



DECEMBER NEWS

SRPSD DISTANCE LEARNING CENTRE

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November was a busy month at the DLC filled with fun school activities and assessment. Thank you to everyone who participated in our hat day and Education Week activities. Also, a huge shout out to our grade 5/6 class, Miss Jordan, and Mr. Bennington for hosting our **Caring from a Distance** initiative. What a great way to bring our school community together!

Assessment and reporting was a focus for K-12 in November. All of you should have received your child's report card or family growth plan by now. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Moving into December it's important that our students stay focused on their learning as there are only 3 weeks until the break. Please check out the fun things we have planned for December.

Finally, I would like to welcome Mrs. McConechy as Educational Support Teacher to our DLC Staff Team. She is excited to begin working with families.

- Carrie Grant-Walker, Principal



HIGH SCHOOL

Do you know what classes you need to graduate?

Join us on **December 8 at 6 pm** for a short presentation. Patricia Bibby, the Data & High School Learning Consultant for SRPSD, will discuss which credits are needed to graduate.

All students and parents are welcome to attend.

Students should check their email regularly for school-based information.

BLOCK 3

Grade 9 Courses

Social Studies
PAA



Grade 10-12 Classes

History 10
Life Transitions 30
Math 20 Foundations
Physical Science 20
Physics 30
English B30

Block dates: Jan. 4- March 5
Mid Block Reports - Jan. 26
Interviews - Jan. 28

Need help logging into high school courses?
Check out our website for instructions under the high school tab. <https://dlc.srsd119.ca/>

KEY DATES

December 1- 8- OurSchool Survey is Open

December 2 - Jersey Day

December 4 - Clothing Sale Closes

<https://srsddistancelearning2020-21.itemorder.com/sale>

December 8 - High School Zoom Presentation at 6 pm. Link will be emailed prior to the event.

December 16 - Ugly Sweater Day

December 18 - Block 2 Ends

K-8 INFORMATION

Our team continues to grow! We are pleased to have Mrs. McConechy join us as EST for our school. She will be here in the mornings each day and is excited to work with families and teachers on academic programming. Her focus will be with K-8 students to start.

Benefits of Daily Reading with Children

- Vocabulary development & language skills.
- Increased academic achievement.
- Develops imagination & creativity.
- Develops empathy.
- Improved concentration & discipline.
- Creates a strong bond between parent and child.
- Cognitive development is supported.
- Improved social skills and interaction

Just a reminder that google meets or zoom meetings are mandatory for all students.

Teachers take attendance each day. As well, the work posted by teachers must be completed in a timely manner by all students for learning and feedback to occur.

SCHOOL EVENTS

DLC Clothing Store Open until Dec. 4

<https://srpsddistancelearning2020-21.itemorder.com/sale>

Wacky Wednesday Spirit Day K-12

A big thank you to all of the students who took part in our first spirit day which was held on November 4th. We had four great winners who all received a great prize in the mail.

We look forward to our next Wacky Wednesday which will take place on **Wednesday, December 2nd**. The theme of this spirit day will be "**Wear your favorite team jersey day**".

We once again ask all of our students to dress up that day, take a picture of yourself in your jersey and email it to DLCStaff@srsd119.ca. All names will be entered into a draw for 3 prizes.

As a bonus, if you take your picture with a sibling, a parent, or a family member (aunt/uncle, grandma/grandpa, etc) your name will be entered in the draw twice.

We look forward to seeing you in your jerseys.

- Mr. Hazzard

High School Credit System Presentation

- Dec. 8 @ 6 pm - Link will be emailed.

Extra Wacky Wednesday: Ugly Christmas Sweater

Get in the holiday spirit and wear your ugly Christmas sweaters on **Wednesday, December 16**. Send us your photos and we'll post them on our website!

DLCStaff@srsd119.ca

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC)

Are you interested in joining the Distance Learning Centre's **NEW School Community Council**?

All interested parents are invited to join us on **Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 pm**. The meeting will happen over zoom and a link will be emailed in advance. Please contact me if you are interested or if have any questions.

- Carrie Grant-Walker

OURSCHOOL SURVEY

The Distance Learning Centre will be participating in an online school survey for students, parents and guardians called the OurSCHOOL Parent Survey. Information about both surveys can be found below.

The OurSCHOOL Parent Survey:

- Gives you the chance to **provide your feedback anonymously** into school initiatives.
- It's voluntary, but we encourage you to participate, so we get a better understanding how you feel the school supports learning, positive behaviour and promotes a safe and inclusive environment.

The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and must be completed in one sitting. We invite you to review the information below, and complete the survey using the login information provided. The Survey will be open for 1 week from Dec. 1- Dec. 8.

To access the survey, go to <http://www.ourschool.net/dlcparent>

About the OurSCHOOL Student Survey for grades 4-12 only:

- Allows students to share their feedback **anonymously** on their experiences at school, school environment, and school improvement programs.
- Based on their feedback, students have the opportunity to be involved in action plans fostering increased student engagement
- Participation in the survey is **voluntary**, however, all students are encouraged to participate.
- The time required to complete the survey may vary, but it is designed to be completed in approximately 35-40 minutes.
- Students will receive login instructions in the @students.srsd119.ca gmail account and are encouraged to seek help from their classroom teacher if they need assistance.

Survey measures include such topics as behaviours and attitudes linked to student success, emotional and social well-being and physical health.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Mrs. Tait



I have been teaching for the last 20 years, at various schools within our school division. My last position was at Princess Margaret School where I taught Grade 2. I loved Princess Margaret School, and it was a difficult decision, but I was very excited to move to my new position at the Distance Education Centre as the Grade 2 Teacher. It was just the challenge I needed.

When not at school, I am mom of two amazing teenaged daughters, Geneva and Alea. I also have an wonderful husband, Kevin who is the new principal at West Central Public School. Our new addition to our family is our covid miracle dog, Marvin the Schnoodle .He definitely gave us something to look forward to every day. He has kept our minds busy and our hearts full and has put a smile on our faces since the moment we picked him up.

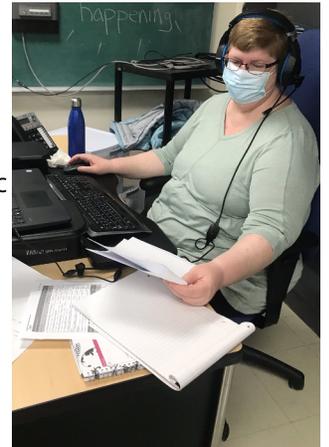
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Mrs. Amy

Hi. My name is Lori Amy. I am a Senior English Language Arts teacher in the Distance Learning Centre this year. I also teach other subjects, like Law, Career Education, and others as requested. I enjoy a new challenge and am learning more about Distance Education every day. My background in education has helped me prepare for this exciting opportunity.

I convoked from the University of Regina with a Bachelor of Arts (Adv) degree in English and Psychology. I then entered the Bachelor of Education After Degree program. Later in life, I earned my Master of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan in Educational Administration. I have now been working in education for over 25 years and have held a variety of different positions, including classroom teacher, guidance counsellor, storefront teacher, differentiated instruction facilitator, diversity education teacher, learning consultant, and now distance education teacher. I have enjoyed working with students from grade 3 to adults! My favourite things about teaching include seeing students excited about learning and building positive relationships. I am excited about all of the things we will learn together through distance learning.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family. My husband and I have 3 children and 1 grandchild (and one on the way). We are pet lovers and currently have 3 dogs, 1 budgie bird and a tank full of fish. Our family enjoys spending time at our cabin at Weyakwin, making music together, watching the Crusaders, Roughriders, Raiders and other teams, and just being together. Take care, everyone.



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Counseling Services - Please contact us if your child would like to continue meeting with their school social worker.

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 or text 686868 or chat online at <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>

CONTACT US

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The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



A lesson from Dr. Suess