

# The DLC **SCOOP**

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## **DLCGO.CA**

Our new registration and course request system.

## **ANIMATION 20**

New elective is a hit with high school students.

## **GRADUATION 2018**

Find out how you can join in the celebration.

## **INTRODUCING... OUR NEW PRINCIPAL**

Meet Mr. Craig Vanthyune

## **Ding, ding, ding! We're half way through the year!**

January 31 has come and gone, marking the mid way point of the school year. Semester II has officially begun. Congratulations to all of our students for all their hard work to date. For some of you, that means you're half way through your studies and will keep working along to complete your classes before summer. For those of you who more closely align with the school calendar, that might mean a new set of courses has begun.

To ensure you get off to a strong start - or stay on pace - in February we've created a list of helpful tips. Flip to page 4 for some ideas...

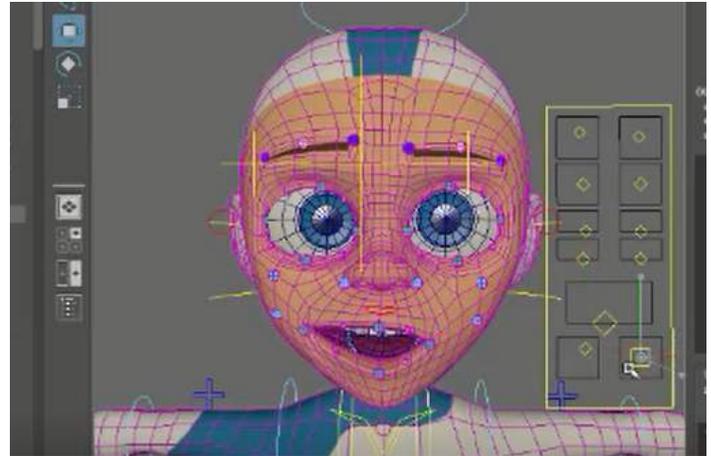
## ANIMATION 20L OPEN TO ALL SK STUDENTS

Having completed a small and successful pilot program in Semester I, Animation 20L is now open to all Saskatchewan students. In this course, students work in three distinct creative areas each refining a unique skill set:

- modeling - recreating a piece of concept art,
- rigging - they rig simple and more complex characters, and
- animation - creating moving objects and complex characters.

DLC Instructor, Jody Polowick, is thrilled with both the enthusiasm and the end results produced by students who tested out the new course.

"I was really impressed at how the students were able to jump into the technology and start creating. Within a month, I was able to watch a student work while he shared his screen with me. I was amazed at the speed and confidence with which he was using the software," said Ms. Polowick.



*Actual student work submitted by DLC student, K. Dulay.*

One thing that differentiates this course from other DLC electives is that it must be completed within a single semester. Because DLC staff work with instructors from Vancouver Animation School to coach DLC students, we adhere to their timelines.

"This is such a great opportunity. It's not every day that kids in small town Saskatchewan have the chance to learn from the creative minds at Disney and Pixar. And these guys are really, really great," Ms. Polowick said with a smile.

## www.DLCgo.ca IT'S LIVE. WE'VE LAUNCHED. WHAT IS IT?

DLCgo.ca is our new web-based portal through which students and parents can register to join Sun West DLC and conveniently add new course requests.

Through DLCgo, student registration is now a one-time activity. Students, or parents on their behalf, fill out the student profile **one time only** and, once logged in to their account, can add or delete courses with just a few quick clicks.

For parents, note that your unique parent profile allows you to manage DLC course requests for all of your children from your own parent DLCgo dashboard.

If your child was enrolled in a DLC class prior to

December 2017, you will have received an email with a specific parent login ID. Check for an email from Vice Principal, Aaron Biberdorf, in your inbox.

If you haven't already logged in or can't find this message, notify [DLChelp@sunwestsd.ca](mailto:DLChelp@sunwestsd.ca) that you require this information again.

In the coming months, DLCgo will offer even more functionality, providing a central location to view student grades, progress, and pacing details. Watch for updates as we refine and launch the next phases of this tool. And if you have questions, don't hesitate to call our office at 306.252.1000 or email the HelpDesk for support.

Check it out at [www.DLCgo.ca](http://www.DLCgo.ca).

## STUDENT ART CONTEST WINNERS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON DLC WALLS

As Saskatchewan's largest online school, a lot of visitors pass through our doors: students, families, other educators, community members and political figures. We want to show them all just how creative and talented our students really are.

So we've launched the 2018 Student Art Contest. Immediately following the February 28th deadline, we will post all entries on our website and open the voting to the public who will have one week to pick their favorites. Winners will be displayed on the walls of Sun West DLC, with the top pick in each category earning themselves additional cash prizes.

We will choose winners in each of three age categories: Kindergarten - Grade 6, Grades 7 - 9 and Grades 10 - 12.

### We invite submissions:

- of completed 2-dimensional work;
- with subject matter appropriate for a public school setting;
- created with any media, including handmade, digital or photographed works;
- of any size, and
- via email (see details below).

Depending on the size/dimensions of the work, we may choose to install the original work or reproduce the image on a material of our choice. For winning submissions, we will subsidize shipping costs up to \$50 per submission. If we opt to reproduce the image, we will request a photograph of the work that can be sized appropriately for our spaces. Installation decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis as we have four unique spaces within the building to showcase work.

For instructions on how to submit your finished work to our 2018 Student Art Contest, visit [www.sunwestDLC.ca](http://www.sunwestDLC.ca).

**Submission deadline: February 28 @ 4pm**



## THE PRINCIPAL'S TAKE

### The New Guy: Craig Vanthuyne

Hey everybody... I'm Craig Vanthuyne and as of September 2017, I joined Sun West DLC as the new Principal. The past four months have flown by as I've learned about the processes, students and opportunities at this great school.

I have spent 18 years in bricks and mortar schools - some Canadian, some international - and nothing prepared me for the pace of change and innovation that I've encountered here. We have more than 3,500 students across this province, ranging in age from 5 to 47 and our team strives to create a personalized learning experience for each student.

I credit my rural roots and diverse teaching experiences for giving me the perspective and skills needed to help lead this team. I grew up attending school in Simpson, SK and after obtaining my Bachelor's degree from the UofS, I headed out in search of professional experiences abroad. Between South East Asia and my time in Saskatchewan schools, I have learned so much from both families and other educators about what exceptional learning looks like.

That learning has continued with my move to the DLC. *(con't on page 4)*



## DLC GRADUATION

### Friday, June 8, 2018

You're on your way! You are going to complete Grade 12 by the end of the 2017-18 school year! So join us - and several of your Grade 12 peers - to celebrate all of your hard work!

Hosted in Kenaston, SK on Friday, June 8th, the 2nd Annual DLC Graduation Ceremony will be the icing on your Grade 12 cake. You will walk across the stage, proudly receive your high school diploma and spend the afternoon celebrating with others who have achieved this big milestone.

If you are unsure about your eligibility to graduate, graduation checklists are available through our Career Guidance team. In addition, we can provide guidance and support to students planning to attend post-secondary.

For details on the Grad Ceremony or to let us know you wish to participate, email [renee.harrison@sunwestsd.ca](mailto:renee.harrison@sunwestsd.ca).

*For Grade 9-12 Students...*

## Career Considerations

### Student Youth Apprenticeship Program

For students 15 years or older taking DLC's technical PAA classes (ie: mechanics, electrical, autobody) the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Program offers great benefits. The work placement component of your course may earn you industry-recognized credit towards your apprenticeship certificate. Completing Levels 1, 2, and 3 of the program could include:

- waiver of the future apprenticeship registration fee (currently \$175),
- no charge for the first level of technical training, and
- up to 300 hours of trade time credit.

For details, visit [www.saskapprenticeship.ca/youth\\_apprentices](http://www.saskapprenticeship.ca/youth_apprentices).

### myBlueprint - A Career Planning Tool

myBlueprint is a high school, career/life planning tool that allows students to explore careers, plan for secondary and post-secondary education, develop a budget, and create work-related documents. Each DLC student from Grade 7 and up has an account that just needs to be activated. Let us know if you want access to this great resource!

**Email Renee at [renee.harrison@sunwestsd.ca](mailto:renee.harrison@sunwestsd.ca) for all graduation, career-related or post secondary inquiries.**

## Tips for Staying on Track

- ★ Create daily and monthly schedules.
- ★ Set due dates for yourself.
- ★ Ask your teacher to review your plan.
- ★ Track your progress.
- ★ Create a workspace that is free of distractions.

And remember to ask for help!  
We're here if you need us.

## THE PRINCIPAL'S TAKE

*(con't fr pg 3)* And the best way for me to keep learning is to connect with you - our students and families. So if you find yourself in the Kenaston area, please don't hesitate to drop in and introduce yourself to me or the rest of our team. I'd love to meet you and learn what else we can do to make your learning experience the best that it can be.