



The Midpointe

News and opinion for Southpointe Academy families

May 6, 2010

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EPIC VICTORY SENDS CROWD WILD

Harrison Almrud, a Grade 3 student, had the whole Swangard Stadium on its feet recently, when he won the 800 metres race for boys born in 2001. With just about 150 metres to go, Harrison was about 40 metres behind the leader, but gradually, inexorably, clawed back the gap. With the crowd in a real frenzy and his mom almost as excited as the day he was born, and with only about two metres to go, he took the lead and so won the gold medal. 'It was one of the best, most exciting races I have ever seen,' opined Rob McCall, Deputy Head and avid sportsman.

When asked if he expected to win, Harrison said, 'No. I expected to be second. I am always second.' No more. Harrison has learned that if you keep trying and do not give up, one day you will be first.

Harrison is one of our 50-strong elementary track and field squad, whose Head Coach is Tristan Simpson, a UBC track athlete who has just joined the Southpointe Faculty. We all thank him, his assistant coaches and the many members of the parent support group, and we wish our athletes success in their remaining meets.

FIND US A STUDENT AND REAP THE REWARD!

We have a great school, with terrific programs and fine people. Now, we would like to grow our student population in readiness for our new school.

It is common for independent schools to pay agents to introduce them to new students, so we thought why not make all our parents and students agents?

So, **for the next month only**, if you introduce an acceptable new student to us and that student enrolls, we shall give you \$500 off your fees for the 2010/11 school year. That amount will be reduced from your final payment when 'your' new student's fees are paid in full.

Look out for next week's media blitz that should help your recruitment efforts.

This offer ends on June 18, 2010.

(We doubt that we shall be offering air points any time soon!)

DID YOU ENROL YET?

Enrolment occurs only when we receive the signed enrolment form and the first fee payment. Please make sure you have submitted these to secure your place for next year.

ART IS EVERYWHERE

Arts Month has begun with a bang. The corridors are full of fine work by the FYP and MYP students –GYP will come later – and, until Friday evening, the FYP Life Tent is on display in the courtyard. In the tent, the FYP students have presented their lives on string suspended from the ceiling –not unlike the idea of totems. It makes fascinating viewing, so why not pop in at pick-up or drop-off time.

Graham Baldwin

SCHOOL NEWS

SOUTHPOINTE'S AMAZING RACE



**Race
for the
trophy**



**Fabulous
Prizes!**



**Steak &
Salmon
BBQ**



**Gather
up your
friends**

Register your Team now
Limited Space available!

Sign up in the Edu Café or call Front Office

WE NEED AUCTION ITEMS
IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE FRONT
OFFICE

Some items donated in the past:

- Weekend getaways,
- Gift Certificates
- BBQ'sjust to give you some inspiration

SOUTHPOINTE ACADEMY'S
AMAZING RACE

REGISTRATION FORM

Date: June 4th, 2010

Time: Registration at 4:30 pm

Race Starts: 5:00 pm

Location: Beach Grove Golf and Country Club

BBQ Dinner at Beach Grove Golf Club to Follow Race

Cost: \$70.00 per Person



Team Name _____

Team Member Name

Telephone

Cell

Email

Team Member Name	Telephone	Cell	Email

*NEED HELP JOINING A TEAM? - WE CAN HELP YOU!

GYP NEWS



UNIVERSITY NEWS!

Update on University acceptances.

Congratulations to the following student!

Sarpreet Sekhon received the following scholarships:

\$1000.00 U of Victoria

\$2000.00 U of Calgary, renewable for 2 years

\$2500.00 President's Entrance Award at UBC

University of Victoria: Open House for prospective students in grades 11 & 12 on May 29th. Visit the campus, tours, hands-on activities and meet with faculty and staff. To register, please check their website at: www.uvic.ca/experience or contact Melana Mar at mmar@uvic.ca

Submitted by Susan Kirkwood

Grad Flower Fundraiser Pick up News:

The flower orders have arrived and they look beautiful!



They are now available for pickup on Thursday May 6th and Friday May 7th after school in the Courtyard.

The Grads respectfully ask that you do not take the flowers yourself and that you wait for the assistance of a Grad. This will ensure that we get the correct orders out to the correct people.

The Grads would like to thank everyone who ordered flowers and all of the students who participated in our Earth Day events.

The Grad Class of 2010

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

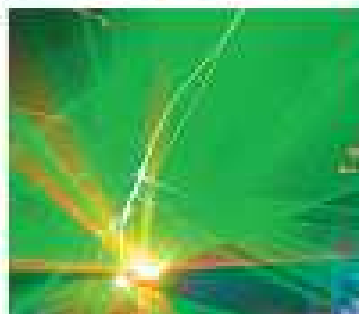
MYP....SPRING FEEEEVA DANCE....

What a great way to start the weekend! – MYP's partied from 4:30pm-8:00pm to the blasting music at the Tsawwassen Arts Centre. Spring Feeevea was a huge hit, and you could clearly tell when the girls [and yes some boys] screamed at the top of their lungs when "Baby" by Justin Bieber started to blare through the amps. This was a great event where we could all catch up with some old friends, or meet some new ones. This was made possible by our bring-a-friend option. Spring Feeevea had everything. People could have chips, a variety of soft drinks, and of course pizza. You can't dance on an empty stomach. The best party starting music was played all night and this is everything from YMCA to some of the newest hits on the radio. We have our awesome DJs to thank for this. Just when we thought that it couldn't get any better than it already was, they announce that they have a special light that picks up highlighter. Once we heard this, we all rushed out into the lobby to grab highlighters in every colour. Parents can probably guess what we did then....we drew on our skin. When we stepped onto that dance floor, the messages we had just written were glowing. You might be thinking that dancing for 3 ½ hours is tiring, and boy are you right there. We have already heard of some MYP's that they slept in past 3pm the next day! Overall, Spring Feeevea was a huge hit and we hope to see you all at the next MYP dance in the new school year.

Of course we have some special people that we would like to thank. Thank you so much to our amazing DJs, Southpointe's very own rockin' Cobi, Alex, and Bryson. Big thanks to Ramneet for being a cool student supervisor. Special thanks to Kelsey (who was a special one time on the spot DJ who rocked it on the spot) and to Inderpreet with their meter stick who kept us rocking at a distance (and laughing with their routines) and showed us that you, too, can have a shout out time dancing....even with the meter stick between you! And of course, Ms. McKenzie, Mr. Scholefield, Mrs. Fraser, Mr. & Mrs. Levitt, we are truly grateful that you took time out of your Friday to look after us. Thank you to the MYP Student Council members who planned this amazing event and their families who helped with clean up. Thank you to the Leung family for donating the bottled water, pop, and chips. We also have a few grade eight girls to thank for making a banner. And last but not least, a big thanks and whoop whoop shout out....to Ms. Huber who honestly made Spring Feeevea a huge success.

-Morgan Leung, 8RF
MYP Student Council VP

MYP Dance: Spring Fever





MYP ART



THE MYP ART SHOW

With great excitement, we announce the Southpointe Academy MYP ART SHOW which will be ready to view from Tuesday May 11th – Friday May 21st

Southpointe students from Grades 6 – 8 have eagerly anticipated this event since September. Each student will exhibit at least one piece of art. We are proud to present a variety of imagery from collage to 3D. Some students have excelled in observation drawing techniques this year, while others have experimented with conceptual art and the consequent demands on creative energy.

Each student is taught on an individual basis and encouraged to develop an idea by taking risks and experimenting with technique and media resources. Each student is required to broaden their experience and to 'push' their projects through difficulties to a solution worthy of the struggle. Throughout this struggle, students are exposed to relevant works of both the Masters and contemporary artists. Peer group discussion, enthusiasm and dedication are clearly present in this exhibition.

Please enjoy this visual display of exuberance, contemplation and skill. Bring your friends and relatives to acknowledge the 2010 MYP ART SHOW!

Submitted by Moira Elliott

MYP MUSICAL "THE MUSIC MAN"

Tickets on sale now at the Front Office!

The show will be outstanding. "If you don't go, you won't know!"

See you at the MYP Musical next week,
Thursday, May 13th; Friday, May 14th;
Saturday, May 15th!!!





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-
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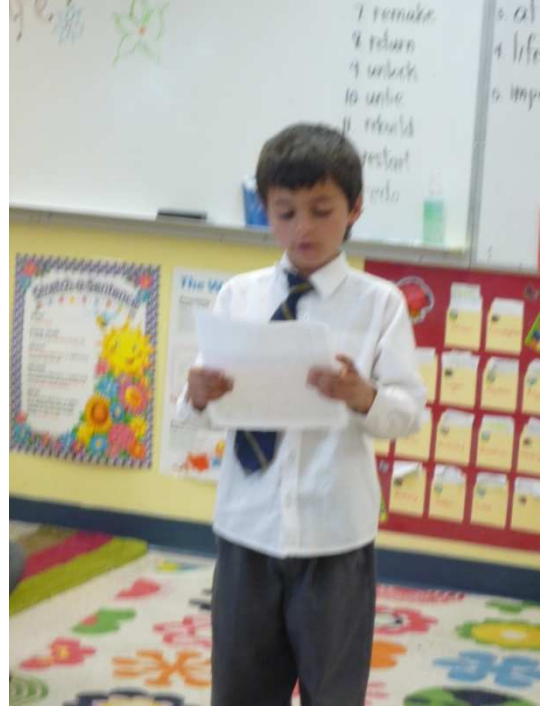
\$10.00
per seat

Music and Lyrics by Meredith Willson

Book by Meredith Willson and Franklin Lacey

FYP NEWS

The poets of Ms. Cook's Grade 2 class hosted their Grade 5 Buddies for a Poetry Café on Friday, April 30th. After three weeks of learning and hard work, these "Southpointe Poets" chose their favorite poems to share. Our buddies from Ms. Leo's class were great listeners and very supportive. The Grade 5's also had a chance to share their learning and presented their Canadian Communities Projects. Thanks for a fun afternoon!





Submitted by Ms. Cook

Meal Worms Invade Grade Four!

Do you like bran cereal?
Would you prefer to live in a wet or dry environment?
If given the choice, would you rather spend your time in the dark or in the light?

Grade Four students posed these very questions to 60 meal worms on Wednesday, May 5th.

The Science curriculum in Grade Four is currently focused on the theme of "Habitats" and on Wednesday, students put on their scientific method thinking caps to conduct an investigation into the type of habitat a meal worm would prefer. Students observed the meal worms and then conducted separate trials to determine the type of habitat (light or dark, wet or dry) a meal worm would prefer.



Grade Four student comments:

1. Karina Grewal: "The meal worm was approximately 5cm in length."
2. Arjan Dhindsa: "The meal worms are hard to control because they are slippery and fast."
3. Harveer Garcha: "I was surprised that the meal worms could actually cling onto paper and onto me!" and "I thought that this was a great way to begin our journey about Habitats."
4. Kenny Ross: "I was amazed at how the meal worms reacted to sound because they didn't appear to have any ears."
5. Manraj Saran: "The meal worms had sharp claws on the bottom of their puny little legs."
6. Conner Bavaro: "I observed that the meal worms had 6 legs in the front half of their body, but none on the back."
7. Montana Kruger: "The meal worms in our trials crawled really fast."
8. Kajal Virk: "I picked up a meal worm and it twisted around my finger. It was ticklish."

9. Nighean Umbach: "The last thing I was expecting was a meal worm on my head, but as I went to rescue one from the floor, one crawled right off the counter and onto me!"
10. Arvin Sohi: "When the paper was upside down, the meal worms were able to cling on and not fall."
11. Henry McPhie: "In conclusion, I found out that meal worms prefer a dry and dark habitat."
12. Sonam Saran: "Some of the meal worms went under the cereal to escape the light. They were behaving like a mole in a tunnel."
13. Gurballa Sarai: "I found out that meal worms have antennae on their head."
14. Jayden Khella: "In the activity, during the wet and dry station trial the meal worms stayed under the bran."
15. Brent Morrison: "I observed that the meal worms moved faster in the dark than in the light."
16. Michael Hampton: "Even though meal worms were observed to have little claws, it was hard for them to make their way through the bran."
17. Ryan Vaughn-Jones: "The meal worms faster in the dry habitat than in the wet."
18. Lucy Yu: "The meal worms' habitat is very different from ours."
19. Tai-Long Singh: "I observed that meal worms' skin colour grew darker from bottom to top."
20. Harjap Johal: I observed that the meal worms moved faster in the wet and dry trial than in the light and dark trial."
21. Rajan Sohi: "I observed that the meal worm's body colour changed through the course of the activity."
22. Manraj Khangura: "At the end of our amazing investigation, I learned that a meal worm's habitat is very different from other animals."
23. Rohet Bains: "I observed that the meal worms moved slower when we first put them into the bran. Over time they seemed to move faster."



SPORTS NEWS

TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

Last weekend track and field athletes competed in the **Norwesters Track Meet** as well as the **Sun 8km Race!** Congratulations to those runners who doubled in the 8km and track meet! Despite cold, windy conditions these runners ran strongly to finish in the top of their age categories! Great work!



Jim Marsden, 9th Overall male in the 19 and under category with a time of 38min 39seconds!

Meaghan MacKenzie, 6th overall female 19 and under with a time of 43minutes and 34seconds!

Frank Carson, 19th overall male, time 45minutes 51 seconds!

Angus Hodgins, 20th overall male, time 46minutes 2 seconds!

Declan Hodgins, 21st male overall, time 46minutes 13 seconds!

Hillyard Carson, 22nd male overall, time 46minutes 39 seconds!

Rob Roy MacKenzie, 23rd male overall, time 46minutes and 41 seconds!

In addition, we had three athletes compete in the Vancouver Marafun, a mini marathon race designed for children under 19 years old.

Congratulations to **Rajan Leung** 37th/115 with a time of 11:09 in the eight year old run, **Jonathan Tuazon** who finished 37/92 with a time of 13:03 in the children's seven year old division, and our kindergarten student **Ethan Gray!**

Not only did we have students participate at the BMO Vancouver Marathon but also a parent! Congratulations to **Daphne Hodgins**, who ran a very impressive full marathon in 3 hours 36minutes to finish in 557th out of 14,000 runners and 7th in her age group!

Results of the May 1st and 2nd Track Meet:

Harrison Almrud, 1st in the 800m grade 3, 2nd in the long jump, 2nd in the 1500m, 3rd in the 100m dash, 4th in the 60meter dash

Top 8 results:

1st 4x60m relay:

Frank, Cole, Liam, Thorsten grade 5

1st **Chitraj Desanjh** shot put 3kg and discus grade 7

1st **Gulneer Desanjh** shot put grade 5, 6th in the 200m, 7th in the 100m Grade 5, 800m sprint medley



Jodhveer Gill, Liam Koller, Cole Hendy, Frank Carson, Hillyard Carson, grade 3, 5th in the long jump, 5th in the 1500m run, 5th in the Shot Put, 7th in the 60m dash

Chris Pope, 5th in the grade 5, 800m

Donald Carson, 7th in the shot put

Frank, Carson, 8th in the grade 5 Shot Put, 8th in the 200m dash

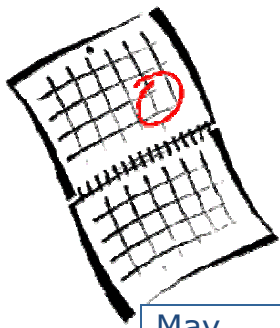
Our next track meet will be at the ISEA track and field championships May 10th Stay tuned for more excellent results.

Submitted by Mr. Simpson



SPORTS CALENDAR ***May 6 – May 20***

May 10 Monday	ISEA Track and Field Meet – all day at the South Surrey Athletic Park
May 12 Wednesday	All Day Sr. Girls Soccer Tournament @ Meadowridge
May 17 Monday	All Day Floor Hockey Tournament



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 6 – May 21

May 6 Thursday	3:30pm – 6:00pm – FYP, MYP & GYP Student-Led Parent/Teacher Conferences
May 7 Friday	Grade 9 Project Discover – Group #2 Returns 2:30pm – 3:00pm – Grade 2 Kinsmen Visit
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 Thursday	8:30am – 12:00pm – Grade 7 Field Trip to the Vancouver Museum 1:30pm – 3:00pm – MYP Musical – “The Music Man” Matinee
May 13 – 14 Thurs. – Fri.	Grade 4 Project Discover - Camp Capilano in North Vancouver
May 13 – 15 Thurs. – Sat	MYP Musical – “The Music Man” 7:30pm at the Tsawwassen Arts Centre
May 17 Mon. – Thurs.	Grade 8 Project Discover
May 18 Tuesday	9:00am – 3:00pm – Grades 5 & 6 Band to the Kiwanis Festival at Kwantlen College, Langley
May 20 Thursday	7:00pm – 9:00pm - Dessert Theatre at the Tsawwassen Arts Centre
May 21 Friday	2:00pm – 3:00pm – Grad Class 2010 - Assembly at the Church “Last day for our New Zealand Exchange Students”