



The Steffie Scoop

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Chinook's Edge School
Division #73

December
2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

	December Dates 
1	Booster Juice Lunch (M/W KG ONLY)
3	Booster Juice Lunch (Whole School)
7	Fundraising Pick up in Gym 2:00 - 4:30pm in the gym.
8	Hot Dog Donation Lunch (M/W KG ONLY)
9	Hot Dog Donation Lunch (Whole School)
10	No School- Non Instructional Day
17	Night Before Christmas PJ Day
20	Christmas Break Begins
	January Dates
3	Return to School
6	Cut Off for January Hot Lunch Orders



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.

This month students will be introduced to the concept of following a group plan. Following the group plan helps children understand what it means to be part of the group, which is different from following one's own agenda. This is an important skill because being part of a group helps children know what is expected, and what they think about and do when they are part of a group. Sharing a thought with others is how we make and follow our group plans. We follow a group plan when we follow our mom/ dad's plan to go Christmas shopping, playing with friends, setting the table for dinner, playing on a sports team, or engaging in the teacher's lesson.

Talking about the group plan helps children know what is expected, and what they think about and do when they are part of a group. When everyone is following the group plan, we are thinking about each other and this makes everyone feel calm and comfortable. When people are following their own plan, others have uncomfortable thoughts and feelings.

Activities to try at home:

- Read or watch The Group Plan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WFUUCrzITM>
- Help them label and identify the group plan and contrast that with following one's own plan.
- Talk about "the plan" and what you are thinking. For example, "My plan is to make a snack." "The plan is to go to the grocery store." "The plan is to get ready for bed! Time to brush our teeth; follow the plan."
- Talk about what each person can say or do so all share the same idea/ plan. For example, "Jen is thinking of the group plan. She is setting the table for dinner."
- Point out the times when you are all sharing one plan. Talk about how that makes you feel. For example, "We are following the plan to get ready to go to school. I put on my shoes. You put on your shoes too! That makes me feel happy. Now we're ready to go."



Compassionate and innovative global citizens

A Message from the Superintendent

Chinook's Edge students, staff and families continue to show incredibly strong and courageous examples of good citizenship. Our schools are filled with people who are achieving success despite competing priorities, who are reaching out with acts of kindness, and who are investing their time and resources to make this holiday season a special one for their neighbours.

In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. Our division is filled with compassionate and innovative global citizens, just as it is outlined in our vision statement. We take good care of one another in Chinook's Edge, as we look beyond our current global challenges with a sense of unity and resolve.

Our Board of Trustees and Central Office team are incredibly grateful for the hard work and perseverance that is ever-present in our schools. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

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

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2022 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2022. Online registration will begin in early January – please visit our website for [registration 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 have been working hard and our teachers have been busy preparing report cards. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's report card, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

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

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. Our learning interruption funding from the Alberta Government has allowed us to provide extra support for our grade two and three students to address learning gaps in literacy and numeracy.

While we will not be having Christmas concerts this year, we will be posting a class performance on google classroom for parents and families to enjoy at home. We will have a busy month with some Christmas dress up days, PJ day, making and delivering Christmas cards to our neighbours, and our Twas the Night Before Christmas reading day. 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. Thank you for your kindness and words of encouragement during this past year. 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!

Have a wonderful Christmas season and all the very best in 2022!

Ms. Eadie-Gyori—Principal



Reminder for Hot Lunch Orders

Please keep in mind that when you order your student(s) hot lunch online, you will receive a **confirmation email** with a receipt for what you have ordered. If you do not receive the email, it means that for some reason, the payment was not processed and your student(s) will not receive any HotLunch. Thank you!!

Weekly Canteen Schedule:

Tuesday - Tues/Thurs Kinder, Grade 1 & 2

Wednesday - Mon/Wed Kinder, Grade 3 & 4

Thursday - Grade 5 & 6

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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 a library book in their backpacks!**

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SWES Fundraising

Thank you for all the Mom's Pantry and Growing Smiles Christmas plant orders. Pick up for both fundraisers will be on December 7, 2021 in the gym. Pick up time will be from 2pm-4:30pm. Please watch for emails/texts with any updated information.

There are a couple events to watch out for in December that the fundraising society will be putting on:

1. We will be hosting another Food Bank and Christmas Bureau drive through drive, located behind Steffie in the bus loop area. We will be accepting toys, non perishable food items, & cash. We will be there on December 7th, 8th, and 9th with two drop off options. The first being in the morning from 8:15am-9:30am and then again after school at 3:05pm-4pm. This will be run similar to last year with no contact. Just pull in, open your trunk and we can take the items from there.
2. Candy cane sales for Steffie student's will be happening during the lunch hour on December 14th, 15th, & 16th. Candy cane's can be purchased for \$1.00 each.

As always if you are interested in helping out on any of these days, please reach out and we will be happy to have the help. I can be reached at johnson_c@hotmail.com or 403.396.0048.

The next SWES fundraising meeting will be held on January 18, 2022 via zoom, following the parent council meeting at 7pm. If your interested you can email the office at steffie_woima@cesd73.ca get the link. Hope you all enjoy the Christmas break!
Cheers,

Christa Currier

Parent Council

The School Council in conjunction with the Fundraising Society will be doing our 2nd Annual Food Bank and Toy Donation Drive. December 7-9 in the back bus loop. 815AM-930AM and 305PM-400PM. It will be a contactless drop off. Let's see if we can surpass last year's donations!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January, 18th, 7:00 p.m. Virtually, call the office for the link.

Steffie Woima School Council met on November 16th. We had updates from the Fundraising Society, Breakfast Program and Hot Lunch.

Along with Numeracy, Literacy continues to be a focus at Steffie Woima this year. We love seeing literacy continue as a focus and are planning the reinvented 6th Annual School Wide Book Club in January! If you have any fabulous books you've read that you would like to suggest to use for the School Wide book club, please contact Jennifer at jbahler17@gmail.com. We hope to "see" you at our next meeting!

Jenn Bahler

Hot Lunch

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



Trish Hammond Christa Currier Rhonda Christie Leah Inkster

Special thanks to Olymel who graciously donated the hot dogs for our DONATION Hot Dog Lunch in December.

Looking for Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to virtually read a Christmas story for our, December 17th, annual "Night Before Christmas" day here at Steffie. In previous years, we have invited volunteers to come into the school to read stories to our students, but this year we would like to invite volunteers to participate virtually. If this is something you are interested in, we are asking that you submit a pre-recorded video of yourself reading a Christmas/Winter themed story. The students will then watch these videos on our last day of school before the holidays. If you are participating, please submit your video by Monday, November 29th. Cell phone videos should work fine. Please send all videos to kmerkley@cesd73.ca. You can also share them through Google Drive or send them to our school's Facebook messenger.



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FROM THE STAFF AT ÉCOLE STEFFIE WOJMA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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