



The Steffie Scoop

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Chinook's Edge School
Division #73

October
2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

School Council/Fundraising

- 6 Meeting
- 7/8 Fall Conferences
- October Hot Lunch Order
- 8 Deadline
- 9 No School
- 12 Thanksgiving—No School
- 23 No School
- November Hot Lunch Order
- 29 Deadline
- 31 Halloween



Halloween at Steffie Woima

We will be celebrating Halloween on **Friday, October 30th**.

* Students may come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes. Costumes should be of a non-violent theme. Grades 4-6 costumes should not interfere with wearing Covid masks.

*Unfortunately, we will not be having a Halloween parade or dance this year.

*Due to Alberta Health Service guidelines we are unable to share any food.

This month's Safe & Caring Message

This month our message is that every child matters. We want to recognize the work in Canada towards truth and reconciliation. September 30th is Orange Shirt day. This is a day established in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem, cultural identity and well being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.

In our school community, we believe in the importance of belonging and kindness. Please take this day as an opportunity to do something, as a family, that helps others in our school, home, and community to feel like they matter. Together, we all make a difference!



More information on Orange Shirt Day can be found at <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>

Have your child tell you about their learning on Orange shirt day!



Thank you to the parents who have shown interest in the **Hot Lunch, School Council and Fundraising meetings.**

Please do not send snacks or lunch to school with your child that could contain any kind of nuts or peanuts. It puts others at unnecessary risk.





Happy to be learning in our safe and caring schools

A Message from the Superintendent

Now more than ever, ensuring everyone in our school communities are surrounded by caring professionals within safe settings is paramount. Teaching and learning in the midst of a pandemic is a new experience, and our entire team has worked to ready ourselves for shifts in practice that may be required as we move forward. We are able to accomplish this because of our caring culture and our resilient students. We have heard that our students are happy to be back together and enthusiastic about their learning.

We consider our [Inclement Weather](#) procedures to be another important example of our safe and caring focus, and we will soon be navigating the challenges that winter weather can throw at us. We want to remind parents and staff of these Inclement Weather procedures, and encourage you to refer back to the information in the months ahead as we continue to refine our approach to ensure utmost safety for everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities.

As always, we are also pleased to provide this link to the latest [Board eNews](#).

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools



Welcome Back! September has flown by as we settle into our 'new normal'. I would like to thank all of our parents for all of your help and support as we transitioned back to in-person learning. Thank you for following the guidelines and arrival/departure times, helping your kids understand the importance of the protocols, and for all of your words of encouragement and support. It is wonderful to have our kids back in our building and I have to say that our students are doing an absolutely fantastic job of doing all the things they need to be doing each day. They are truly stars! School is different but our start to the year has been so incredibly smooth and calm. That could not have happened without the support of our staff and our parents. Thank you!



Our parent-teacher conferences will be google meets and will be held on October 7th and 8th. Teachers will be sending home sign up information. If you are unable to do a google meet, teachers can do phone interviews.

One of our priorities at Steffie Woima is the development of our students' **literacy skills**. We see reading and writing as foundational skills that are essential for success in school, in learning beyond high school and in the world of work. Our students are already building their reading stamina and are engaging in reading for longer periods of time. During 'Read to Self', our students show amazing focus and often don't even notice if guests enter the classroom. Reading with your child every day makes a huge difference in the development of his/her reading skills, vocabulary development, and success in school. We encourage families to set aside time each day for reading and enjoyment of books!

Thanks again for all that you have done to help your child(ren) settle back into the school routine. Your efforts are so appreciated.

Important: At this point in time, parents are not permitted in the school building unless an appointment has been arranged. Please call the school to make an appointment @ 403-887-3088.

Plastic Utensils

We are no longer able to provide plastic utensils at the office. Please make sure your student comes to school with all utensils required for their lunches.

We are thrilled to announce that we recently received a donation of \$700 to assist us in our student nutrition program.

These were from funds raised during the 2020 Toonies for Tummies at our local SOBEYS store in Sylvan Lake!

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Demographic Updates

Please note that demographic updates have been sent to parents via email and must be completed for the 2020-21 school year. Please call the office for any questions or

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Hot Lunch Program starting NOW!

Hot Lunch Program is Starting

The calendar will be up for the year soon.
If you need assistance with ordering, please contact the school office or Jennifer Bahler at 403-505-5889.

Please Note: The school has requested we minimize classroom disruptions.

—Jennifer Bahler -Hot Lunch Coordinator—

Thank You From Steffie!

*Thank you to our Hot Lunch coordinators and volunteers
*Thank you to our Breakfast Program coordinator!

Thank you!

OCTOBER HOT LUNCH DATES

October 16th- Booster Juice (M/W Kinder)
Strawberry Sunshine

October 22- Subway' (T/Th Kinder)

October 30th- Tim Horton's (M/W Kinder)

Must Order Online by: October 8th



SWES Fundraising Society will be having a meeting following the Parent Council Meeting on **October 6th** at 6:30pm.

Please contact the office for the link to join. New faces are always welcomed and encouraged.

Hope to see you there!

Christa Currier
~ SWES Fundraising Chair

School Council

Our AGM is on October 6, 2020. Please contact the office for the link. Please come out and find out what is going on at Steffie.

Our executive for the 2019-2020 school year was:

Chair: Jennifer Bahler

Vice-Chair: Janice Danahue

Secretary: Trish Hammond

Treasurer: Lindsay Clark

All minutes can be found on the school website after the meetings and then updated after approval at the following meeting. We look forward to another successful year this year, and would love to continue to see new faces! So please come to any or all meetings. There is no additional commitment—come out and see what we are all about! We have some ideas for learning presentations and will be brainstorming more ideas at the October meeting! If you have suggestions for our learning portion of School Council, please let me know and we can see what we can do. Your opinion matters!

At our AGM we will decide on the new executive as well as the yearly meeting dates.

Jennifer Bahler—School Council Chair

Please remember to use the daily AHS checklist with your student daily. If you are showing any symptoms you are required to stay home and follow the advice of the AHS 811. If you have any questions or concerns please call the office at 403 887-3088.

Our Symptom flow chart is on the [Steffie webpage](#) and our Facebook page for easy reference,

Thank you.



Attendance Information

Due to the large amount of attendance calls, please try and leave messages before 8:15 am. We cannot guarantee any messages left after 8:15 am will be entered in our system in time for the 9:00 am attendance call out. If you have left a message and still receive a call from the call out system, you can disregard.

Thank you for your help and understanding in this.

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