



# The Steffie Scoop

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Chinook's Edge School  
Division #73

**February  
2020**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

	February Dates
4	Hot Lunch– Wok Box (T/Th Kinder)
5	No School - Non Instructional Day
12	Booster Juice– Very Berry (M/W Kinder)
14	Wear Red for Valentine's Day
15-19	No School– Winter Break
24	Pink Shirt Day
25	Cut off for ordering March Hot Lunch
26	Hot Lunch– Main Street Eatery

### Pink Shirt Day

On **Wednesday, February 24th**, everyone in the school will be wearing pink to honour and show our support of the nationwide anti-bullying campaign. Stand up for what is right and wear pink!



**Wear Red for Valentine's Day!!**

**Friday, February 14**

Roses are red

Violets are blue

On the 14th

You should wear red too!! 

### Next Parent Council Meetings

Tuesday, February 23th, at 7:00 p.m.

Our last School Council meeting was on January 19. We have decided that we will be postponing the Whole School Book Club indefinitely. We will purchase a book and be ready if restrictions change and allow the activity to be fulfilled in its entirety with the integration between schools, activities and draws throughout and the final wrap up. The purpose of the Book Club is to get families reading and talking about reading together and unfortunately in this difficult time we do not want to "add just one more thing" to everyone's already overloaded lives.

Marathon Day is June 11! Save the date. Things will look different this year...but we are hoping it will still be a go, just different! Sponsorship packages will be going home soon once all details have been ironed out and approved. But if you know you'd like to be a sponsor of the marathon this year, please contact me, Jennifer Bahler, at [jbahler17@gmail.com](mailto:jbahler17@gmail.com) for more information. This is our 9th year and we'd really like to make it the best yet; while still maintaining the low cost and abiding by all the COVID rules. For those of you who are new to the school, the marathon is a pedometer marathon geared to encourage daily physical activity for all, with the side benefit of achieving a goal! We encourage everyone— students, siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends—to join in and get active. We hope to motivate children and their families to commit to a healthy lifestyle and develop a habit of daily fitness for life.

We are looking at ways to possibly do the book swap safely within parameters, look for more details to come.

Jennifer Bahler—School Council Chair

#### Hot Lunch

Thank you to all who came out to help with January Hot Lunch

Trish Hammond Gerri Macrae Christa Currier

Jennifer Bahler





## Sharing our values each day

A Message from the Superintendent

Ensuring that our students are engaged in meaningful learning and encouraged to rise to new challenges is part of our mission in Chinook's Edge. This year, more than most others, our teachers and school staff have relied upon the core values that inform our work together, guide our relationships, and impact the potential of each student. We have all needed to shift our learning in several ways during this pandemic. We are able to rise to these challenges and accomplish great things together, because we share a firm foundation of values that help create a positive school culture.

Our Mission and Vision statements are a daily reminder of our most important values, which guide our work despite any challenges the pandemic may be creating. We recognize the uniqueness of every child in our care and, through our focus on relationships and on the values that shape strong character, we encourage each one to achieve excellence.

**Kurt Sacher**  
Superintendent of Schools

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## February is Steffie's Acts of Kindness Month.

Let's practice kindness, compassion, compliments and friendliness to each other.

**KINDNESS IS**  
*contagious.*

## A Message from our Principal



Our students and staff are happy to be back doing in-person learning and have settled in nicely again into routine. Our students are absolutely fantastic at following the protocols and doing what we need to do to keep our school as safe as possible. Thank you to our parents for getting your students here at their designated time and supporting us as we move forward in this reality. The help and support of our parents has been amazing and much appreciated.

Art and cultural activities are important at Steffie Woima and we like to provide our students with a variety of experiences. While some things are not currently allowed, our travelling art exhibit will be arriving and will be up in our hallways for our students to enjoy for the next month.

To help prepare our students for the world of work and learning beyond high school, we have, at the elementary level, the job of building the critically important foundational skills of reading and writing. As a school, we have been focusing on improving student reading results for about nine years. We have been so excited about the progress and achievement of our students. Just like any skill, students need to practice reading regularly to become very good at it. Thank you for reading with your child often and helping them to discover the excitement of books and reading. Another celebration with literacy at our school is in the area of writing. It is wonderful to see our students becoming excited and confident writers at an early age! Our students are doing some great writing and are excited to share what they are doing. We are very excited about the writing development of our students.

As part of our Career and Technology Foundations work, our older students will be exploring areas of interest and creating 'Passion Projects'. It is fantastic to see so much excitement as they learn more about their areas of interest. Another component of our CTF work is for students to explore possible career paths. Later in the year, our older students will be researching different jobs and careers and creating a display of possible future jobs. The idea is to expose our students to the many, many options out there and for them to begin to think about what they might one day want to do.

Steffie Woima is a safe and caring school with staff working hard to make sure that everyone is treated in a safe and caring way. When problems arise, we take the time to figure out the whole story and work together to solve the problem and learn from the situation. The theme for February is kindness. We will be encouraging our students to do Acts of Kindness and encouraging everyone to be treating others with kindness. Our days are so much better when everyone shows kindness and fills the buckets of others! Please take a few minutes to talk with your child about how they might fill someone else's bucket or do an Act of Kindness. Wednesday, February 24th is our Pink Shirt Day. Wearing pink shirts on the 24th of February is about promoting kindness and compassion and to remind everyone that bullying is not okay.

Have a fantastic February!

Ms. Eadie-Gyori—Principal

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## Safe & Caring Message

### Managing Well-Being: Self-Care

As a Safe & Caring committee, we are really focusing on teaching staff and students about the importance of self-care. We are always looking for ways to build students' resilience and grit so that they can get through those disappointing or difficult moments in life.

Below is the framework that we are using to guide our work. It includes many elements that are important to developing healthy kids. This month we are working on having a growth mindset.



People who have a growth mindset tend to see challenges or problems as opportunities to grow and learn. They work hard to push themselves and to find the right strategies to improve their abilities. If something is hard, they understand it will push them to get better. Science has taught us that our brains are capable of learning and growing. This leads to confidence and resilience.

Ways you can support your child in having a growth mindset:

- \* [Read stories](#) with your child around growth mindset.
- \* Praise your child for their effort rather than results, talents or "smarts".
- \* [Promote positive thinking](#).
- \* Model and teach your child how to deal with [frustrations](#) and how to handle challenges.
- \* Allow your child the opportunity to fail and encourage them to persevere.
- \* Remind them brains get stronger the more they stick with things. They adapt!
- \* Catch them being persistent and let them know you see them working hard.

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