

RAVEN'S CALL



Raven Returns the Water

Once, all the water in the land had disappeared. Rivers and lakes were dry. Trees and animals were dying. Raven, the creator, knew she had to find water. She flew over cracked, parched earth. She flew over mountains with no snow. She finally found one green valley, and in the middle of it sat a huge frog with an enormous belly. He had all the world's water inside him. When the giant frog saw Raven, he flicked out his tongue to knock her away, saying, "I'll never share!" While frog's tongue was out though, Raven placed a stone on it that frog then swallowed. Soon frog had a very bad stomach ache. "I will help you, frog, if you promise to share the water."

And so Raven pierced frog's side with her beak, letting out all the water and the stone. She gathered the water together and tucked it under the wing. As she flew around, she let drops fall, then poured the rest back into the lakes and rivers. Frog felt sorry then. He realized that he'd much rather sit on the rock in the water. You can still hear him saying "Sor-ry, Sor-ry." And you can hear Raven call, as she flies overhead, "Rock, rock, rock" to remind frog not to be greedy.

This story was reviewed and acknowledged by local Nicola Valley Elders.

Facts of Interest:

- The common raven is the largest member of the crow family. It lives in wild areas throughout Northern America.
- Ravens may be the most intelligent of all birds, even as smart as a monkey. They like to imitate sounds and can be taught words.
- Ravens perform air acrobatics just for the fun of it. They like to play tug of war and catch with each other.
- In Europe and Asia, the raven is associated with death and darkness. Among some Native American cultures, Raven is the creator/trickster god.

Order your KLC Raven-Logo hoodie today.

If you would like a school hoodie, check the information in your Moodle homeroom or call our office. We will wait for orders of at least 10 before we submit them.



And the Winner is...

Congratulations to the following parents. They've won Tim's gift cards in a draw made after our Parent-Teacher evening on Nov. 1:

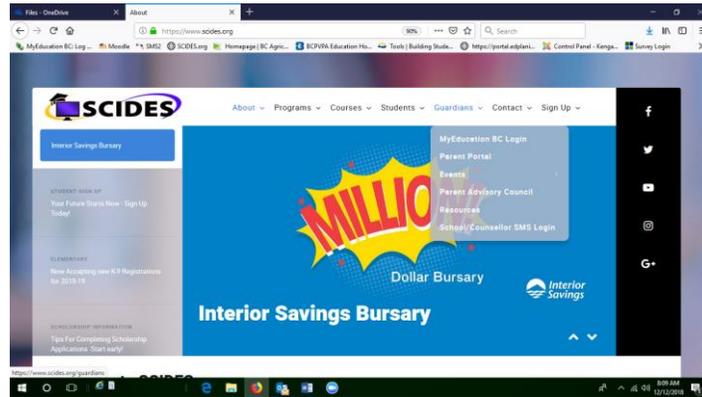
- S. Anderson
- R. Ayton
- J. Cornett-Ching
- G. Eisner
- R. Lawrence

Student ID Cards Available ~ School of Record Students can save money

If either SCIDES or Kengard Alternate are your School of Records, please see Mr. Tilt to get your student ID card. Many businesses offer discounts to students who show their card. Take advantage of the savings now!

Report Cards Are Out

On November 23, KLC sent report cards home. Students in K – 9 and at Kengard Alternate will receive theirs in the mail, and all students can view their report cards on-line. Simply visit our website, scides.org, and log into either MyEd or the SMS Portal. Both information systems can be accessed under "Guardians".



In general, as students complete courses, we enter the data in MyEd. This allows other schools with which your child might be connected to also see their progress in an up-to-date way.

SCIDES is ALWAYS accepting New Enrollments!

SCIDES has ongoing enrollment in our Grades 8 – 12 classes. This means students can start a course anytime; it's one of the flexible features that we are proud of. Of course, we encourage our students to complete their courses in a reasonable time. We do have summer teachers and markers to help support those efforts.

Applying to University? Keep this in Mind

Some of the Post Secondary Institutions in BC changed how they accept courses completed for distance learning schools in the last few years. Any student applying to UBC, SFU and UVic and wanting to use a distributed learning, online course as part of their competitive admission average, must be completely finished their course(s) by earlier dates than the traditional June deadlines. Students are advised to check with Admissions at the Post Secondary they wish to attend.

If students need letters of completion for courses used for admissions purposes, we can help with that. Contact our Registrar.

Did you Know: The Ministry of Education provides many services to students on their 'Student Transcript Service'.

You can use the Student Transcripts Service (STS) to:

- View or order your secondary school transcript
- Send your secondary school transcripts to post-secondary institutions
- Order your graduation certificate
- View your scholarships
- View your provincial exam or graduation assessment results

Numeracy assessment and Literacy assessment

Students on the 2018 graduation program will write the numeracy assessment unless they have previously written the math provincial exam. Contact your School of Record to register for this exam.

You are also most likely to be required to write the literacy assessment which replaces the English 12 provincial exam in the 2019-2020 school year. If you are graduating before this exam, you will be required to write the existing English 12 provincial exam instead.

Graduation Planning has started

Save the date: This year's Graduation Ceremony will be at the Merritt Civic Centre on June 13, 2019. If you are a graduating student and would like to participate in planning the events for that day, please contact your principal, Mrs. Goetz, for information. Our next meeting is Feb. 6 at 12:30.

BC School Sports

SCIDES is pleased to have two competitive athletes this year: one participating in gymnastics, and another in curling. If you are interested in either individual or team competitive sports for the spring, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Gareth Tilt, gtilt@365.sd58.bc.ca

Looking Ahead ~ A few dates to keep in mind:

- Dec. 22 – Jan. 7 – Winter Break
- SCIDES PAC Meetings: Jan. 8, Feb. 12 6 pm
- Kengard Alternate PAC Meetings: Jan. 15, Feb. 19 4:45 pm
- Feb. 18 – Family Day
- March 18 – 29 – Spring Break
- April 19 – Good Friday
- April 22 – Easter Monday
- May 20 – Victoria Day
- May 22 – SD 58 8th Annual Pow wow – KLC is a host!
- May 31 – local scholarship applications due
- June 6 – First Nations Grad Celebration
- June 13 – KLC Grad Celebration



SCIDES office will be closed from December 22, 2018 and will re-open Monday January 7, 2019. (online classrooms remain open but there may be delays with marking and feedback).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff.



Did you know:

If you are a SCIDES School of Record student, you are eligible to receive up to \$600 in the school year to support your learning outside of your SCIDES courses. Ask your teacher about this today!

