



The Steffie Scoop


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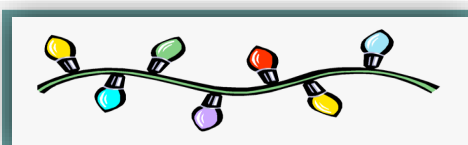


Chinook's Edge School
Division #73

**December
2020**

UPCOMING EVENTS

	December Dates 
2	Booster Juice Lunch (M/W KG ONLY)
4	Booster Juice Lunch (Whole School)
11	No School
18	Hot Lunch- Wok Box (M/W Kinder)
21-31	No School—Christmas Break



Night Before Christmas & PJ Day

On Friday, December 18th, students are invited to wear their pajamas to school for our Annual *Night Before Christmas* festivities. Please look for more information to come home closer to the date.

Christmas Bureau Information

The Sylvan Lake Christmas Bureau helps low income families with children 17 and under, who are living in the Sylvan Lake area. If you need assistance please contact Whitney here at the school (403) 887-3088 or call the Bureau at (403) 348-9993.



Safe & Caring Message Managing Well-Being during COVID-19: What Can You Do



With all the talk about coronavirus, you might be wondering what you can do as a kid.

In every situation we face, there are things that we can control and things that we cannot control. When we find ways to let go of what we can't control and focus on what we can, it helps us to feel better!

Here are many things we can control in our current situation with COVID-19:

- Follow good respiratory etiquette and hygiene rules.
 - * Wash your hands regularly. Wash after you use the bathroom, come in from outside, and before you eat.
 - * Use soap and water. Wash for at least 20 seconds. Be sure to rub the soap all over your hands and between your fingers. Don't forget your thumbs!
 - * Cover your sneeze or cough and try to do it in your elbow instead of your hand. Definitely, wash your hands after you blow your nose, sneeze, or cough
- Follow health, community, and school rules.
 - * Only do the activities that your parents say are safe. This can help slow down the spread of germs.
 - * Wear a mask and keep your distance. Try to stay at least 6 feet away from people you don't live with when you're out in public.
- Notice your feelings. We might feel worried. When we can't do the things we'd like to do, like playdates, vacations or have to change our plans, we might feel sad or disappointed.
 - * Remind yourself it won't be forever.
 - * Stay connected to the people you care about. Talk on the phone or visit by video.
 - * Do things that help you through hard moments. Draw pictures that show how you feel. Talk to an adult. Take deep breaths.
- Be healthy. Do things you enjoy. Try new things. Play games. Read. Do puzzles. Make art. Dance. Build. Connect to nature. Exercise. Eat healthy food. Use your imagination.
- Be kind and helpful. All the changes due to coronavirus can make people feel stressed. Make sure you are also kind to yourself too.

Check out this link for more suggestions and activities:
<https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/back-to-school-free-printable-care-package>



Courageous and compassionate global citizens

A Message from the Superintendent

The global situation is certainly providing a new definition of what good citizenship truly means. In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. A high measure of good citizenship is certainly occurring across our school division. Our schools are filled with students and staff who are continuing to learn together, to take care of one another and to look beyond our current challenges with a sense of unity and resolve.

Our people in Chinook's Edge are feeling stretched, but they remain determined to continue providing what our students require from us. An example of this was displayed on a bulletin board in one of our elementary schools, where students completed the phrase, 'Children should feel ___ at school.' They said loved, excited, happy, safe, smart, proud, believed in. Thank you to everyone in our school communities who provide all of this, and more, to students each day, particularly at this time in our world.

From the entire Board of Trustees and the Central Office team, we wish everyone a safe and restful holiday season.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2021 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2021. Online registration will begin in early January – please visit our website at www.cesd73.ca for Kindergarten information, including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.

A Message from the Principal



November has been a productive month at Steffie Woima. Our students and staff are working hard and have settled into routine. I would like to thank our parents for your continued support as we navigate the pandemic and all the changes it brings. With rising numbers, it is important that we all remain as vigilant as possible in following protocols and wearing masks. Just a reminder to parents to remain in their vehicles in the drop off loop, stay on the perimeter of the school property (away from doors/entrances), stay physically distanced, and do not enter the school building. If you are needing to drop off something or pick up a student, please call the office at 403 887-3088 when you arrive and we will be happy to assist you. We want to ensure that our school is as safe as possible.

Our **Remembrance Day** service was a little different this year as we went digital in all classrooms. Thank you to Ms. Anderson for putting together our Remembrance Day service which was very well done.

Also, thank you for continuing to **read with your children** regularly and/or setting time aside for your older student to read. As we build skills for lifelong learning, education beyond high school and the world of work, these foundational reading skills are critically important.

Report cards will be going home on November 30th this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. As you know, we will not be having Christmas concerts this year. While it is disappointing, it does give us extra time to focus on teaching, learning, and closing any learning gaps that might exist.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to **thank our parents**, on behalf of the Steffie staff, for being our partners in the education of your children. Thank you for attending virtually our parent/teacher conferences, case conferences, and for supporting us. Also, a huge thank you to our School Council, Breakfast Program, and Hot Lunch Program for all of your time and work. Thank you for all that you do!

Ms. Eadie-Gyori—Principal



Fundraising Society

T-shirt ordering options will be out soon, watch for updates to get your SWES t-shirt for \$5.00 a shirt. SWES Fundraising will be covering the difference. For those new to Steffie including kindergarten children you will be gifted with a "Welcome to Steffie" t-shirt at no cost.

SWES Fundraising meetings will be held following the Parent Council meetings. The next meeting is scheduled on January 19, 2021 at 7pm. It would be great to see you there. Simply notify the office that you are interested in attending the meeting and they will send you a Google invite link.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Christa Currier ~ Chair

Parent Council

The next Parent Council Meeting is January 19, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. virtually. If you would like the link, please contact the office and you will be added to our Google Meet.

More than any other year please take time over the Christmas break to interact with loved ones and know 2021 will be better than 2020. We would also like to thank all the Staff members at École Steffie Woima for keeping our kids safe, engaged and learning!

Our November meeting was held on Nov. 17. We began planning the 5th annual School Wide Book Club that we will kick off in January. The kick off for this School Council literacy event will be in late January...look for more details in the new year! We are thinking outside the box and hope to have some wonderful virtual readers!

As we can not do the annual School Council December Hot Dog Donation Hot Lunch we are working with local businesses and our School Board to do a Covid responsible donation/gift drive with proceeds going to the Christmas Bureau & The Sylvan Lake Food Bank. Please look for more information coming in the next 2 weeks.

At this time, I would personally like to thank all parents, teachers, and staff that make Steffie Woima the school that it is! We wouldn't have the exceptionally high quality school without your support and dedication. This year has been particularly challenging and know we see all you are doing to make Steffie work and thrive! Have a wonderful December, and we will see you in January, hopefully refreshed and relaxed!

Jennifer Bahler—School Council Chair

Library News- How To Fix A Wet Book

To fix a wet book, it is best if caught right away, before the air starts to dry it. If it is air dried, the pages get ripply and thin, and sometimes mold can grow as well. The best way to save a wet book is to use clean white paper, and put the paper between the pages that are wet. If a book is very wet, there may need to be white paper between every page of the book. If the cover is wet, there needs to be paper on the back and front of the cover too. Weight and pressure needs to be applied to the book. I use books in the library as weights. Leave the weight on the book for 20 minutes and remove the paper. You will notice the white paper will have acted as a sponge and soaked up some of the water. If the pages of the damaged book are still wet, you need to repeat the process of putting paper between the pages and weighting the book for 20 minutes. It sometimes takes a few rounds of paper and weighting to draw the water out of the book. When you can no longer feel moisture on the book, it may then be propped up to finish air drying. With this process, you can sometimes not tell a book has been water damaged. This process is only good with water. Any sticky spills will just make the papers tear.

***Please ensure that wet mittens are not touching agendas or library books in their backpacks!**



Hot Lunch

Thank you to all who came out to help with Hot Lunches in November!

Trish Hammond Lindsay Clark
Christa Currier Gerri Macrae

Order deadline for January hot lunches is January 7th, 2021.

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