-Jones</b> <b>Gr. 5 Meaghan MacKenzie</b> <b>Gr. 6 Grace Wilson</b> <b>Gr. 7 Prabhjot Dhillon</b> <b>Gr. 8 Kathleen Jackson</b> <b>Gr. 9 Jaskamal Gill</b> <b>Gr. 10 Eric Bhatti</b> <b>Gr. 11 Vishavjit Gill</b></p>
<p><b>The Isaac Newton Award</b> Awarded to the scholar of the year</p>	<p><b>Alexander Fetherstonhaugh</b></p>
<p><b>The Titan Trophy</b> Awarded to the student of the year. This award is determined jointly by the students and staff and is for the student who has made the biggest positive impact on the school this year.</p>	<p><b>Inderpreet Gill</b></p>
<p><b>The Socrates Award</b> Awarded to the teacher of the year. This is decided by the students.</p>	<p><b>Theresa Kwan</b></p>

<b>The Southpointe Trophy</b> Awarded to the FYP school citizen of the year	<b>Cole Hendy</b>
<b>The Wallace Trophy</b> Awarded to the MYP school citizen of the year	<b>Morgan Leung</b>
<b>The Founders' Trophy</b> Awarded to the GYP school citizen of the year	<b>Sarpreet Sekhon</b>
<b>The Island Cup</b>	<b>Mayne</b>
<b>The Hodgins Award</b> Awarded to the student who best epitomizes the qualities we seek in a Southpointe graduate.	<b>Kelsey Leung</b>

## NEWS TO PUT A SPRING IN OUR STEP

I am delighted to share with you the new Fraser Institute School Rankings for BC and the Yukon, published on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2010. I hope they give you renewed confidence that you have chosen the right school. Here they are:

RANK	SCHOOL	SCORE (MAX 10)
1	York House School	10
2	St. George's School	9.9
3	West point Grey Academy Southridge School	9.8
5	Southpointe Academy Crofton House School Collingwood School	9.7
8	Little Flower Academy St. Michael's University School Meadowridge School	9.5
11	St. Margaret's School	9.4
12	Vancouver College	9.2
13	Brentwood College School	8.9
14	Shawnigan Lake School	8.8
15	Glenlyon Norfolk School Pacific Academy	8.7
17	St. Thomas More St. John's School, Vancouver	8.6

Other local scores:

57	Semiahmoo Secondary	7.3
62	Delta Secondary School	7.2
73	Seaquam Secondary School Burnsview	6.9
96	South Delta Secondary School	6.6

As luck would have it, this is the year that our major newspapers have chosen not to publish the results! Nevertheless, the full results and the methodology that led to them can be seen at:

[http://britishcolumbia.compareschoolrankings.org/pdfs/Fraser\\_Institute\\_Report\\_Card\\_on\\_Secondary\\_Schools\\_in\\_British\\_Columbia\\_and\\_Yukon\\_2010.pdf](http://britishcolumbia.compareschoolrankings.org/pdfs/Fraser_Institute_Report_Card_on_Secondary_Schools_in_British_Columbia_and_Yukon_2010.pdf)

I warmly congratulate the GYP teachers and students on their work.

I also congratulate the math students and teachers of Grade 9, who are the Provincial Champions in the annual Mathematica Competition, thus retaining the title they first won as Grade 8's.

I also hope that you will feel very good about this result and do your best to ensure that it is as widely disseminated as possible. It is only two years ago that I told someone who complained about our ranking that we would soon 'be in the top ten'. That person basically laughed in my face and withdrew her children.

I thank you all for the confidence you have shown and, though these results will vary from year to year and derive from a small part of all that we do, assure you of our best efforts to keep you proud of your school.

*WE ALL WISH OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES A HAPPY, SAFE AND REFRESHING SUMMER.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING YOU AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER.*

*Graham Baldwin*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### **BIKES, BIKES, BIKES!**

Mr. and Mrs. Levitt are looking for bike loans for July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. We have family visiting from Ontario and would like to borrow bikes and helmets for:

- a 7 year old boy
- a 9 year old boy
- an 11 year old girl
- a mom (same size as Mrs. Levitt)
- a dad (a little bit taller than Mr. Levitt)



If you can help us out, please email at [jessica.levitt@spacademy.ca](mailto:jessica.levitt@spacademy.ca) or [jason.levitt@spacademy.ca](mailto:jason.levitt@spacademy.ca)

Thank you!  
The Levitt Family

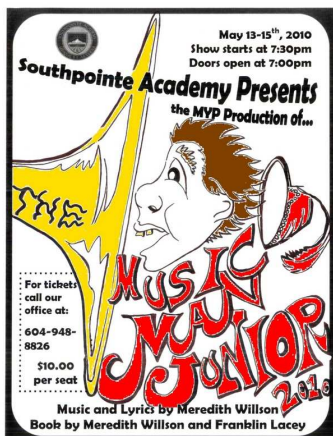
## GYP NEWS

### **SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES!**

The Leader Newspaper awarded a \$1000 scholarship to 4 students from South Delta. Students were required to write an essay on Sustainability for Delta. **Alex Kolewe** was one of the winners and was awarded a \$1000 scholarship!

**Bryson Dodwell** was awarded a \$2500 scholarship to UBC as well as a \$1000 Dogwood District Award!

## MYP NEWS



I am happy to announce the MYP Musical DVD's have arrived!

If you are interested to purchase one of these fine pieces of work, please email me or come to see me at the school (\$40.00 each, cash or cheque made payable to Southpointe Academy). There are only 7 DVD's remaining, so it will be on a 'first come, first serve' basis!

Thank you for all that you have done to encourage your child(ren) to take part in the 2010 MYP Musical, and support the Production Team and Director in the process.

Amanda Huber  
Middle Years Program Team Leader

## SMART PACKS – TEACHING THINGS SUPPLY LISTS FOR GRADES 6, 7 & 8

The MYP Grade 6, 7 & 8 supply lists are currently on the Teaching Things website. You can find the information on the Internet at [www.teachingthings.com](http://www.teachingthings.com)

Click on the top left hand corner area indicating "all custom school supplies"

Then choose "British Columbia"; finally, click on Southpointe Academy.

The deadline for ordering the Smart Packs from this company, "Teaching Things" will be August 20th, 2010!!!!!!

If you wish to purchase your own supplies for the next school year, please use the supply lists indicated on the above website for reference.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, restful Summer Break!

Until next year...

Warm Regards,

Amanda Huber  
Middle Years Program Team Leader



## SPORTS UPDATES

Congratulations, to the many (30 strong) Titans that came out in full force to finish their final meet of the season at the BC Track and Field Championships May 28-30th. Our team brought their best effort to the meet and many of our athletes achieved personal bests!

In the boys division the school finished in 14th place out of 41 teams. The Southpointe Titans placed higher than some of the top clubs in the province! In addition, the girls team finished a respectable 46th overall. The girls faced very stiff competition, however they all managed to bring out their best when the time came.

Full results of the meet can be found at  
<http://www.kajaks.org/events/bcelem.htm#results>

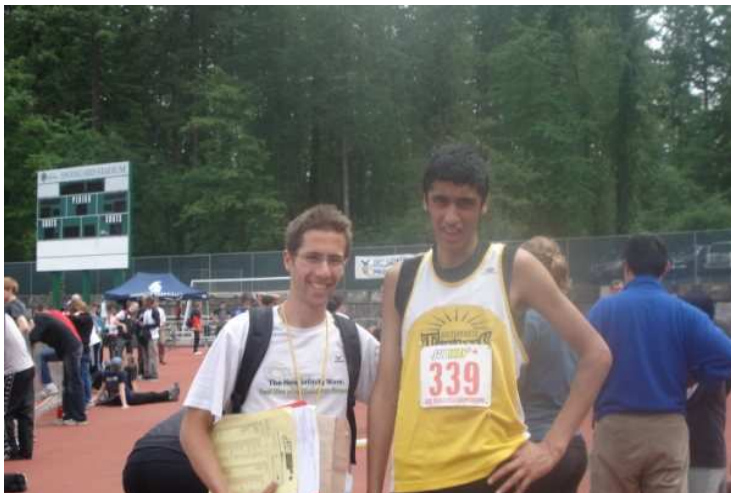


Congratulations to **Hameet Dhillon** who ran the race of his life to finish with a bronze medal at the BC Track and Field Championships! Hameet ran a personal best time for the 400meters in the third heat of the 400meters, easily winning in 53.54 seconds. The next day Hameet ran in the final, where he ran shoulder to shoulder with some of the very best runners in the province. Hameet muscled his way to a 3rd place finish in a new personal best of 53.31 seconds. Hameet's 54.54 second personal best from the day before could possibly be a record for the shortest living personal best time, as he ran an astonishing .23 faster in the final! For Hameet to run a personal best and at the same time win a bronze medal in a final meet is truly something special, Hameet is our school's Champion!

Thank you to all the parents, and teachers for volunteering endless hours to the Track and Field program. With your support, commitment and dedication our athletes were able to perform their best! You all deserve a warm round of applause!

Thank you to all for an amazing season, we look forward to cross country! Keep up the running over the summer!

Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Locke & Mrs. Kozlowski



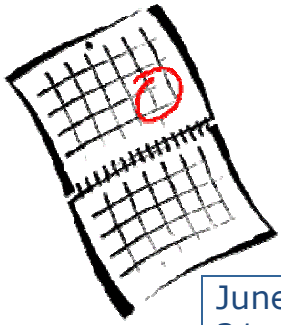
## **ATHLETIC AWARDS 2009 - 2010**

TEAM	COACHES	CERTIFICATE	CERTIFICATE	MVP
<b>Elementary Swimming</b>	Joan Clarke Natasa Sirotic  Student assistant: Inderpreet Gill Alex Heinzemann	<b>Most Inspirational:</b> Jim Marsden Alexandra Barbone	<b>Most Improved:</b> Chris Pope  <b>Leadership:</b> Isabella Nielson	Cai Hong Singh Tai Long Singh
<b>Elementary Boys Soccer</b>	Alasdair Ross Tom Lupton	<b>Most Inspirational:</b> Kelvin Gill	<b>Leadership:</b> Donald Carson	Sam Kozlowski
<b>Senior Boys Soccer</b>	Jason Levitt	<b>Most Sportsmanlike:</b> Sarpreet Sekhon	<b>Leadership:</b> Scott Stanger	Kevin Shen
<b>Elementary Girls Volleyball</b>	Erin Santry Amanda Huber	<b>Most Inspirational:</b> Jody Mielcarski	<b>Leadership:</b> Taryn Jessop Nicola McCarlie	No Recipient
<b>Elementary Cross Country</b>	Theresa Kwan Tristan Simpson	<b>Most Sportsmanlike:</b> Isabella Nielson  <b>Most Inspirational:</b> Harrison Almrud	<b>Most Improved:</b> Ethan Spires	Meaghan MacKenzie Christopher Pope
<b>Senior Girls Volleyball</b>	Bruce Griffioen	<b>Most Inspirational:</b> Kathleen Jackson	<b>Leadership:</b> Ashina Nagra	Navi Sidhu
<b>Elementary Boys Basketball</b>	Jason Levitt David Scholefield	<b>Most Inspirational:</b> Mason Rai	<b>Most Improved:</b> Alex Nowak	Marvin Bains
<b>Senior Boys Basketball</b>	Rob McCall	<b>Most Inspirational:</b> Kevin Shen	<b>Leadership:</b> Eric Bhatti	Harry Fredeman Irwind Bhatti
<b>Senior Girls Basketball</b>	Rob McCall Lizzie Coomber	<b>Most Sportsmanlike:</b> Kathleen Jackson  <b>Leadership:</b> Jastej Sidhu	<b>Most Improved:</b> Alex Peltier	Ashina Nagra
<b>Senior Girls Soccer</b>	Jason Levitt Tom Lupton Alasdair Ross	<b>Most Inspirational:</b> Ameet Thiara	<b>Most Improved:</b> Hayley Weller	Puneet Sandhu

<b>Senior Badminton</b>	Theresa Kwan Pam McMartin	<b>Leadership:</b> Jin Choo		No Recipient
<b>Elementary Track and Field</b>	Tristan Simpson Leslie Kozlowski Andrea Locke Kari Cook	<b>Most Determined /Committed:</b> Jim Marsden Adelia Bailey  <b>Most Inspirational:</b> Harrison Almrud Gulneer Dosanjh	<b>Most Improved:</b> Hillyard Carson Taryn Jessop	Meaghan MacKenzie Sam Kozlowski
<b>Senior Boys Floor Hockey</b>	Jack O'Halloran Theresa Kwan	<b>Most Inspirational:</b> Rhys Jessop	<b>Most Sportsmanlike:</b> Amadeus Sandhu	No Recipient







## **CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS** *June 18 – July 2*

June 21 Monday – Friday	GYP Exams continue all week
June 23 Wednesday	Report Cards will be published on your Zimbra Email
June 24 Thursday	Parent Drop-In
June 25 Friday	11:30am Titan Lunch at the School 1:00pm The Ceremony of Commencement at the Church

