



The Midpointe

News and opinion for Southpointe Academy families

October 21, 2010

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"A FINE, FINE SCHOOL"

Children's author Sharon Creech writes a book that my own children adore. It is titled, "A Fine, Fine School". In this book, an enthusiastic school Head (Mr. Keene) proudly reflects on the amazing things that the students are doing.

*"Oh!" he would say. "Aren't these fine children?
Aren't these fine teachers? Isn't this a fine, fine school?"*

This week, I had a chance to reflect on OUR fine, fine school. In September, we were approached by a Faculty Associate at the SFU Department of Education to see if we would be interested in hosting a student teacher. This resulted in a meeting last week with Debbie Heinrich, who just began her practicum at Southpointe Academy.

Mr. Keene, the book's Headmaster, has an amazing vision for everything that the students will learn:

"We can learn everything! We will learn all about numbers and letters, colors and shapes, the Romans and the Egyptians and the Greeks. We will learn about dinosaurs and castles and – and- everything! We will learn everything!"

I sat across the desk from Debbie, and tried to explain all of the opportunities she had to observe our students in the coming 12 days. "You can attend Chemistry labs, help MYP Art students, learn AIM French through Drama, sit in an AP English class, visit a university with Grade 12, create a movie with Grade 9, ride a horse in Squamish with Grade 10, celebrate authors with Grade 1, share the Grade 3 IB Pioneer gallery basically anything you are interested in, I can arrange for you to see! The teachers will gladly welcome you in!"



SFU practicum student Debbie Heinrich working closely with the Grade 9 class on their video production project this week.

"A huge, enormous, roaring cheer soared up to the ceiling and floated out the windows so that everyone in the town heard the fine, fine children and the fine, fine teachers shout, 'Fine! Fine! Fine!'"

Welcome, Debbie, to SOUTHPOINTE ACADEMY - OUR FINE, FINE SCHOOL!

Debbie will be with us until October 29 when she returns to SFU for one week. She will join us again for a few weeks in November when she will work more closely with Mrs. Elliott.



Mr. Bruce Griffioen

Team Leader of Curriculum and Assessment

PS - Sharon Creech's book is available for purchase through Scholastic and can also be borrowed from our own library at any time!

SCHOOL NEWS

PARENT REMINDERS:

Final Tuition payments are due November 1st, 2010.

PARENT FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Parents wanting to join their son/daughter on any Field Trips are required to complete a Criminal Records Check yearly. Just contact the Front Office and they will provide you with a personalized letter to take with you to your local Police Detachment.

If you are planning to drive with students on any Field Trip, you are required to have a Driver's Abstract done from ICBC. You can either go to ICBC or telephone them @ 604-661-2255 and have them fax a copy of your profile to the school. Please ensure you have \$4 Million Third Party Liability Insurance Limit with your plan. Once you have these documents, please drop them off at the Front Office.

PHOTO RETAKE DAY is on Tuesday, October 26th. Please ensure your child is in #1 Uniform if they are having their picture taken.

If it is a re-take, please return the original package. First time photo will require paperwork (available at the Front Office) and payment.

GRANDPARENTS DAY 2010

Please mark Monday, November 8th in your calendar and more importantly let your Grandparents know about this special day, when Southpointe students share their daily routine with their Grandparents. The day will begin as always, with our Remembrance Day Service which starts at 10:30am at the South Delta Baptist Church. We look forward to seeing you as many of our Grandparents as possible. Come share a cup of tea and some dessert with Mr. Baldwin.

HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK!



The last week of October – the 25th to the 29th – is Southpointe's first "Spirit Week" planned by the Prefects. Throughout the week there will be various Halloween-themed activities happening during lunch. To kick it off, on Monday we will have a Pumpalicious day with several pumpkin activities for the GYP and MYP such as the Pumpkin Hockey Shootout, the Pumpkin Target Throw, the Pumpkin Toss, and the Pumpkin Balcony Toss. On Tuesday there will be a Hotdog day for all students. Wednesday there will be Mystery Boxes and the Jello Spider-Bob. The Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest will be held on Thursday, and finally, Friday will be the Halloween Costume theme day. Students can dress up and there will be the big Costume Contest to end off the week. Prizes will be awarded to all the winners! Students can come out to participate and just have fun!

For the entire week, we will be asking students to bring in as many non-perishable food items as possible. These items will be going to the Delta Assist to help community well-being. We will be counting them to see which island team brings the most non-perishable food items over the week, so bring as many as you can!



MONDAY – Pumpalicious Activities (GYP & MYP)

TUESDAY – Hotdog Day for Everyone

WEDNESDAY – Mystery Boxes (FYP) & Jello Spider-Bob (GYP)

THURSDAY – Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest (MYP & GYP)

FRIDAY – Costume Contest (MYP & GYP) & Haunted House (FYP)

BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ALL WEEK!

We will stack the cans, Island vs Island in Edu Cafe. Whose Island will be the biggest and how many people will we help?

MYP NEWS

Grade 7 Project Discover!

During the week of October 12 to 15, Southpointe's Grade 7 students traveled to Strathcona Park Lodge on Vancouver Island for a week of adventure, programming and teambuilding. They participated in many different outdoor activities, including kayaking, hiking, and fire building. They also challenged their fears by participating in high ropes, ziplining, tree climbing and eating lots of vegetables! On the final evening, the teacher's were treated to a show of Southpointe's Grade 7 talent, as students displayed comedy routines, singing, skits and card tricks. The Grade 7's were asked to look back at their week at camp and think of something that was fun, and something they learned. The following is a sample of some of their responses about their week at camp.

All of camp was really fun. We went ziplining, did high ropes and low ropes and kayaking. I learned how to make a fire. - **Noah Kallner**

When I was at Strathcona Park Lodge, I enjoyed the Zipline. I learned that a lot of edible mushrooms are poisonous and look alike. - **Anna Cran**

What I liked best about camp was the Zipline. I liked the Zipline because it is something I have never experienced before. What I learned, was the sap in a tree settles at the bottom when the tree dies. It hardens and when you light the sap on fire, it burns fast. The sap can be used as tinder for a fire. - **Charlie Glaser**

One of the things I liked about camp was the high ropes course. I challenged myself and had a lot of fun. - **Josh Pake**

Overall, I thought camp was fun. We learned many things including making fires, kayaking efficiently, how to balance on the high and low ropes, and also many things about the safe use of a harness. We also learned how to look at maps and find targets on them. - **Sumeet Saini**

Something I liked at Camp Strathcona was kayaking. It was very fun but tiring. I learned that bogs were created from glaciers that dug a hole and eventually melted into the hole. - **Dalton Huey**

One thing that I learned was how to make a figure eight knot, double it, and tie it to a harness. This knowledge might be helpful in my future. One thing I enjoyed was the high ropes, I was nervous at first, but I finished the course. - **Riley Brennan**



More photos to come next week!!!

Achieving Wonderful Things

Independence

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

"Why is my child so disorganized?"

Chat Room

Pushing the Boundaries

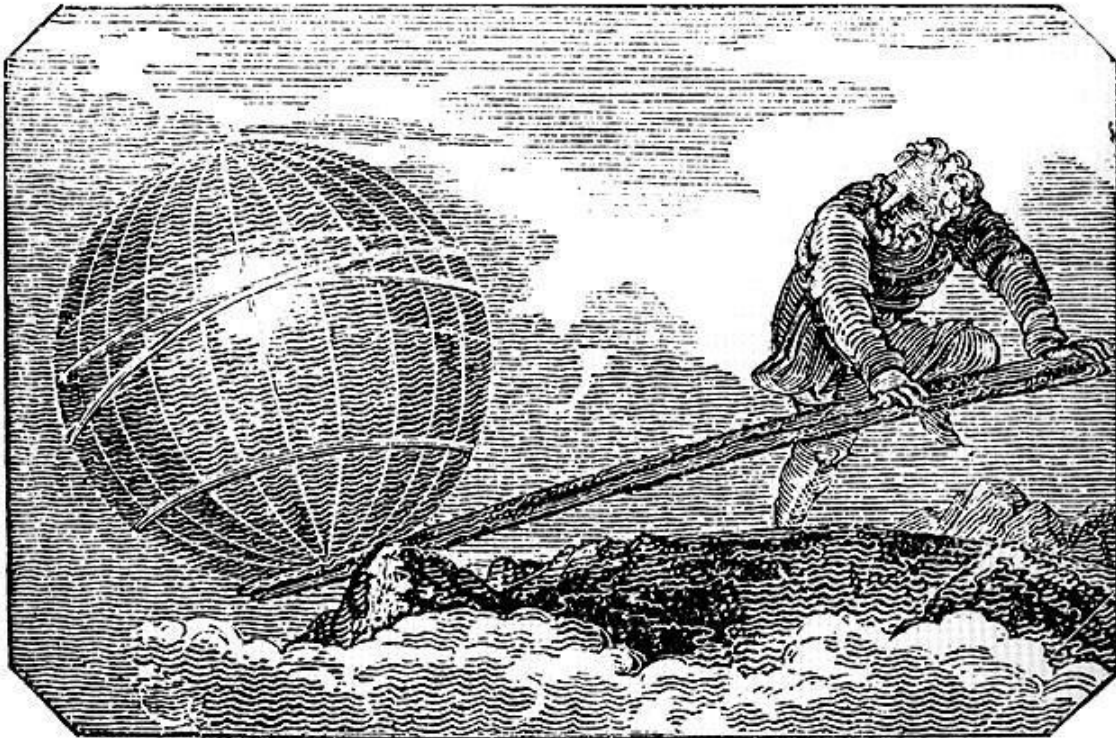
Risktaking

Attitude

ARCHIMEDES CLUB will begin its activities next week! The first meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, October 26** from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in Room 209. Invitations will be sent out on Monday, October 25, in your homerooms. Subsequent meetings will be held after school as follows:

Junior Archimedes Club will meet on Wednesdays – For Grade 7 & 8 students
Senior Archimedes Club will meet on Tuesdays – For Grade 9, 10, & 11 students

Archimedes said, "Give me a place to stand, and I will move the Earth!" What did he mean when he said this? If you have studied mechanics, you will know that the levers can be used to exert a large force over a small distance at one end by exerting only a small force over a greater distance at the other.



The idea:



Let's move the Earth together by learning the ways of reason and logic! Join us!

FYP NEWS



1ES Super Star Authors Share Their Stories!

If you had walked past the Grade One classroom on Tuesday you would have felt the energy buzzing, and saw the students dressed in their celebration clothes-- for Tuesday was the first Grade One Author's Celebration of this year!

Twenty excited Grade One authors celebrated their accomplishment of choosing one piece of their writing, revising it, editing it and publishing it!

Throughout the term, the children have been learning about good qualities of writing (what real authors do), elements of a personal narrative and the importance of capturing their audience's attention with an interesting lead. Our Grade Four buddies, teachers, parents, grandparents and younger siblings came to our celebration to listen to the stories and give out praise to the authors for a job well done. A great big thank you to everyone who came to support the Grade One students. I know it made the day a memorable one for our young authors. Please enjoy the pictures below.

I'm so very proud of you, Grade One!!

☺ Ms. Springett

The Authors



Sharing with our Grade Four buddy classes



Sharing with Parents, grandparents and younger siblings



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES IN FYP

During the first week of November the FYP teachers will be hosting Parent/Teacher Conferences.

The Pre-school meetings will be scheduled on Tuesday, November 2nd and Wednesday, November 3rd, from 3:30 to 7:00 pm.

The Kindergarten to Grade 5 meetings will occur on Wednesday, November 3rd from 3:30-7:30pm.

Sign up sheets will be posted outside each teacher's classroom on Wednesday, October 27th. Please feel free to sign up for a time slot if you would like to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

GRADE 2 FRIENDSHIP UNIT OF INQUIRY.



A FRIEND IS..



WE GOT YOU ASIA!

AHHHHHHHHHH
HHHHHHH

SOMEONE WHO WILL CATCH YOU WHEN YOU FALL.

A FRIENDSHIP NEEDS A SOLID FOUNDATION JUST LIKE A BUILDING NEEDS A SOLID FOUNDATION!



THIS IS SO MUCH FUN!
OUR BUILDING IS GREAT!

YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND.

BUT IF YOU DON'T COMMUNICATE, YOUR FRIENDSHIP TOWER CAN FALL APART.



OH NO!

OOOOOPS!



WE NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN ADDING EACH PIECE.

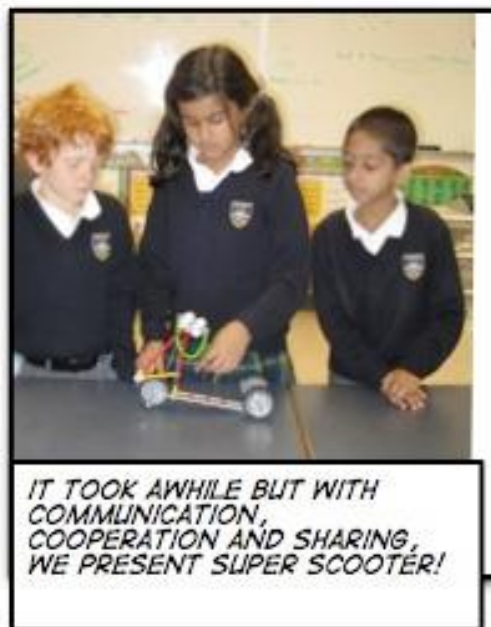
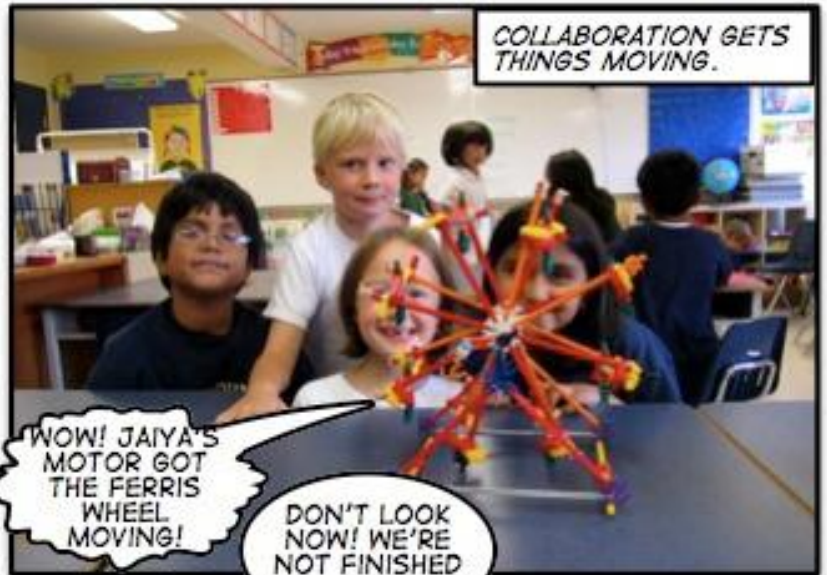
THE FOUNDATION IS STABLE.

WITH A GOOD FRIEND, THE SKY IS THE LIMIT.



WHAT DESIGN DO YOU LIKE BEST, CARLIE?

OUR FINAL PROJECT WAS TO WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD AN AMAZING STRUCTURE OF OUR OWN CHOOSING.



ATTENTION SPONSORS & DONORS

Please get your forms in early.
Midpointe advertisements for
sponsors begin next week.

Every cent goes 
towards the new school!

Go to our website to download
the forms under News/Events.

**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

ELEMENTARY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Our team demonstrated amazing skill against their competitors, Southridge and York House. Upon arrival, the girls had a confident demeanor, started their professional-looking warm up ready to dominate. You only need to see them perform and hear their vibrant cheers to know we have a team of talented, young upcoming volleyball players. Going into their first match against Southridge the girls fell short by 2 points in the first set; however, dominated the second set with much improvement, taking the win! The second game against York House had us communicating well which allowed us to tie our game! All of the players had equal playing time and showed enormous improvement. See you all at the SFU game tonight--7:00 p.m.--now there's our real competition!!!

Submitted by Ms. Huber

Elementary Soccer Team

The elementary boys soccer team continued their winning ways by dismantling St. George's 3-0. The boys were well supported by some dedicated supporters and the team's new #1 fan, Mr. Lum. The team goes to the All-Day tournament next week in the hopes of securing a second consecutive championship. Well done, boys!

Coach Lupton & Coach Ross

ELEMENTARY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Congratulations to the cross country runners who competed at the Pumpkin Run yesterday afternoon at Ambleside Park in West Vancouver. We had a total of 10 runners compete in an exciting and festive meet. The run consisted of a 1.5km race, where runners had to jump over hurdles, cross soccer fields, and pass through a Halloween obstacle course! The following Southpointe athletes ran solid races and showed great team spirit: **Carson Almrud, Adelia Bailey, Hillyard Carson, Maks Nowak, Chris Pake, Chloe Cuthbert, and Angus Hodgins. Chris Pope, Jim Marsden, and Harrison Almrud** all won pumpkins for finishing in the top three in their respective age groups! A special thanks to Mr. Marsden (photographer) as well as Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Bailey, and Mrs. Almrud for driving the students to and from the meet.

Our next and final scheduled meet is the ISEA Cross Country Championships which takes place on Tuesday, November 2nd.

Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Locke

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).



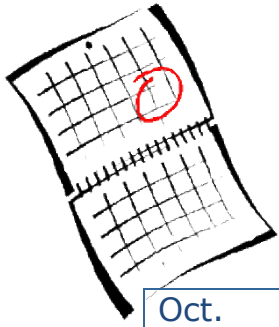
SPORTS CALENDAR



October 21 – November 4

Oct. 22 Friday	ISA Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament at Brentwood College, Mill Bay, located on Vancouver Island
Oct. 23 Saturday	ISA Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament at Brentwood College, Mill Bay, located on Vancouver Island.
Oct. 26 Tue	Sr. Boys Soccer – Playoff Elimination Game held at Norseman Field in North Vancouver
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 3:30pm – 7:00pm - Sr. Girls Volleyball vs BCAA & FVAA at the Church
Oct. 29 Friday	GVISAA Sr. Boys Soccer Final Four ISA Gr. 7 & 8 Girls Volleyball Tournament at York House School ISA Sr. Girls Volleyball Tournament at Crofton House School
Oct. 30 Saturday	Elementary Cross Country Meet at Aldergrove Lake Park, Aldergrove ISA Sr. Girls Volleyball Tournament at Crofton House School
Nov. 2 Tuesday	ISEA Cross Country Meet hosted by York House at Quilchena Park, Vancouver Sr. Girls Volleyball Playoff Game
Nov. 4 Thursday	GVISAA Sr. Girls Volleyball Championships at Harry Jerome Centre, Burnaby





CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

October 21 – November 4

Oct. 22 Friday	*<u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u>* – “TEACHER ONLY DAY”
Oct. 25 – 29 Mon. – Fri.	“Spirit Week” organized by the Prefects
Oct. 25 Monday	8:45am – 10:15am - PreK 3 Field Trip to Westham Island 12:45pm – 2:15pm – PreK 4 Field Trip to Westham Island
Oct. 26 Tuesday	11:30am –onwards – Artona Picture Re-Take Day, #1 Uniform required for photo 7:00pm – Potluck Dinner for Gr. 7 Parents at Gunn House
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.”
Oct. 29 Friday	Spirit Week wraps up with a “Halloween Theme Day”
Nov. 1 Monday	8:00am – 3:00pm - Gr. 6 Field Trip to the Vancouver Aquarium
Nov. 2 Tuesday	3:30pm – 7:30pm – Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 3 Wednesday	Gr. 5 Field Trip to the Vancouver Airport 3:30 - 7:30pm –FYP Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 5 Friday	Gala Theme Day – “Be a STAR!!” Bring a Toonie to support the Gala