

# SOUTHRIDGE NEWS

Southridge Elementary: <https://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/srdg/Pages/default.aspx>

7300 Southridge Avenue

## Upcoming Events

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Multicultural Day Assembly 9:00-10:00 am

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Relay Competition (afternoon)

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal at 1:30 for Student Portfolios or P/T interviews

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7 Restaurant Day

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 Immunizations 9:00-10:00 am

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Welcome to Kindergarten 8:45-10:30am

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Victoria Day (no school for students)

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Southridge's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party  
1:00 – 2:00 pm

May 31<sup>st</sup> – NID Day (no school for students)

June 10<sup>th</sup> – Primary Report Card Writing Day (no school for K-3 students)

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Graduation

June 17<sup>th</sup> – Intermediate Report Card Writing Day (no school for intermediate students grades 4-7)

June 21<sup>st</sup> – Indigenous Summer Games

June 25<sup>th</sup> – CHSS Grade 7 Orientation

June 27<sup>th</sup> - Last day of school and Year End Assembly 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

## Southridge Administration Team Report

It's hard to believe that we are into May!! Southridge excelled in standardized testing both provincially and nationally!! These assessments involve Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Southridge is the top public school in these areas in Prince George!! In addition, stay tuned to CKPG to see our successful 2019 Quiz Me team!! Congratulations Southridge students, staff, and the whole school community for your continuous learning and the GREAT work you do!! As the old cliché states, *hard work pays off*!! We are so proud of our school and how we put our motto into action:

*Learning Together for All!*

We look forward to many celebrations in May and June. Please see the upcoming events and valuable opportunities available at Southridge. A warm welcome goes out to Mr. MacIver for joining our team and being our Acting Vice Principal until Mr. Lee begins on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Southridge 2018 – 2019 Staff

**Kindergarten Teachers:** Mrs. Stratton & Mrs. Fast

**Primary Teachers:** Ms. Robilliard, Ms. Rekdal, Ms. Giffen, Ms. Patenaude, Mrs. MacLeod, Mrs. Fillion

**Intermediate Teachers:** Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Aalto, Mrs. Seiter, Mr. Bellavance, Mr. Hollybow Mr. O'Driscoll, Mr. Clough

**Support Teachers:** Mrs. Doll, Mrs. O'Driscoll, Mrs. Haseldine, Mrs. Chng, Mrs. Laupitz, Ms. Buydens

**Educational Assistants:** Mrs. Dubois, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Kozak, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. MacIntyre, Mrs. Bourguignon, Mrs. Tomm, Mrs. Asmussen, Mrs. Giesbrecht, Mrs. Mantler, Ms. Gladwin, Ms. Pikola, Mr. Forster, Ms. Winder

**Ab. Ed. Worker:** Mr. Parmar

**Senior Secretary:** Mrs. Dowhy

**Clerical:** Mrs. Clark

**Custodians:** Mr. Thomas, Mr. Farrell

**Vice Principal:** Mr. Lee (Mr. MacIver, Acting VP)

**Principal:** Mrs. Johnston

### Student Absences

If your student is going to be away from school or late, please contact the school office (250-964-3544). This will ensure your student's information is entered into our computer system but, more importantly, the school knows your child is safe ☺. The school office also has a voice messaging system in place and it is checked regularly. Parents or guardians may leave a message any time, day or night.

### Journey to Kindergarten Sessions

There are 3 sessions in this series and will be at both the Hart & downtown locations.

a Journeying to Kindergarten		
a All sessions will be held at the Prince George Public Library		
a Session 1 – Kindergarten readiness & how to support your child’s learning before kindergarten		
a Bob Harkins (downtown)	a Thursday, February 28	7:00-8:30 pm
a Nechako (Hart)	a Friday, March 1	7:00-8:30 pm
a Session 2 – What is social emotional learning and why is it so important for kindergarten?		
a Bob Harkins (downtown)	a Thursday, May 16	7:00-8:30 pm
a Nechako (Hart)	a Friday, May 17	7:00-8:30 pm
a Session 3 – Tips and tricks of the first week of kindergarten & a celebration of your child’s early learning journey.		
a Nechako (Hart)	a Monday, June 17	7:00-8:30 pm
a Bob Harkins (downtown)	a Tuesday, June 18	7:00-8:30 pm

If you have a social media page the series can also be shared by following this link to the events page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PGStrongStart/>

**Southridge will be having our annual Welcome to Kindergarten morning on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 – 10:30☺☺**

### School Activities

There are many fun activities and events happening regularly at Southridge School to support all areas of learning. *Maker Education, band, music, calligraphy, leadership* and many *athletic* opportunities. Currently students are involved in Relays. Southridge was very successful this year in Quiz Me (Congratulations!!) and Gardening Club is underway. Please stay tuned for all of the curricular and extra-curricular activities at Southridge School!

## Red Cedar



The Southridge Red Cedar team tied in 4<sup>th</sup> position at the Red Cedar Battle. Congratulations!!!

## Southridge T-shirts

Southridge t-shirts are available at the office. They are \$15.00 each.

## Safer Schools

**Please see the following policies for further information about safety in our school:**

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/6179.pdf>

[http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3541.35 Winter Weather.pdf](http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3541.35%20Winter%20Weather.pdf)

[http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/5131 District Code of Student Conduct.pdf](http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/5131%20District%20Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf)

[http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3542.3 Healthy Food Choices in Schools.pdf](http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3542.3%20Healthy%20Food%20Choices%20in%20Schools.pdf)

## Safety in the Circle

With such a busy circle every morning and after school, along with the icy conditions, it is very important for us to keep your children's safety paramount. A rule of thumb we have at Southridge is "safety is more important than your children being a few minutes late". Just a couple reminders:

1. Please park in a space where backing up is not necessary, to drive in and drive out - all in the forward motion. It is understood that everyone is busy and we have a large school; however, putting a car in reverse brings unnecessary risk to the children that could be behind it.
2. Please refrain from dropping children off in the drive through lane and drop off only in the closest lane to the sidewalk to ensure our students get to their class as safely as possible.

*Traffic Circle Safety Team*

## Ways to Follow Southridge On-Line

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/srdg/Pages/default.aspx>

School Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthridgeElementaryPG/>

SRDG PAC Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/341230106473349/>



**CONGRATULATIONS QUIZ ME TEAM!!!**



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# Over the Ridge Gardens

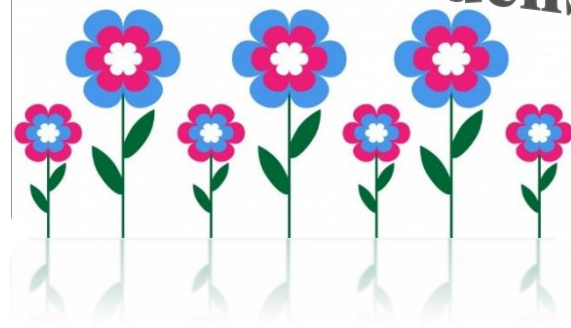
## OVER THE RIDGE GARDEN NEWS

April is full of garden planning and a little planting too! Our Garden Club, which rotates for grades 1-7, started April 15<sup>th</sup> at lunch. Seeds will be planted by on April 29<sup>th</sup> for our mini-greenhouses.

Our outside projects include turning our raised beds and adding fresh soil to increase nutrients and boost plant success. While the students may get a little dirty, it all equals increased growth!

Keep a watch out in early May for our kickback fundraiser flyer. Our garden gets a 20% kickback from bedding plant materials that you purchase at our local Art Knapp's. Their amazing selection right up the road ensures a great start in all our gardens!

If you would like to help and learn a little too (no experience required), join us by emailing [southridgegarden@gmail.com](mailto:southridgegarden@gmail.com) to receive information. See you in the gardens!



**SEEKING PARENT / GUARDIAN WHO IS INTERESTED IN SITTING ON OUR ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

Hadih from the Aboriginal Education Department!

We are excited to announce that we are searching for additional members for our Aboriginal Education Committee. We are looking for 3 additional parent(s) / guardian(s) of an off-reserve student who is self-identified as having Aboriginal ancestry.

Parent / guardian representatives sit on the committee with representatives from Lheidli T'enneh Band, McLeod Lake Indian Band, Métis and Elders in helping us meet the needs of all learners in our district.

More information can be found on our website: [www.abed.sd57.bc.ca](http://www.abed.sd57.bc.ca)

If you are interested in participating in this committee, please submit a letter of interest by May 31, 2019 via mail or email to:

Aboriginal Education Department  
Attention: Madeleine Crandell  
#102—155 McDermid Drive  
Prince George, BC V2M 4T8

Phone: (250) 562-4843  
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