



The Midpointe

News and opinion for Southpointe Academy families

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READING REPORTS

Another report card will soon be mailed (by e-mail to your spacademy account). It will be detailed and should provide you with good information about the progress of your child(ren) and the reasons for it.

Teachers are asked to cover the following in their written reports:

- What the class has done since the last report.
- What, of the things done, your child can do and what s/he cannot do.
- What the child can do to improve progress.
- A comment on the attitude to and engagement in the work.

Apart from the comments, though, there are marks and attendance rates to review. The marks are cumulative; that is to say that they are the current marks after two terms, not simply the mark for the term now ending. The attendance matters, too, for, at year end, to be eligible for a final mark, a student has to have completed all the requirements of the course, and attending the requisite number of classes is one of those requirements.

If you have any concerns or questions about the report(s) you receive, please do not hesitate to ask for further insight or clarification.

NEW SCHOOL UPDATE

In response to many questions concerning the pledge collection, I am pleased to publish this letter from our indefatigable tracking committee:

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all parents, grandparents, relatives and staff who have been truly supportive and pledged their commitment to our New School Project. We would like to provide you with an update to the pledge collection procedure.

Once the sub-division/approval process has been completed, we will be contacting you by letter. In order to ensure accuracy, confidentiality and provide answers to questions, we will be holding signing meetings at the school. We shall be providing all the supporting financial documentation for this. Our current timeline is to start this after Spring Break and continue over a five-week period.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sincerely,

The Tracking Committee

PARENT ACADEMIES

We have two Parent Academies planned for the early part of next term. The first is at 5pm, (please note the time) on Thursday March 25. This will deal with programming in the GYP and outline the elective choices for next year. There are some welcome additions to boost our program, so please attend if you can. Students are very welcome, too.

The second is for Tuesday 13 April, at 7:00pm primarily for the FYP. At this academy, we shall present the IB program announced last week and explain how it will benefit our students. This is a very exciting enhancement to our school and we look forward to sharing it with you.

SPRING BREAK

During the break, the school is open for business daily from 9am to 3pm except on Fridays when the hours are 9am to 12 noon.

We hope you all enjoy a refreshing time; if you are travelling, be safe and untroubled by strikes and delays!

We look forward to seeing you all again on March 22.

Graham Baldwin

SCHOOL NEWS

VANCOUVER SUN REGIONAL FINALS!



doldrums

\DOHL-drumz (noun)

DEFINITION: a spell of listlessness or despondency

I've decided that a vacation on a tropical island is just what I need to fight against the winter doldrums.

From Merriam-Webster Online at www.Merriam-Webster.com

We wish **Anna Cran** the best of luck this weekend as she represents Southpointe Academy at the *Vancouver Sun* Regional Finals of the **Canwest Canspell National Spelling Bee**.

Anna, congratulations on your spelling bee success to date. We commend you for the hard work and studying that

brought you to this level!

Enjoy the experience of the regional competition at The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at UBC on Saturday, March 6. Good luck!

Submitted by Jessica Levitt



A GOLDEN EXPERIENCE

On February 28th, 2010 the conclusion of a successful Winter Olympic Games occurred at the Closing Ceremonies at BC Place. I was part of an act involving 1200 Canadian youth that was out to impress the world. We anxiously waited for our time to shine, and meanwhile backstage, we were given a boost of energy as Canada won a gold medal in men's ice hockey. At 5:30 pm, we were getting ready to conquer "the field of play," as our choreographers liked to call it. We waited for the Olympic Cauldron to ignite, our cue to flood onto the stage with much enthusiasm. With our snowboards, we jumped with joy to see a hometown band, Inward Eye, playing our song titled "Strong and Free". We were getting ready for the official countdown to the end of the 21st Olympic Winter Games. We formed the numbers from 10 counting down to 1 and the crowd participated along with us and would shout out the numbers as they cherished the end of the Games. After this, we would form the words "Strong and Free" with our snowboards, taken from our national anthem. We also would create the image of a maple leaf, which excited the viewers as it is a symbol of Canadian pride. Once we finished our performance, we were so pleased with it because everything that went wrong in the rehearsals, turned into a miracle when it was the real deal. 3 months of hard work had gone into this production and it left the audience in awe. We were extremely proud of each other for this and knew we would create a lasting legacy and also create some competition with Russia, the host of the next Winter Games. All 1200 of us were thrilled to represent the Great White North because this was truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



Submitted by **Ziyaan Harji**

OLYMPIC EXTRAVAGANZA

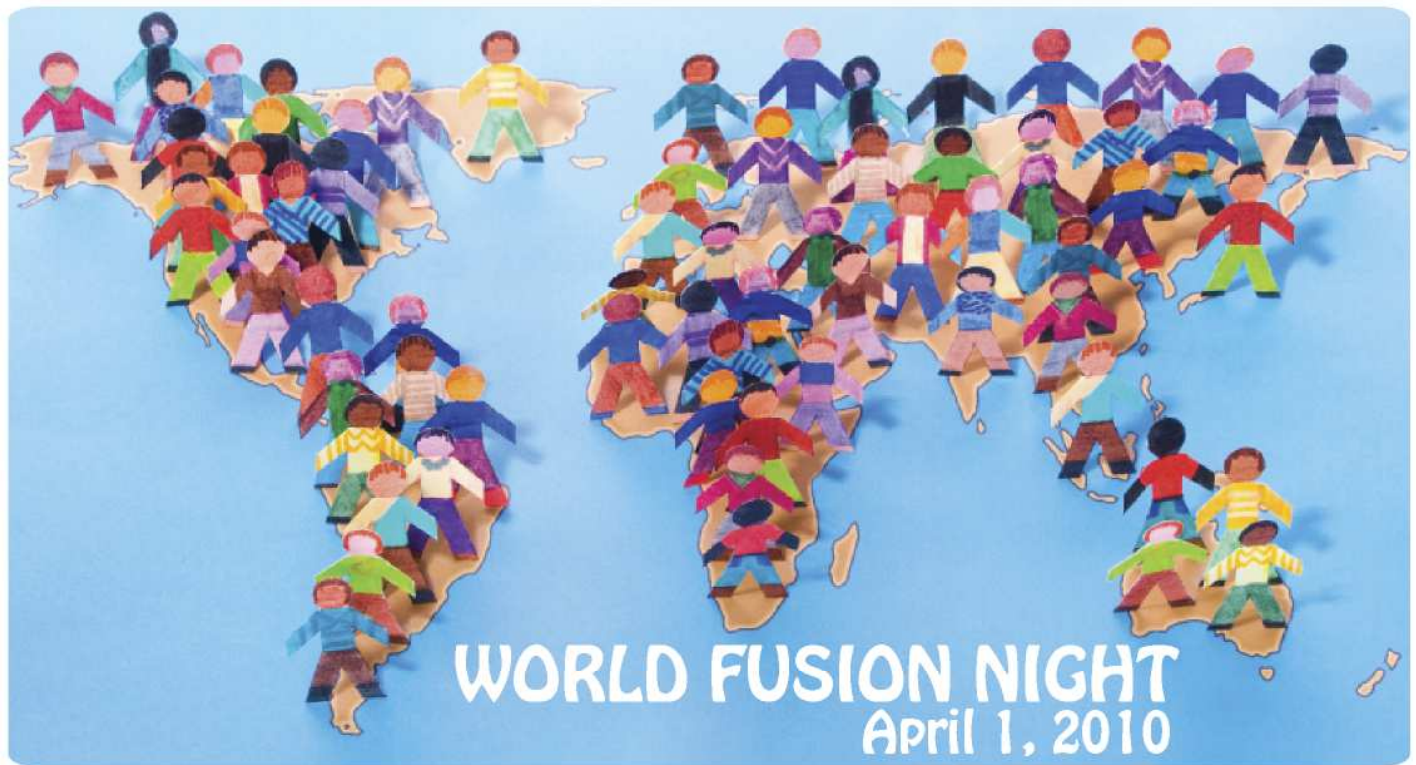
Amongst the hustle and bustle of the Olympic season, and the brimming pride emerging from Canadians all across the country, I was granted an amazing opportunity. I and 1,999 other youth volunteers were accepted to compose the Anthem Cast, the opening act of the closing ceremonies, which would be the grand finale of the winter games. I was considered for this position because of my involvement in Air Cadets; a youth based organization with strong community ties. Besides giving me an official pass, (which included free transit use) I received a uniform, and official Olympic merchandise. To be in the downtown core of a city vibrating with electricity and know that you are a part of the festivities is exciting to say the least.

If representing the youth of Canada was not amazing enough, singing the national anthem in front of a stadium full of eager Canadians and then millions more on international television, was riveting. However, the best aspect of this incredible experience was waiting for the ceremonies to begin. While waiting to perform, we shared the cramped spaces with athletes of the world. My friends and I watched in awe as our Olympic heroes came to life right before our eyes. I still can not believe that I have glimpsed the faces of the likes of: Haley Wickenheiser, Cindy Klassen and Tessa Virtue, in the flesh. I also received enthusiastic "high-fives" from countless people including: Scott Moir, Patrick Chan and Jeremy Wotherspoon.

It was an unforgettable experience that comes once in a life time. I encourage all students to become active members of their communities and get involved.

Submitted by **Yasmin Gill**





FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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Chinese dragon dance
Bollywood & Bhangra dancing
Fashion Show**

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201-13030 76th Avenue
Surrey B.C. V3W 2V6**

Tickets on sale in the front office:

- **Adults \$35.00, Children \$20.00.**
- **All performers free of charge.**

GYP NEWS

Two of our GYP students have recently had the honour of being selected for some amazing experiences.



Over the next two weekends, **Alex Semple** will be participating in the Level One Improv workshop put on by the Vancouver Theatre Sports league. This program is usually not available to high school students, but Alex has been allowed to take it by special invitation because of the promise he shows in theatre.

Many of you have seen Alex in our school productions and know what a talented actor he is. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Alex to explore Improv and to make some excellent connections in the theatre scene in Vancouver.



In May, **Ammen Bains** in Grade 11 will be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tsawwassen and Point Roberts to attend the Adventures in Citizenship program. This opportunity is open to students 15 years old and older living in Ladner, Tsawwassen and Point Roberts who show an interest in government.

Ammen was selected from many interested applicants. Ammen will be going to Ottawa and will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Ottawa. While there, he will have the opportunity to attend Parliament and to learn more about the workings of the Canadian government and the important leadership roles available in the government.

Submitted by Pamela McMartin

MYP NEWS

MYP Alternate Programming Week Update:

"Course selections will be complete and sent home the first week we resume school after the Spring Break."

Payment for the courses and the forms will be due back the following week....stay tuned!!!"

“LA PIZZA!”

Au cours des deux mois derniers, les étudiants dans la classe de Français 6 (Mme Fraser) avaient appris tous au sujet de la pizza. Ils ont appris le vocabulaire, comment exprimer leurs goûts et aversions, comment écrire une recette, comment commander une pizza et comment faire des pizzas. Ils ont travaillé dans les paires et les petits groupes pour pratiquer le vocabulaire et leurs prononciation. Le projet final a nécessité d'écrire la recette et les ingrédients pour une pizza personnelle. Regardez attentivement et vous verrez des chefs de pizza merveilleux!



BON APPÉTIT!!!!

Submitted by Kathleen Fraser

SPORTS NEWS



HOOP SHOOT 2010

The 14th Delta Hoop Shoot competition took place on Tuesday, March 2nd at SDSS. Boys and girls in grades 5, 6, & 7 raced against the clock to score as many baskets as they could in 45 seconds. All Grade 5 – 7 Southpointe students competed in their PE classes to determine the rosters for the 6 teams which would represent our school at the finals.

Chris Pope, Jim Marsden, Manpreet Basraon, Jaskiran Mann, Natasha Sharma, and Gulneer Dosanjh represented Grade 5. **Max Kirshenblatt, Tanraj Saran, Frank Carson, Mandeep Aujla, Simran Gill, and Meghan MacKenzie** represented Grade 6, and **Pavel Dhah, Marvin Bains, Chitraj Dosanjh, Taryn Jessop, Sarah Vaughan-Jones, and Mandeep Aujla** (Yes, she competed twice!) represented Grade 7. While all teams worked hard and scored many hoops, our Grade 5 Boys Team made the victory podium, finishing in second spot.

We also took home, for the second straight year, the Top Participant Award.



HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

This past weekend, Grade 12 student **Scott Stanger**, represented Southpointe Academy in the High School Gymnastics Provincial Championships. Like me, many of you may not have known that Scott is a gymnast. Is he ever! Scott spent the weekend in Duncan, BC, competing in the floor, the pommel horse, the rings, the vault, the parallel bars and the high bar. He finished 1st in the floor, vault, and the parallel bars, 3rd in the rings and the high bar and 4th in the pommel horse. All of these results were tallied up in order to determine overall placement. Scott finished 3rd in his level in BC!

Congratulations Scott!

Submitted by Jason Levitt

TRACK & FIELD

It's that time of the year again! Any **FYP, MYP and GYP students** interested in running track and field should sign up in the P.E office, room 128.

So far, we have enough students signed from Grades 3 -7 to form an Elementary School Team. If we have enough Grades 8 - 12 students we can form a High School Team.

Road Races: March – May 2010

March 27th, 2010

BC 5km Road Championships, Stanley Park

May 2nd, 2010

Marafun: 1.6km around B.C. PLACE

<http://www.bmovanmarathon.ca/registration/register.php>

8km

https://registration.bmovanmarathon.ca/register_single.cgi

May 9th, 2010

10km or Shaw 2.5km

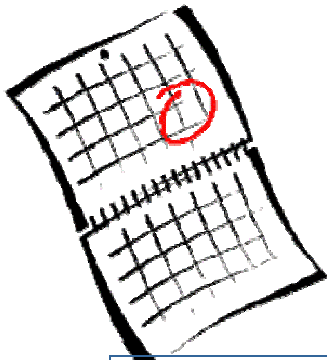
www.sunrun.com

In addition, the Sun Run is just around the corner...May 9th 2010! We need at least 20 people to register for the 10km in order to form a team!

SEE YOU RUNNING!

Submitted by Tristan Simpson





CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

March 4 – March 19

March 4 Thursday	Europe Trip Departs
March 5 Friday	9:00am – 2:00pm – Grade 3 Field Trip to MacMillan Space Centre in Vancouver Grade 6 Project Discover Forms Due! LAST DAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK!
March 8 – 11 Monday - Thursday	School Office will be open from 9:00am – 3:00pm
March 12 Friday	School Office will be open from 9:00am – 12:00pm Grecian Odyssey Tour Departs
March 15 – 18 Monday – Thursday	School Office will be open from 9:00am – 3:00pm
March 19 Friday	School Office will be open from 9:00am – 12:00pm
March 22 Monday	FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL