

STEFFIE WOIMA



The Steffie Scoop

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Chinook's Edge School
Division #73

October
2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

October



- 5 & 6 Fall Conferences
- 8 & 11 No School
- 15 Booster Juice Strawberry Sunshine
- 21 Subway
- 22 No School
- 29 Halloween Celebration
- 29 Tim Hortons



Halloween at Steffie Woima

We will be celebrating Halloween on **Friday, October 29th**.

* 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 school wide Halloween parade or dance this year.

***If you would like to send treats: Treats that are commercially prepared and individually wrapped can be handed out.**

Safe & Caring Message

We Thinkers! Social Thinking Curriculum



This school year we are focusing on improving our social thinking. Social skills require our awareness of the situation, the presence (or absence) of people in it, and our related social thinking. We want to be able to impact how people react and respond to us. Since most of us want to keep people feeling comfortable with us the majority of the time, our social skills help us accomplish that goal.

Social Thinking helps students learn to be more mindful of the larger social learning process. This process starts in our minds and then transfers to how we behave in front of others

This month students were introduced to the concept of whole body listening (Truesdale, 1990). Whole body listening is when your eyes, ears, mouth, hands, arms, legs, and feet are calm and quiet. It is truly when we are completely paying attention to another person. When you listen with your whole body it helps you pay attention to what people are doing around you and it shows others you are thinking about them.

Exploring this concept helps increase our awareness of how we listen when we are part of a group as well as the nonverbal messages we are sending when others are talking with and to us. Listening with our whole bodies, and subsequently focusing on and thinking about the group, sets the stage for successful communication and interaction.

Activities to try at home:

- Read or watch [Whole Body Listening Larry at Home](#)
- Help your child get ready to listen with his/her whole body! Before you begin activities together, such as reading, use language to remind the child to turn on his/her listening body, one body part at a time (ears, eyes, arms, hands, belly, seat, legs, and feet). "It's time to listen with our eyes; that means you turn your eyes toward me."
- Point out times your child is doing whole body listening. "I can see you're listening with your whole body. Your hands are listening, your feet are listening, your eyes are listening..." etc.
- Play a game or put together a puzzle that involves body parts. Mr. Potato Head is a great example. Place the body parts into a bag or hide them in a bucket filled with dry rice or beans. Have fun finding the parts and placing them into the body. Talk about how Mr. Potato Head can show he is using whole body listening. Make a point of how hard this is for Mr. Potato Head to do since his body keeps falling apart!

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.





Ready to learn in our safe and caring schools A Message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge School Division, we take pride in building meaningful relationships and trust with our students. This is a critically important foundation for creating a safe and caring environment in our schools. I want you to know that our caring staff are as committed to developing your child's well-being as they are to ensuring they learn at the highest levels possible, even in difficult times.

Throughout the pandemic it has been a struggle for all of us at different times along the way. Safety is always on our minds as we work hard to consistently follow the guidelines from Alberta Health. We are very proud of our staff for all that they continue to do to support your child in finding success in spite of what is taking place all around us.

In the days ahead we want to not only be safe during the pandemic, but to also be prepared for the hazards of winter weather. We know from previous years that winter weather can fall upon us at any time. Please make yourself and your child aware of our inclement weather procedures that no one is caught off guard by an interruption in busing service or brief school closure. Please take a moment to visit our [Inclement Weather procedures](#) and ensure that your child is dressed for winter weather when they either ride one of our buses or walk to school on a cold day.

For Trustee updates and to read the latest **Board eNews**, please visit [our website](#).

Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools



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Welcome Back! September has flown by as we settle into another 'new normal'. I would like to thank all of our parents for your help and support as we transitioned back to school. Thank you for following the guidelines and following your designated arrival/departure times, helping your kids understand the importance of the protocols, and for all of your words of encouragement and support. In order to keep our school as safe as possible, please make sure to do the [AHS checklist](#) daily with your child(ren). If your child is a household close contact, it is imperative that they stay home and isolate for 14 days. If your child has a cough, they need to isolate for 10 days or get a negative covid test and feel better before returning to school. If your child has symptoms, please keep them home. Students with symptoms at school will need to be picked up right away. Guidelines and protocols have changed and I want to thank you in advance for doing your part to keep our school as safe as possible.

Our parent-teacher conferences will be virtual via google meets and will be held on October 5th and 6th. 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.

Ms. Angela Eadie-Gyori,
Principal





Hot Lunch Program has started!

Hot Lunch Program has started with our first Fundraising Hot Dog Day! We will be donating almost \$1000 to the Red Deer Aboriginal Dance Troupe.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/reddeeraboriginaldancetroupe/>

Thank you very much to our September hot lunch helpers:

Trish Hammond
Lindsay Clark
Leah Inkster
Rhonda Christie

Thank you for all your help!

The rest of the calendar will be up for the year soon. Please be cognizant of the ordering deadlines. If you need assistance with ordering, please contact the school office or Jennifer Bahler.

October Hot Lunch Dates:

October 15-Booster Juice (MW Kinders)

October 21-Subway (TT Kinders)

October 29-Tim Hortons (TT Kinders)

Ordering **DEADLINE** October 7, 2021

Jennifer Bahler -Hot Lunch Coordinator

SWES Fundraising

Fundraising is back at it. Started off this year with the Farm to School veggie orders. Orders will be delivered to the school on October 6, 2021. Pick up confirmation will be confirmed a week prior, so please watch out for the notice.

The 2021/22 SWES Fundraising Board will be:

Christa Currier - Chairperson
Lindsay Clark- Vice Chairperson
Gerri Macrae- Secretary
Janine Waldo- Treasure

It was nice to see some new faces at the last meeting! Next meeting will be via google meet on October 20, 2021 following the school council meeting at 7pm. Please email jjamieson@cesd73.ca or call the office at 403.887.3088 for the meeting link. Hope to see you there!

~ Christa Currier ~

Thank You From Steffie!

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

*Thank you to our Hot Lunch coordinators and volunteers

*Thank you to our Breakfast Program coordinator!

School Council

Our AGM was on September 14, 2021. We had a great turnout for our first meeting with some new faces attending which was fabulous.

At our AGM we elected a new executive for the 2021-22 School Year:

Chair: Jennifer Bahler
Vice-Chair: Janine Waldo
Secretary: Trish Hammond
Treasurer: Lindsay Clark

All minutes from the meetings 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! We WELCOME and ENCOURAGE anyone interested in learning more about Steffie to come to our meetings. There is no additional commitment—come out and see what we are all about!

During our school council meetings we like to have Learning Presentations from members of our learning community. We have some ideas for these 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!

Our school council set the 3rd Tuesday of the month for School Council Meetings, and they will be virtual until further notice. If you'd like to attend please contact the office for the link. Our next date is October 19 at 7PM. See you there!

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 checklist is on the [Steffie webpage](#) 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, please disregard.

We would appreciate letting us know if the absence is due to illness.

Thank you for your help and understanding in this.

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Annual Demographic Update Form

Thank you for updating your child's Annual Demographic Form each year to verify that the information that we have on file is correct.

This is a key process to ensure that your child's emergency contact and guardianship information is accurate as we work together for your child's education.

Earlier this fall, an email was sent to all families requesting the completion of your child's demographic update. Thank you to those who have already completed this process. At this time we ask families who have not yet completed their child's annual demographic update to please sign into the parent portal and go to the School Engage link to submit your form.

Link for PowerSchool Parent Portal: <https://powerschool.cesd73.ca/public/home.html>

Please click on SchoolEngage (bottom left) to take you to the demographic form.

Thank you for completing this form prior to October 15, 2021 or as changes occur during the school year.

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.



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