



Southlands School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Southlands School Community,

Welcome to the month of May! As we work through our programs and plan for our year-end celebrations, we are reminded of all the hard work our staff, students, and parents have done to make this year such a success to date!

Grade 7 IB Exhibition

Grade 7 students are planning their **Primary Years Program, International Baccalaureate Exhibition on Tuesday, May 16th**. They are all working hard and looking forward to sharing their learning from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Library.

Grade 7 Graduation Ceremonies - will take place on Tuesday June 20th at 1:30pm.

At this time, please join us in acknowledging our Grade 7 group. These students have undertaken a variety of leadership roles throughout the school year: Pedestrian Safety Monitors, Assembly Set-Up Teams, Lunch and Fruit & Veggie Monitors, Morning Announcement Mentors, Runners for Photo day and Immunizations; we thank all of you!

Gymnastics

Our upcoming Physical Education program in Gymnastics is funded in part by our PAC as was our amazing Hip Hop dance series. Our wonderful Gardening Program has also been funded by parents. **Many thanks to our PAC for the generous funding of these engaging educational opportunities for students.**

Talent Show

Students showcased their amazing talents in our annual Talent Show. We have some wonderful singers, dancers, pianists, magicians and gymnasts in our school. Many thanks to parents who attended and to Mr. Dyer who organized the show in collaboration with Mr. Jung, Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. King, who are also part of the talent show team. **Congratulations to all students who bravely participated in the Talent Show.**

Volunteer Appreciation Invitation

Staff and students at Southlands wish to extend heartfelt thanks to our wonderful PAC and parent volunteers who support so many important opportunities for our students: Choir and Recorder Groups, Early Literacy Initiatives, Grade 7 Graduation, Traffic Safety, Raising Funds for the Music and Garden Programs, Coaching Teams, Driving for Field Trips, Hot Lunch Programs, Producing the Yearbook and so many more events throughout the year! **All volunteers are invited to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Event on Friday May 12th from 8:30—9:00am.** The event will be followed by an Assembly which all volunteers are invited to attend.

Emergency Drills

At Southlands we practice safety drills throughout the year to help our students know what to do in an emergency. **On Thursday, May 4, at 2:00pm 2017 Southlands participated in the annual VSB district wide Big One @ 2 emergency Earthquake Drill.** This year we asked for parents to volunteer to participate in the student release part of the drill. Many thanks to all parents who participated and gave valuable feedback about the drill procedures. Our students did a wonderful job of clearing the building efficiently and our **Search and Rescue Team** were able to successfully practice their skills.

Sports Day

Looking further ahead, **Sports Day is scheduled for June 16th, rain or shine.** We will be outside if at all possible but we have developed an alternate plan if it is too wet. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately; hat, sun screen, water bottle, shorts, t-shirt, runners, rain gear. The Southlands PAC will be providing the students with lunch and treats. For parents, a concession stand will be operated by the PAC and they will have donuts, coffee, hotdogs, hamburgers, water, etc. for sale.

"Care for self, Care for others, Care for this place."

Fun Run for Kids

Ms. Swain is hoping to form a team to run in the **Fun Run for Kids at Queen Elizabeth Park, Sunday, June 4, 9am**. The event is to raise funds for B.C. Children's Hospital. Parent volunteers are invited to join for am practices, details to follow.

IB Corner



Integrity is how you act when no one is watching, when no one knows what you're doing. It's always telling the truth, clearing up misconceptions or partial truths. It's never knowingly hurting anybody or anything. -Steven W. Vannoy

PYP Attitude

This month, we are focusing on the attitude integrity. Having integrity means having a firm sense of fairness and honesty (IBO).

Ways you can help instill integrity in your child include setting a good example, walking them through the steps of acting with integrity, sharing stories of other people acting with integrity, and discussing current events. If a store clerk returns the incorrect change, let them know. If you dent another car in the parking lot, leave a note. If you accidentally rip a library book, inform the librarian. If your child picks a neighbour's flowers without permission, help them apologize. If your child has a commitment, help them follow through even if something more exciting comes along. Talk about the time you broke a window and worked hard to pay for it. Talk about the time your grandmother took a second job to earn enough money to buy Christmas presents. Find examples of community leaders acting with integrity, and the long-term consequences of the actions of those who didn't.

Book Donations

We are continuing to expand our small collection of multilingual books, as we want our collection to represent the languages spoken by our school community. This is an ongoing project, and we always gratefully welcome donations of new or

gently used books in languages other than English.



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 9	BC Elections in the Gym
May 12	Volunteer Breakfast 8:30 am Assembly 9:15 am
May 12	Hot Dog Lunch
May 16	Grade 7 PYP, IB Exhibition
May 17	Fieldtrip G7 the Science of Fun – Playland
May 18	Gardening Workshops
May 19	Gardening Workshops
May 19	Pizza Lunch
May 22	Victoria Day Holiday School Closed
May 25	Kindergarten Fieldtrip London Farm 9-12:15
May 26	Hot Dog Lunch
May 29	Gymnastics Begins
May 30	Subway Lunch

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