



The Steffie Scoop

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Chinook's Edge School
Division #73

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UPCOMING EVENTS

| June At a Glance | |
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| 4 | No School |
| 11 | Marathon/Sports Day & BBQ Hot Lunch |
| 16 | Hot Lunch- Panago M/W Kinder Only |
| 18 | Hot Lunch- Panago Whole School |
| 21 | Indigenous People's Day |
| 28 | Last Day of School for M/W Kinder |
| 29 | Last Day of School-Early Dismissal |
| 30 | Organizational Day |



To help assist us in taking swift measures to protect the health and safety of the entire school community and to mitigate the spread of the virus. If your child receives a positive test, please contact me via email at aeadiegyori@cesd73.ca or through this [confidential form](#).

Thank you for your help!

Students Last Day is June 29th.

Early Dismissal for students **A-K** will be at **11:55 p.m.** and **L-Z** at **12:05 pm** on the last day of school.



Thank You!

A **huge thank** you to parents and families for supporting your students through this school year.

Thank you to our Volunteers: Jen Bahler, Christa Currier, Trish Hammond, Lindsay Clark.

Thank you to our Parent Council, Fundraising Society and Breakfast Program!

Safe & Caring Message Managing Well-Being: Self-Care

As a Safe & Caring committee, we are focusing on teaching 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 healthy relationships.



Friendships are important and change as children grow. Making friends is a critical part of a child's social and emotional development. It is essential for kids to learn about friendship, including what makes a good friend and how to be a good friend. Friendships help kids build self-esteem and confidence. Healthy friendships teach important life skills like empathy, give and take, how to collaborate, and conflict resolution.

As parents, we play a critical role in modeling and teaching our children how to have healthy friendships. There is a fine art to friendship. Children with different social skills require different coaching about friendships.

There are many ways we, as adults, can teach our kids healthy friendship skills. We can help our kids understand how to be a good friend by:

- Modeling and showing them how you interact with your friends. Show your kids that healthy friendships in your own life are important. Model this by:
 - Speaking kindly to your own friends, avoiding gossip and negativity.
 - Treating people with respect.
 - Giving your time to the people you care about.
 - Teach them how friends can resolve differences or conflict. Model good communication skills, including active listening. Friendships also offer the opportunity to learn about empathy as well as talking and listening.



- Make sure to positively reinforce your child when they are being a good friend.
- Guiding your child toward choosing the "right" kinds of friends
- Encourage them to participate in activities they enjoy, where they're likely to meet like minded friends.
- Regularly talk to your child about their friends. Ask them how their friends make them feel, talk them through issues and conflicts, and help them make good decisions about their friendships.
- Remember, there will also be some conflict, disagreements, and even "friend breakups" throughout your child's lifetime. These are important moments, life skills, in which we can support our kids with resilience in the face of adversity.
- Social media can complicate friendships. When your child is old enough to communicate with peers via social media and cell phones, make sure you know who he is communicating with, how much time he is in communication, and the nature of what he is communicating about.



Reflecting with gratitude on an exceptional year

A message from the Superintendent

As the end of this school year draws to a close, the Board of Trustees and Central Office team would like to express their gratitude for the level of success that has been achieved across the division. Everyone in Chinook's Edge has worked to ensure meaningful learning has taken place, knowing it required a significant amount of flexibility and grit throughout the year.

Moving learning forward during the pandemic has required dedication from every corner. We are particularly appreciative of the amazing perseverance shown by our students and their parents. Chinook's Edge has retained positive momentum, with a sharp focus on the social emotional wellbeing of our students. Our staff have worked so hard, often during challenging pauses from in-school learning, to support over 11,000 children and youth.

Thank you to our students and staff for their hard work and dedication, and to our parents and community partners who have engaged in learning alongside us throughout one of the most challenging years in our history. We take tremendous pride in knowing that our extra efforts still made a significant difference in the lives of our students.

Please enjoy a safe and joyful summer.

Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools



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A Message from our Principal



With the arrival of June, we are reflecting on the past school year. Thank you so much for your help and support as we have worked through periods of quarantine, remote learning, and a 'new normal' in our building. We are incredibly thankful to everyone who helped keep our building so safe this past year by following all of the health guidelines in schools and ensuring unwell students stayed home. In spite of everything, we have had a very successful year with our students. Kids and adults alike have been very thankful to have been learning in-person for the most part. Our experience the previous year made us all appreciate being able to go to school just a little more! It has been fantastic to see the progress our students have made this year with their reading and writing skills. Once again, thank you for taking the time to read with your child(ren) every day and for keeping learning moving forward during our times of remote learning. Daily practice with reading and writing makes such a difference for student success.

June is a very busy and exciting month at Steffie Woima. We are looking forward to our Steffie Marathon on June 11th with changes/modifications to meet guidelines. The marathon encourages our students and their families to get active and doing the final few kilometers together is a great wind up. This year, the students will be using the trails beside Steffie instead of heading to the lake. Classes will be going as cohort groups with their teacher and support staff members. Unfortunately, no volunteers or family members will be allowed to join classes this year. There will still be prizes and fun but we will be following all guidelines. Thank you to Jenn Bahler for your work to make this marathon happen.

Our last day of school is June 29th! While we will not be able to have our water party this year, as classes need to stay as separate cohorts, teachers will be planning individual fun activities for the last morning. Dismissal for the summer is at 12:00 noon!

Lastly, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our staff for all of their commitment, dedication, and hard work to ensure our students' success in the midst of a **pandemic**. We truly have an incredible group of kind and compassionate individuals who have done an amazing job in spite of all the challenges. We know that the worry of taking covid home to their families and loved ones weighed on our staff this year, so thank you!

As we look to next year and think about returning in the fall, please know that we will keep you informed as to how things will look in the fall. With staggered arrival and departure times, our front loop and area was less congested and safer and thus, we will continue to have staggered arrival and departure times.

Thank you again for your support and we hope you have a wonderful summer!
Ms. Angela Eadie-Gyori

Thank You to Parent Council for their school wide sponsored Panango Pizza Hot Lunch!



Library News



Important Dates!

- In order for a student to be able to borrow books from Chinook's Edge next year, all books need to be returned to the library by **June 14 th**.
- Last day of check outs is **June 1st**.

We would like your feedback!

If you would like to email your answer, please e-mail steffie.woima@cesd73.ca. Thank you!

Question: What was fantastic about this year that we should continue to do?

Comments: _____

Child's Name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____



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SWES Fundraising

Well it's been a quiet year for SWES fundraising. Classrooms were supplied with outdoor equipment to take out and enjoy at recess this Spring and the T-shirt orders all went well in May.

I would like to thank all those that attended the meetings and to Jenn Bahler for arranging the t-shirt and equipment orders.

We hope you enjoy your summer holidays.

The next SWES fundraising meeting will be the AGM meeting following the Parent Council meeting on September 14, 2021 at 6:30pm. We are always looking for new faces, hope to see you there.

Christa Currier ~ SWES Fundraising Chair

Breakfast Program

Our breakfast program is still operating and going well this year. We have really missed being able to see all the kids in the mornings at the kitchen but are happy we were able to adjust and still offer a different type of breakfast program. Each class has their own bin of snack choices that all the kids can choose from for breakfast or if they need additional snacks later in the day. Our selections of snacks is a bit limited at this time however, we do try our best to offer several healthy snacks for them to choose from. We are very grateful for all our sponsors and donations that we have received this year. Your help and support allow us to have a successful program. If anyone has any questions, concerns or suggestions about the program feel free to reach out to me. Thanks.



Trish

Hot Lunch Program

Thank you to the following parents who volunteered for April hot lunches!

**Christa Currier Lindsay Clark
Trish Hammond**

Thank you to the Mustard Seed who has been providing Lunches to many students throughout this year. Thank you to all who donated, we will be donating almost \$500 to the Mustard Seed, if you donated more than \$25 you will be receiving a receipt directly from Mustard Seed.

School Council

Next Meeting: AGM: September 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Steffie Staff Room* (Google Meet will be available for those not able to attend in person)

Thank you for another very successful year! Thank you to the school council and fundraising executives Lindsay Clark, Christa Currier, Janine Waldo, and Gerri McCrae. I am grateful for all your commitment, help and support throughout the year and look forward to working with you in the future. If you think you might be interested in any school council or fundraising positions please come out to our AGM on September 14, 2021, where the new fundraising society and School Council will be elected.

School Council is looking forward to the Marathon on June 11th.

Have a great family, fun filled summer...hope to see you in the fall at a School Council meeting!!

Jennifer Bahler

Steffie Kids Marathon

June 11th is Marathon Day for Steffie Students!

The Marathon will start at approximately 9:15 a.m. and the students will begin in waves by grade level. A wave of students will depart every 10-15 minutes beginning with the runners and then followed by the kindergarten classes. Unfortunately we are not able to allow parents or extras this year to walk with your child. We will be back at the school at approximately 12PM to hand out prizes and the school will be delivering the BBQ fundraiser Hot Lunch.

T-shirt delivery will be June 8-9 during classes. If you have not received your t-shirt by June 10 please contact Jennifer Bahler.

We are in need of volunteers to supervise along the route and hand out water. If you can volunteer for this great event either before or after with set up or clean up, please let Jennifer Bahler know at jbahler17@gmail.com or 403-505-5889. We could especially use a few hands setting up the finish line. This year the marathon will look different. We will be using the trails in Sylvan Lake, and finish back at the school. Prizes will still be given out (as they will be quarantined prior).

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Bahler at 403-505-5889.