

SCIDES Newsletter to Students and Parents

September 2016

South Central Interior Distance Education School
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September is Orientation (Study Skills) Month at SCIDES

Dates to Remember:

***Sep 6, 2016**

First official day of school year

Change back to Regular Hours of Operation:
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

***Sep 13, 2016**

PAC meeting 6:00pm
Contact: Yvonne Kloska
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***Sep 20, 2016**

Your life online by Merlyn Horton
At Merritt Secondary School 6:30pm
(TBA for online access to event)

***Sep 28, 2016**

Open House at the Kengard Learning Centre
Home of SCIDES & CLC
2475 Merritt Avenue
Merritt BC
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

***Sep 30, 2016**

Orange Shirt Day

***Oct 10, 2016**

Thanksgiving Holiday - SCIDES office closed

***Oct 21, 2016**

Non-Instructional Day
No teachers available

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Welcome back to the official start of the new school year !

Meet your Principal & your Teachers


Principal:

Ms Colleen Mullin

Teachers:

Joan Wheeler – Program Advisor grades 10-12 and Adults
Anita Sahota – grades K-3 and Elementary Program Advisor
Sheldon Stuttard – grades 4-7
Sarah Eves – Support Services and Trades programs
Gareth Tilt – Secondary Science and some Mathematics and TIC
Robert French – Secondary Mathematics
Liz Moore – Secondary English
Liana Tilt – grades 8/9 and Science 10/Foods/AW Math
Jenny Stirling – Program Advisor Grades 8/9 and Secondary electives
Jesika Tesar-Valois – Languages
Russell Willey – Social Studies/Planning/History/IDS
Mo Ollek – Marketing/Music/Accounting/Earth Science
Jenny Morrison – Insight Support Services grades K-9
Melissa Cadwaladr – Insight Support Services/Learning support
Michael Foster – Penticton Centre – Grades K-9

A special welcome to Jesika Tesar-Valois – the new Languages Teacher at SCIDES !

HARDEST JOB EVER: 
Working in a bubble wrap factory.
Imagine the self control needed.

Orientation Month at SCIDES

Check out the SCIDES blog for information and study tips such as: “Chew gum. Yes, you read that right – let your kids chew gum while they’re studying.” See how it works at:

<http://scides.org/contact-us/blog/entry/study-tips-for-students-in-grades-k-9>

In our last blog post, we talked about study and success tips for students in Grades K-9. This month, we want to tell our students in Grades 10-12 how to settle into the new school year, get the most out of their experience at SCIDES, and have a successful academic year. Read the rest of this posting at:

<http://scides.org/contact-us/blog>

NEW CURRICULUM UPDATES

We are excited to be using the new K – 9 Curriculum this school year. We have been very busy preparing our new courses and we hope you enjoy them as much as we enjoyed building them. We look forward to your feedback!

At SCIDES, we believe our program offers greater flexibility for teachers and parents, while allowing space and time for students to develop their skills as well as explore their passions and interests.

The Ministry of Education website has lots of information on all the new curriculum

For more details on the new K – 9 Curriculum go to:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum>

For details on the proposed DRAFT 10 – 12 Curriculum (proposed implementation date September 2017) go to:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/10-12>

This year will be a Provincial Exam Transition Year. Please see this link for details on the new graduation program and provincial exam expectations:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/graduation-info>

“The shinbone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.” – *Unknown*

YOUR LIFE ONLINE?



**WITH
MERLYN HORTON**

**For students, parents,
teachers and community
members**

WHEN

**September 20, 2016
6:30 pm - 8 pm**

WHERE

Merritt Secondary School

Presented by DPAC and SD 58



We believe that parents and teachers are a critical part of the solutions to online harm. Parenting today is challenging with children and youth involved in online technologies at earlier and earlier ages. While quick adopters of new technologies, youth are still amateur users without guidance of their elders. We can help you effectively keep up with technology and meet the challenges you are facing. Our parenting workshops will give you ideas, tools and practical ideas to make your home and children safer. Parent advisory, grandparent, new parent and foster parent groups can all become better informed participants in their children's online worlds.

Topic covered include:

- Popular Social Media and Apps
- Permanent digital reputations and their implications
- Gaming positives and negatives
- Online drama and abuse
- Sexting and other hot topics

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We are here to help.

Phone, email, drop in . . . we take great pride in our service to students. Specialist teachers, tutors, advisors and an amazing clerical staff are all here to make your experience with our school a positive and productive one.