

The DLC BUZZ



ENTER THE **SELFIE CHALLENGE**

AND

**WIN A \$50 ITUNES
OR GOOGLE PLAY GC**

C'mon... show us how much fun online learning can be. Tweet or Facebook a quick selfie of you doing something related to your course and you will be entered to win a \$50 iTunes or Google Play gift card.

The more quirky, fun or unique - but always appropriate - the better.

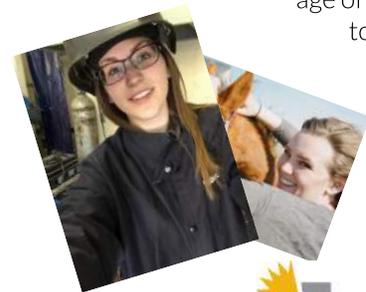
To enter just tweet @SunWestDLC or post on our FB page with

#lookatmeDLC.

We will draw our winner at 3pm on June 10. Check FB and Twitter for the announcement. The winner will have 48 hours to reply and to provide confirmation that they are a current or past DLC student.

Enter as many times as you want; each selfie earns another entry in the draw.

Contest open now; entry deadline: 3pm June 10. Only DLC students (or their parents if under the age of 13) eligible to win.



New Programming Options for 2016-17

AP Arrives at Sun West DLC

Starting in September 2016, we will be offering three Advanced Placement (AP) courses:

- ▶ AP English Lit & Composition (200 hours, equivalent to English A30/B30)
- ▶ AP Physics 1 (200 hours, equivalent to Physics 30 and Physical Science 20)
- ▶ AP Psychology (200 hours, equivalent to Psych 20 and Psych 30)

Advanced Placement (AP) is an international academic enrichment program. Through the Advanced Placement courses and exams, high

school students can earn university credit, stand out in the admissions process and, more importantly, follow their passion in one or more AP subjects. In essence, AP courses prepare students for their next educational challenge. These courses follow specific timelines and space is limited; the annual registration deadline is September 9, 2016.

New High School Electives

Also new to our course directory are:

- ▶ Accounting 10
- ▶ Autobody 20A
- ▶ Electrical & Electronics 10
- ▶ French Level 2
- ▶ Welding 20
- ▶ History 20



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20+ Dual Credit Options

New Programming (con't from pg 1)

Working with the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina, Sask Polytechnic, and the Royal Conservatory of Music, the DLC is pleased to have more than 20 dual credit classes available to learners.

Dual credit courses are recognized by both high school and post-secondary institutions, earning the student two credits - one at each school.

These classes allow high school students the opportunity to experience the rigor and intensity of a college or university course before immersing themselves in

post-high-school environments. In addition to the newly acquired knowledge, these learning experiences facilitate the development of effective study habits and time management skills that contribute to success in the post-secondary world.

Dual credit courses abide by a unique schedule and have post-secondary tuition fees attached; we encourage students to follow the post-secondary links from the DLC website to learn more about enrolment, pricing and course schedules.

University of Saskatchewan

Academic Reading and Writing 30L
Astronomy 30L
Introduction to Business 30L
Life Transitions 30
Linguistics A30L
Linguistics B30L

Saskatchewan Polytechnic

Anatomy 30L
Computer Drafting 20
Computer Drafting 30
Health, Safety and Nutrition 30L
Human Growth and Development 30L
Industrial Communications 30L
Interpersonal Communications 30L
Medical Terminology 30L
Personal Competence 30L
Psychology 30

Royal Conservatory of Music

Music 10 RC
Music 20 RC
Music 30 RC

University of Regina

English B30 (Winter term only)

APPLY SKILLS LEARNED ON THE FAMILY FARM TO FIELD/CROP PRODUCTION.



Join our growing community of learners on social media.



Using Facebook and Twitter,

- ▶ we share our ups and downs,
- ▶ we provide timely updates,
- ▶ we make jokes,
- ▶ we retweet and like the wisdom of others, and
- ▶ we showcase excellence.

Become a part of the DLC conversation.



INTERIOR DESIGN 30 INVITES STUDENTS TO DESIGN AND DECORATE THEIR OWN LIVING SPACES.

4TH CLASS POWER ENGINEERING PROGRAM

For students interested in diving deep into the world of boiler operation, the DLC has successfully completed its first year of the 4th Class Power Engineering Program and is ready to accept the next round of learners. The program consists of four, 100 hour classes; two electives typically taken in Grade 11, two in Grade 12. Upon completion of the courses, students write two exams administered by the provincial certification body, TSASK. For more information on the certification process, TSASK exams, fees, and steam time, check out the course description on the DLC website.



DLC Summer School

**Registration Deadline:
June 29**

Summer school provides students with a chance to lighten their load for the next school year or to recover a credit that was not obtained in the current school year.

Only a select number of courses are available for summer session; refer to www.sunwestdlc.ca for a complete course listing.

During the six weeks from July 4 – August 15, students will be responsible to complete all course work and write the final exam.

Due to the intensity of the program, learners will only be allowed to register in one Summer School course.

Downloadable registration forms can be found under the "Registrations" tab on our website.

Additional fees apply for these courses. Refer to our website for details.



LIGHTEN YOUR WORK LOAD FOR
NEXT YEAR; TRY SUMMER SCHOOL.

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The Principal's Take

JADE BALLEK - MOTHER, WIFE, PRINCIPAL, EDUCATOR, & COACH

The 2015-2016 school year has been an exciting one as we opened a new chapter at the DLC. On January 4, 2016, we relocated into our new school with our official celebration taking place at our Grand Opening on February 26, 2016. Since then, we've welcomed many guests, including current and former students and families, who have travelled to Kenaston to meet our team and to see first-hand what an online school looks like.

We are unique in our model which brings teachers together in a central location. The open design of our school provides all staff a space in which to work collaboratively, and through our Professional Learning Teams, teachers meet regularly to discuss and implement strategies for increasing student engagement.

This approach allows us to continually focus on providing a quality online learning experience.

Doing what's best for our learners is really at the heart of all that we do at the DLC. As such, we continue to add more supports to serve our students and families better as we move forward.

- ▶ Starting in the fall, we will have an increased Student Support team as well as a school-based Career Guidance teacher.
- ▶ A number of new courses are coming online in Semester 1 including Advanced Placement and an expanded list of dual credit options.
- ▶ We are piloting an exciting new personalized pathways program for home-based families within Sun West boundaries. This K-9 program will provide families more choice and flexibility in meeting their child's individual needs.
- ▶ Increased opportunities for students and families to connect with our teachers through field trips and extra-curricular activities will be offered in the upcoming year at our school and at locations throughout the province.

We are certainly excited about the possibilities that our school offers and are committed to building strong relationships with students and families as we move forward.

Best wishes with the remaining months of this school year. I hope you are able to enjoy the beauty of Saskatchewan this summer.

Jade Ballek



TAKING THE DISTANCE OUT OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

PHYS ED STUDENTS TAKE FIELD TRIP TO U OF S

Adding an element of connectivity and bolstering engagement in her Exercise Science 30 class, DLC instructor Elaina Guilmette took a crew of online learners on a field trip to the U of S in May. Having spent the past several months studying anatomy, physiology, motor learning and skill development, it was time for learners to put that knowledge to the test.

The day started with a tour of the College of Kinesiology - a possible post secondary destination - and the biomechanics labs where research is conducted. From wall climbing to fitness testing, students then took turns demonstrating their skills and applying



what they have learned.

"Our trip opened my eyes to university life and classes. The best part for me was meeting the new people and spending the day with them sharing many laughs together," said Delanie.

DLC field trips are becoming increasingly popular as educators and students alike realize the value in coming together to share their learning. In addition to this Kinesiology trip, DLC students have also visited Persephone Theatre, the U of S Observatory, the Regina Science Centre and the U of S heating plant.

Our Doors Are Open **Schedule a Tour of the DLC**

An online school, huh? What exactly does that look like?

Well, come to Kenaston and see for yourself.

Our school is full of teachers working together to deliver a high quality educational experience to learners. Teachers that put their heads together to solve problems, to get creative about course development, to explore new ways to engage learners wherever they are.

And you can check it out.

To best showcase our activities, prepare ourselves for your questions and, respect our teachers' work space and time, we would like to coordinate your visits. With a bit of notice, we can accomplish all of that.

Email tanya.ringdal@sunwestsd.ca to make arrangements for groups large or small.