

SCIDES Newsletter to Students and Parents

OCTOBER 2016

South Central Interior Distance Education School
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October is Art Month Month at SCIDES

Dates to Remember:

***Oct 18, 2016**

SCIDES PAC meeting 6:00 pm
Contact Colleen Mullin for the
Teleconference numbers –
cmullin@365.sd58.bc.ca

***Oct 19, 2016**

4 Cats Studio – 10:00 am to 12 noon

***Oct 20, 2016**

4 Cats Studio – 10:00 am to 12 noon

***Oct 21, 2016**

Non-Instructional Day
No teachers available

***Oct 26 2016**

Sagebrush Theatre: Tiller's Folly
10:45 – 11:45 am

***Nov 2 & 3, 2016**

Foodsafe course at KLC – please contact
Mr. Robert French – rfrench@365.sd58.bc.ca

***Nov 9, 2016**

Nutrition Talk at KLC – please contact
Mr. Robert French – rfrench@365.sd58.bc.ca

***Nov 11, 2016**

Remembrance Day – SCIDES office closed

***Nov 18, 2016**

Term 1 ends

***Nov 28, 2016**

Term 1 report cards go home

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What is Art?

The dictionary defines it as: the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power: *the art of the Renaissance | great art is concerned with moral imperfections | she studied art in Paris.*

The 4 Cats Art Studio

We have booked some upcoming art sessions in Kamloops!

Date: Wednesday, October 19th

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: 4 Cats Art Studio

Address: 250 Victoria Street - Kamloops

Artistic Medium: earth clay

Audience: Grade 5ish - 9

Date: Thursday, October 20th

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: 4 Cats Art Studio

Address: 250 Victoria Street - Kamloops

Artistic Medium: polymer clay

Audience: Grade K - 5ish

This invitation is for grade K-9 students. We have limited seats available for students that will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. **Please RSVP Jenny Morrison at jmorrison@365.sd58.bc.ca by October 14, 2016 to reserve a spot for this upcoming activity.**

Young People's Concert Society

Our YP concerts are starting up again thanks to the PAC. The first of a series of 4 concerts is:

Date: Wednesday, October 26th

Time: 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. (Please arrive by 10:30 a.m.)

Location: Sagebrush Theatre, Kamloops

Title: Tiller's Folly

Description: This Vancouver-based ensemble performs high-energy acoustic roots music with Pacific Northwest Flair. Tiller's Folly uses a mixture of stunning multimedia, featuring stills and film including archive film and photographic images, original songs and storytelling to educate, entertain and engage the students' awareness and interest in the background of this amazing place we live in today, British Columbia.

Audience: Grade 1 to Grade 7 students

This invitation is for elementary students. We have seats available for students and parents that will be given out on a first come first serve basis. Please RSVP Jenny Morrison at jmorrison@365.sd58.bc.ca by October 21, 2016 to reserve a spot for this upcoming performance.

The second concert is in February, the third is in April and the fourth is in May. Information will be posted before each concert.

DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

All SCIDES full-time students (K-12) are required to be recording DPA as part of the Ministry of Education's graduation requirements. **Daily Physical Activity** is defined as endurance, strength and/or flexibility activities done on a daily basis. Students should be reporting evidence of DPA monthly to SCIDES.

For further details:

Grade K-7 students please contact your teacher

Grade 8 & 9 students see your moodle homeroom course listed under "mycourses"

Grade 10-12 students see your moodle DPA 10-12 course listed under "mycourses"

Mrs. Liana Tilt

SCIDES : Science, Math, and Health Electives Teacher

250-315-1203 or (toll free) 1-800-663-3536



Core Competencies

Your teacher will be in touch with you soon to discuss a new feature of the revised BC curriculum. The core competencies are intellectual, personal, and social skills that all students need to develop for success in life beyond school. By the end of the year students will be expected to self reflect as to where they see themselves fitting on the Core Competencies continuums.

Information on the Core Competencies, including profiles and illustrations, are available at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

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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 the clerical staff are all here to make your experience with our school a positive and productive one.



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Art is not what you see, but
what you make others see.

Edgar Degas



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September 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Threat Assessment

The safety of our children is a top priority for us all. I want to make you aware that as a school system, we have recently been involved in intensive safety training with our community partners – the RCMP, Child & Youth Mental Health, and the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Together we have developed a district plan for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

I want to inform you that our new policy requires principals to activate a multidisciplinary “threat assessment” protocol in all cases of students making significant high level threats to harm themselves or others. The policy #506.0 is available on the school district website at www.sd58.bc.ca.

The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support high risk students so that their behavior does not become harmful or destructive. If your child comes home and tells you that a student has behaved in a threatening way at school, please let the school know immediately, and the principal will take measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please be assured that the new policy is being followed and that the goal is safety.

This letter is intended to inform you that as a school community, we will not accept “no response” to a serious threat. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment.

Sincerely,

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Stephen McNiven
Superintendent of Schools

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*Message from
Education Minister Mike Bernier*

October 4, 2016

Dear Parent,

I'm writing today to ask you to share your opinions with the Ministry of Education as we work to update student reporting in kindergarten through Grade 9. Students in these grades are experiencing B.C.'s new curriculum in classrooms in every part of the province.

We are adapting the curriculum in B.C. schools so kids learn the skills they need to succeed in our changing world. This means we also need to develop a new reporting approach. Right now the progress of your child is reported in many different ways, including report cards, parent teacher meetings, and regular student/parent/teacher check-ins.

Reporting is all about keeping parents like you informed, and we want you to tell us HOW you want to be informed and keep track of your child's progress. Until February 28 next year you can submit your thoughts online at engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress.

As well, community meetings will be held in 10 communities across the province over the coming months so parents can ask questions and share their input. Check the website for times and locations as they are scheduled.

The ultimate goal of this engagement is to develop a student reporting process that gives families a deeper understanding of their child's progress at school through timely and comprehensive information. We'll gather the feedback and share our plan next June.

Our education system is one of the most highly ranked in the world. Students are finding success in music, in academics, in sports – and in every subject in between. Together parents, teachers, and the education system are making sure we build on that for an even better tomorrow.

For more details on our new curriculum, please visit www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca.

Thanks for your help,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Bernier".

Mike Bernier
Minister of Education

