

PAC Administrators Report

September 2026

Dear Southgate Families,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Southgate Middle School. It has been wonderful to see our students return with enthusiasm, reconnect with friends, and settle into their learning communities. We are looking forward to another year of growth, achievement, and connection as we continue working together to support student success.

Our administration team remains unchanged this year, with Mike Munsie returning as Principal and Christine Middleton continuing in her role as Vice Principal. We are grateful for the strong partnerships we have built with students, staff, families, and the broader community, and we look forward to continuing that work throughout the year.

Our Student Achievement Plan is available on the Southgate website and will undergo a review process this year. A particular focus of this review will be gathering and incorporating student voice, especially as it relates to observable outcomes and meaningful measures of success. We believe that students play a critical role in helping us understand the impact of our work and identifying areas for continued growth.

We are pleased to continue many of the initiatives that have become important parts of our school community, including:

The Southgate Wetlands Project – This project is nearing the end of the consultation phase. Our next steps will involve exploring grant opportunities for future construction, in partnership with the district and potential community partners.

Extracurricular Opportunities – Many clubs and activities are already underway, and we are excited to see students engaging in a wide variety of interests.

The Gator Den Canteen – The Gator Den is up and running and continues to be a valued part of our school culture.

SPAC (Student Principal Advisory Council) – Teachers will soon be identifying student representatives, allowing this important student voice initiative to continue this year.

There are also several updates and developments to share:

The optional \$20 donation for students participating on Southgate sports teams will continue this year.

Athletics has seen some restructuring in league formats, particularly in volleyball, with a greater emphasis on tournament-style play days rather than single-site games.

We have been working closely with BC Transit to address concerns related to student use of the city bus stop. We have already seen positive improvements during the opening weeks of the school year.

Our district carpenters recently completed a beautiful feature wall in the school foyer, which will serve as a display space for artwork created by Indigenous artists who have meaningful connections to Southgate Middle School.

September has already provided many opportunities for students to connect and contribute:

Student Photo Day was a success and provided a great opportunity to capture this year's school memories.

Our Terry Fox Run brought students and staff together in support of an important cause. As of last Friday, Southgate had already raised over \$1,000 through fundraising efforts.

We were thrilled to welcome the **Tour de Rock** riders to Southgate this month. Through the generosity of our school community, students and families contributed nearly \$800 in support of childhood cancer research and support programs.

Looking ahead, we have several important events on the horizon:

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation learning activities and events on and around September 30.

Student-Led Conferences on November 2.

Remembrance Day learning and commemorative activities in November.

We would also like to thank our Parent Advisory Council for their ongoing support of Southgate Middle School. The PAC plays an important role in strengthening connections between home and school, supporting student experiences, and helping build a strong sense of community. We encourage families to attend PAC meetings, share their perspectives, and get involved in the many opportunities to support our students throughout the year. Your engagement and partnership make a meaningful difference in the success of our school.

There is much to look forward to this year. Thank you for your continued support of Southgate Middle School and for the important role you play in our school community. Together, we can continue to create a learning environment where all students feel supported, challenged, and inspired to succeed.

Sincerely,

Mike Munsie and Christine Middleton
Administration, Southgate Middle School