



The Midpointe

News and opinion for Southpointe Academy families

October 14, 2010

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SOUTHPOINTE REACHING OUT

Our Partnership with KinVillage

"We met a lady who is 95 years old!"

"What is haggis, Mr. Jim?"

(picture grimacing faces as they are told the shocking truth)

"Mary lived on a farm in Saskatchewan when she was a girl and had to get up very early to do her chores before going to school!"

These were quotes recorded after the recent Grade Four visit to KinVillage.

In the past few weeks, we have renewed our commitment of partnership with KinVillage in Tsawwassen (formerly the Kinsmen Centre). Through a series of meetings with the recreation staff at KinVillage, we have developed a program to meet the needs of the residents there and to expose our students to a wonderful and valuable volunteer opportunity within our community.



Students in Grades Three to Five will be taking biweekly trips up to KinVillage for a whole term. Our Grade Four classes had this opportunity last Friday. After singing a short song, they engaged the residents with questions about their cultural heritage. By visiting five or six consecutive times, we hope that these students will begin to develop a relationship with their "KinVillage buddy"!

Our preschool to Grade Two classes may also be invited to KinVillage on a more casual basis, perhaps for an event like a Halloween visit, a Christmas trip, or a Valentine tea. We will be looking for the Middle Years students to assist KinVillage in some of their larger events,

hopefully through the MYP student council.

And finally, the GYP students have also been invited to volunteer at KinVillage. The recreation staff is looking for students interested in helping with Bingo, Pekino, gardening, music performances and wheelchair ballroom dancing. The sign up sheets for these events are posted in the upstairs hallway of our school.

Partnership is one of our core values at Southpointe Academy, and this authentic opportunity provided by KinVillage has been an amazing part of our students' education over the past few years. Witnessing our students interacting with the residents at KinVillage consistently makes me very proud to be part of this community!

Handwritten signature of Mr. Bruce Griffioen.

Mr. Bruce Griffioen

Team Leader of Curriculum and Assessment



Aninder Sarai in Gr. 11, herself a "Keen Kin Volunteer", meeting with Kinsmen Reps.

SCHOOL NEWS

LIBRARY NEWS:

Don't forget to come by the Scholastic Book Fair. The school library is hosting the Book Fair on **Tuesday, October 19th through Thursday, October 21st**. Doors open daily at 7:45 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m.

Volunteers are still needed. Please see Mrs. Levitt in the library, or email her at jessica.levitt@spacademy.ca, if you are able to help out. We would love to have you for half an hour in the morning or after school. Recesses and lunches are busy times, too!

Mrs. Jessica Levitt
jessica.levitt@spacademy.ca



COAST TSAWWASSEN INN HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Just a reminder that the Hotel provides a Hot Lunch Program for the school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

A new menu with an order form goes home each month with the students. Parents are asked to return the forms to the Front Office for collection by the Hotel.

Please remember to:

1. Fill in the form completely and on time.
2. Coordinate the school calendar to your orders. Should an order need to be cancelled, Families should contact the Hotel directly at 604-943-8221. Our contacts are: Penny – ext. 5183 and/or Paula – ext. 5182

TRAFFIC UPDATE:

All is going smoothly and safely! Please continue to be courteous to one another and to the neighbours.

The back lane is open to traffic at 2:45pm for parking and flow-through.

Please remember that students could pop out of doorways at anytime.

“Know your Limit” - “Drive within it” 10km please keep us safe!

GYP NEWS

GYP ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM WEEK

Next week, the GYP Students & Faculty will embark on the first of 2, Alternative Program Weeks.

Grade 9 Students & Faculty will Discover Vancouver & Film-Making

Grade 10 Students & Faculty will participate in a Project Discover Program at Quest University in Squamish, BC

Grade 11 Students & Faculty will participate in an Academic Boost including a Forensic Science Field Trip.

Grade 12 Students & Faculty will participate in a program of Academics and University visits.

These alternative programs enhance the in-class curriculum greatly and we find both Students & Faculty benefit from a change in the daily routines.

MYP NEWS

Achieving Wonderful Things

Independance

Risktaking

Facebook

"I need my space!"

PARENT ACADEMY

Thursday, October 28, 2010

7:00pm

FINDING YOUR WAY THROUGH

the

MIDDLE YEARS!

"Help us, Help you"

Cyber Bullying

Engagement

Chat Room

Attitude

"Why is my child so disorganized?"

Pushing the Boundaries

MYP Parents stay tuned.....a notice with More information will be sent home next week.



Students at Southpointe Academy are certainly privileged to have such exceptional teachers here to guide them. Therefore I am very honoured and excited to count myself as a member of their ranks and must say that I have had a tremendous experience thus far in my tenure at the school. I am particularly keyed up at having the opportunity to teach in the MYP and there are several reasons for my enthusiasm. First of all, I haven't had extensive experience teaching at this age level, and I firmly believe that this sort of new challenge is good for my mind! But beyond the unique nature of the circumstance, I feel that exposing students of this age group to the possibilities of creative expression can be very emancipating for

them at a time in their lives when they are potentially made to feel tentative about themselves, or perhaps more vulnerable, or uncertain. I think that many of us who can think back to that time in our lives remember what it was like to feel as though we were being scrutinized and that any social misstep could have devastating consequences. I hope that my classes can help students to understand, respect, tolerate, and empathize with one another, which will in turn allow them to grow together in a healthy and productive academic environment. We are all innately different, so let us embrace and appreciate those differences and the cumulative effect that those unique personalities bring to our truly amazing whole.

Secondly, the MYP students of today are the GYP students of tomorrow and as such, I am glad to get to know them and be able to start recruiting for all the fantastic GYP productions that we will produce in the incredible theatre in the new building. I am also lucky in that I will be assisting Ms. Kothlow with the MYP musical this year, the title of which will be announced sometime in the near future.

Also, I hope to be starting an improvisation club next year that will compete in the Canadian Improv Games and by studying improvisation techniques in the MYP, we will have a nice head start on the competition!

So, I look forward to continuing what has started out to be a truly excellent adventure and am eager to witness the brilliant bursts of creativity that come from such an amazing, unique and talented "family".

Submitted by Mr. Kean, MYP & GYP Drama

Grade 6AH

On a Friday afternoon, last block, just before Thanksgiving weekend, one would expect to find the learning enthusiasm to be at a rather low level. Well, this was certainly not the case here...

I am privileged not only to teach in the ILC, but also to give in-class support when appropriate. During my time in class, I have noticed a rapid progress in the quality of work, classroom participation and maturity level, definitely due to the excellent dedication and guidance of their teacher, Ms. Huber.

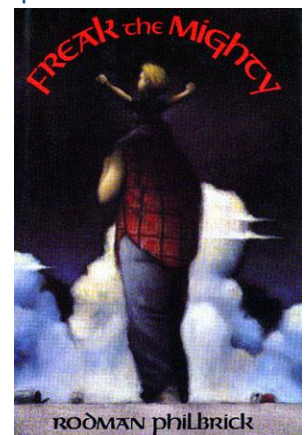
Getting back to Friday, last block: The 6 AH students could not contain themselves, it was overwhelming like an overflowing glass. The collaboration and sheer motivation to focus, reminded me of moths drawn to a light, an unstoppable urge to learn and be part of the action.

They are at present, busy with a novel study, "Freak the Mighty", which they are thoroughly enjoying. They just wanted to go on reading, even when the bell rang to indicate the end of class, almost everyone reacted with a deep sigh of disappointment, not being able to know what would happen in the next chapter. "Oh, no, can't we just carry on reading, it is so exciting, why must we stop now?" These were just a few of the remarks I remember hearing.

Their participation and well-behaved, respectful conduct made this a most wonderful experience to end off the week and begin a long weekend.

What a fantastic inspiration they all are!

Submitted by Carola Schaub



FYP NEWS

Grade 3's Pioneer Shopping Experience!

Can you imagine what life was like when there was no Safeway, Urban Barn or Home Depot? Specialty stores are modern luxuries we all take for granted. Grade three students of Southpointe Academy had the opportunity to experience life in the time of pre-Walmart. On Thursday of last week, Mrs. Slinn's and Ms. Cook's class travelled far and wide to Pitt Meadows to visit a General Store that was opened in the early 1900s when Pitt Meadows was first beginning to grow into a community. The grade threes enjoyed exploring pioneer tools, dressing in pioneer clothing, and listening to a phonograph, playing music recorded on stone. Furthermore, the grade threes helped to make homemade ice cream. After eating, they all agreed that ice cream tastes much better when Breyers makes it!





Marion with curling irons



Poonum, Carlos, Anthony, Aidan and Emily beating some eggs.



Nickrod attempting to sew



Rajan in the dunce cap



Jonathan drilling wood

Submitted by Mrs. Slinn and Ms. Cook

WOW!

In one week, we have
already sold half our tickets!
Send in your reply cards
today or buy them at the
front desk. Don't miss out!

\$150 per ticket
Reserve your table of 10

**SOUTHPOINTE ACADEMY'S
11TH ANNUAL GALA**

*Swinging
on a Star*

Saturday November 20, 2010
@ The Coast Tsawwassen Inn



The Gala Wish List

You may know someone, who knows someone ...

Event Tickets

Hockey, Theatre, Private box

Sporting

Ski equipment, bicycle, Helmets, Hockey nets/accessories, Basketball, Volley ball, Baseball, Snowboards, Skateboards

Once in a Lifetime

Flight simulator, Skydiving, River rafting, Back stage passes, Wine tour, Boat cruise, Flight tour around Vancouver, Grouse Mountain sleigh ride or dinner, Whale Watching, Train ride to Whistler, Rocky Mountain rail passes

Electronic equipment

Laptop, Digital camera, Photo printer, Computer lessons

Vacation packages

Resorts, Skiing, Hotel accommodations

Home Entertainment

DS, MP3 player/station, Satellite radio, Ipod, X-Box, Blue-ray player, Video games



SPORTS INFORMATION

HELP WANTED!

We are looking for a parent (or community) volunteer to coach or be an assistant coach for either the Elementary Boys Team (Gr. 6, 7) or the Jr. High School Boys Team (Gr. 8 - 10) this year. The ideal candidate would have some experience coaching basketball at the high school level and have completed some coaching certification courses through the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP).

These teams typically practice 2 days after school (usually 3:30 - 5:00 pm) each week and have 1 game each week. The season runs from mid - November until the end of February.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Robert McCall at the school ([604-948-8826](tel:604-948-8826) ext. 125 or rob.mccall@spacademy.ca).

Elementary Soccer Team Gives Another Lesson

Thursday October 7

Having opened the season with four convincing wins, the Elementary Soccer Team has been the talk of the school in recent weeks. Even the school Leadership Team have jumped on the bandwagon, and taken to dissecting our most recent win during their regular morning meetings. Despite the publicity, the team approached their match against arch rival Southridge last Thursday with considerable caution. A large crowd assembled at Holly Park in Ladner to witness the action.

In a frantic opening, Southpointe raced to a 3-0 lead. **Sumeet Saini** scored in the 3rd minute, then Captain **Kelvin Gill** produced a pair of outrageous goals, which left the crowd shaking their heads in disbelief. **Jaydeep Sandhu** was dominating the midfield, while on the right side, **Manpreet Basraon** was ripping the Southridge defence to shreds. At the back, **Sumit Sharma** and **Max Kirshenblatt** repelled the rare Southridge attacking forays.

To their credit, as the match progressed, Southridge steadied. After a couple of questionable refereeing decisions, Southridge scored twice towards the end of the first half. Following an inspirational half time address, the team emerged re-energized after the break. Awakened from their slumber, Southpointe banged in four more goals. This led the Southridge coach to wave the white towel, put all 11 of his players behind the ball, and start looking forward to next year. At this point, Kelvin Gill substituted himself to go home and begin his Math homework. On the sidelines, Senior Team coaches Mr. Levitt and Mr. Lum were seen rubbing their hands together greedily, while counting their potential recruits for next season. Mr. McCall meanwhile, was heard wondering aloud whether "any of these kids can play basketball?"

The final score was 7-2. In the world of Elementary Soccer at Southpointe, that qualifies as a pretty close game. The team have now scored 28 goals in five matches this season. Our next match is on Wednesday October 20 at 3:30pm at St Georges. We would love to have your support.

Coach Lupton
Coach Ross

FYP and MYP Cross Country News!

Congratulations to the 12 athletes who ran at the **Deas Island Cross Country Meet** on Saturday, October 9th. All runners put forth a strong effort under difficult conditions and

against some very tough competition. Our athletes showed great improvement in their pacing and finishing speed and, with the encouragement of Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Locke, Mr. McCall, and our loyal parent volunteers, summoned strong finishing kicks in the home stretch of each race.

Our top performance was from **Chris Pope** who mustered a 4th place finish in the 1999 boys race.

Jim Marsden was 10th, **Angus Hodgins** was 12th and **Trevor Yu** was 13th in that same race! **Meaghan MacKenzie** suffered a cramp, but fought valiantly throughout the race and earned a 12th place in the 1999 girls race. **Brent Morrison** 4th in the 2000 race. In the 2002 boys race, **Ali Jafri** finished in 6th place, **Adam Yu** was 13th, **Ethan Spires** was 15th, and **Chris Pake** finished 17th. **Adelia Bailey** was 12th in a very competitive 2002 girls race. **Rob Roy Mackenzie** finished 6th in the 1997 boys race (3km) while **Declan Hodgins** was 7th.



Congratulations to the 12 Junior and Senior students that competed for Southpointe Academy at the GVISSA Cross Country Meet held at Crowley Park on Wednesday, October 13th (Jr. Girls - **Cai Hong Singh, Amrita Sunner, and Taryn Jessop**, Jr. Boys - **Gagan Parmar, Prabhjot Dhillon, Amrick Gill, Ansh Uppal, Rob Roy MacKenzie, Declan Hodgins, Anmol Sangha, and Harman Johal**, Sr. Boys - **Gurpinder Sraw**). All 12 runners ran to the best of their ability and represented the school well with both their attitude and effort. For most of these students, this race was the first time they had ever experienced running a 4km distance over challenging terrain. The boys and girls faced very strong competition and learned a great deal about the importance of pacing in a race. The students found the meet to be a good first time experience and look forward to future cross country races this term. For those students still interested in running cross country, practice times are: Tuesday mornings from 7:05a.m to 7:55a.m, and afternoons from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, and Thursday afternoons from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

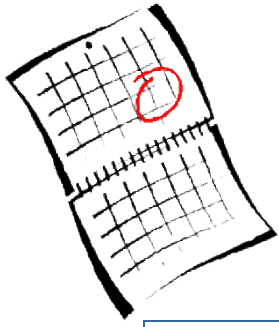
Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Locke



SPORTS CALENDAR

October 14– October 28

Oct. 15 Friday	2:30pm – Sr. Boys Soccer vs. King David’s School at Association Park, Ladner
Oct. 16 Saturday	Cross Country Meet – Cates Park, North Vancouver
Oct. 19 Tuesday	5:30pm - Sr. Girls Volleyball at St. John’s School, Vancouver
Oct. 20 Wednesday	3:30pm – Elementary Girls Volleyball at Southridge School, Surrey 3:45pm – Gr. 5-7 Boys Soccer at St. George’s School, Vancouver Sr. Boys Soccer – Playoff Game TBA Elementary Cross Country Meet at Ambleside Park in West Vancouver TBA
Oct. 22 Friday	ISA Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament at Brentwood College, Mill Bay, located on Vancouver Island.
Oct. 27 Wednesday	ISEA Gr. 5 – 7 Boys Soccer Tournament at Ambleside Park in West Vancouver
Oct. 28 Thursday	ISEA Gr. 6 Boys Soccer Playday at Southridge School, Surrey



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

October 14 – October 28

Oct. 15 Friday	<p><u>*NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 5*</u></p> <p>"WE Day" for selected students in MYP & GYP</p> <p>5:15pm – Grade 7 Project Discover return. Please pick up at the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal</p>
Oct. 18 Monday – Thursday	GYP Alternative Program Week begins
Oct. 19 – 21 Tuesday – Thursday	8:30am – 4:30pm - Daily - "Scholastic Book Fair" in the Library
Oct. 19 Tuesday	7:00pm – Gr. 11 – Project Discover, China2010 Information & Notorization Meeting upstairs in Room #209.
Oct. 22 Friday	<u>*SCHOOL CLOSED*</u> – "TEACHER ONLY DAY"
Oct. 25 – 29 Mon. – Fri.	"Spirit Week" organized by the Prefects
Oct. 25 Monday	<p>8:45am – 10:15am - PreK 3 Field Trip to Westham Island</p> <p>12:45pm – 2:15pm – PreK 4 Field Trip to Westham Island</p>
Oct. 26 Tuesday	<p>11:00am – Artona Picture Re-Take Day, #1 Uniform required for photo</p> <p>7:00pm – Potluck Dinner for Gr. 7 Parents at Gunn House</p>
Oct. 27 Wednesday	9:00am – 2:00pm - Gr. 1 Field Trip to Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre in North Vancouver
Oct. 28 Thursday	7:00pm – MYP Parent Academy in Ms. Huber's Room, North Building. Topic is "The Middle Years."