



The Steffie Scoop

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Chinook's Edge School
Division #73

January
2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

	January Dates
3	Students First Day Back
6	Deadline to Order January Hot Lunch
13	Booster Juice- Citrus Swirl (T/Th Kinder)
18	Parent Council/ Fundraising Meeting
21	Hot Lunch- Pizza Hut (T/Th Kinder)
27	Order Deadline for February Hot Lunch
	Young Reader's Choice Story Deadline
28	Sobey's Hot Lunch (M/W Kinder)

Thank You

From Steffie!!!!

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You

Thank you to School Council, Fundraising Society and Volunteers for organizing the Christmas Bureau & Food Bank drop off!

We would also like to thank all of the families who donated to our Toy and Food Drive!

Steffie is feeling the LOVE!

We want to thank all of our Steffie Neighbours who have called the school and sent social media shout out's to our students for their neighbourhood Christmas card deliveries!

We have enjoyed listening to, and sharing, the feedback with our students and staff.



We are so happy to hear we brightened someone's day!

Kid's self-care checklist

- I make self-care a priority every day
- I am kind to myself
- I take breaks to do things I enjoy
- I give myself encouraging words
- I spend time in nature
- I challenge my negative thoughts by using positive self-talk
- I practice deep breathing
- I use grounding techniques
- I try to stay present in the moment
- I focus on what I can control (instead of what I can't)
- I get plenty of sleep and rest
- I do relaxing activities
- I save time for reading
- I listen to calming music
- I take warm bubble baths
- I remind myself of my courage and strength (even when things got rough)
- I practice meditation
- I try new things
- I do yoga
- I take digital detoxes
- I meet my goals
- I participate in activities I'm passionate about
- I give my body the nutrition it needs
- I practice storytelling
- I get lots of physical activity
- I spend time with people who lift me up
- I focus on my strengths (and improving my weaknesses)
- I spend time on my own when I need to
- I journal or write down my thoughts/feelings
- I talk to someone I trust when I need help

Kids Help Phone 

1-800-668-6868
KidsHelpPhone.ca

Young Readers Choice Awards

Write an original story that has 200 to 1000 words. You may enter 1 time, individually and the story may not be a classroom project or retelling of a story, movie or video game. Please remember to have your name, your teacher's name and the title of your story on your first page. Enter a story with neat writing or typing, and remember—spelling, punctuation, and capitals count! Stories should be sent in a digital format. You may share with Google Drive or you may email your story to Ms. Sandberg at esandberg@cesd73.ca.

Finalists will be selected by Ms. Sandberg and her panel of judges. Students at our school will vote for the winning story. The winner will receive a \$25.00 gift card from Chapters and a copy of The Steffie, a book published by our school with stories by this year's winners and runner-ups. Runner ups will also receive a copy of the book. Stories are due January 28th, 2022.

Tips: Think about the words you are using for your story and descriptions. Try to write so your reader is able to feel like they can really imagine your story, or feel they are really there. You may choose to do some research to make your story feel more real.



Ready, Set, Go!

Welcome to Kindergarten

Online Kindergarten
Registration for the
2022-2023 school year
begins on January 10!





Supporting the health and wellness of our students and staff

A message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge, we know that creating a positive social-emotional culture in our schools will significantly impact the well-being and achievement of both students and staff. We care deeply about this priority and the entire division is engaged in creating SEW supportive classrooms. Social Emotional Well-being (SEW) has been a key divisional goal for us for several years.



Under the direction of Dr. Marcie Perdue, Associate Superintendent of Student Services, Chinook's Edge has developed a series of training sessions for school leaders, teachers and support staff. The focus of these sessions is to promote universal social emotional strategies, such as focusing on the classroom environment and using visuals to support classroom routines. The training also focuses on the importance of developing emotional vocabulary and self-awareness. The strategies are being shared through training to all division staff who work directly with students: teachers, educational assistants and school administrators. A highlight of the training sessions was recognizing key characteristics which capture the most impactful social emotional classroom environment.

This determined focus, to bring social emotional well-being supports to life in every school, will help students and staff reach their full potential. When everyone in our school communities are met each morning knowing they are welcome, safe, cared for and respected, they are more open to learning, leading and succeeding.

We would like to hear from you about this priority through a brief survey on our website:

[Let's Talk Social Emotional Well-being.](#)

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Central Office Leadership Team, we wish each of our Chinook's Edge families a happy and healthy new year! Here is the latest [Board eNews](#), and please visit our website for more Trustee Updates.

Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning on January 10, 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. Please visit our website for [registration information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.

SWES Fundraising

Huge thank you again for all the Moms Pantry and Growing Smiles Christmas plant orders, both fundraisers where a huge success. Thank you to Jenn Bahler, Trish Hammond, Connette Stein, and Taryn Le Surf, who helped organize and distribute the orders and to Jenn Bahler, Lindsay Clark, and Treeva Toews for making the rounds with the candy cane sales, which was a big hit for Steffie students again this year. Thank you to all the students (and staff) who participated.

Remember to watch out for Clay for Kids coming to Steffie where each student will get to build and take home their own clay project with glazing and firing, happening at the end of January.

The next SWES fundraising meeting will be held on January 18, 2022 via zoom, following the parent council meeting at 7pm. If you interested in attending, you can email the office at steffie.woima@csd73.ca to get the link. Hope to see you there!

Cheers,
~ Christa Currier ~

A Message from the Principal



Firstly, on behalf of our staff, I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year and all the very best in 2022! We hope you have had a restful Christmas season.

In January, we will once again be very focused on helping all of our students develop their reading and writing skills. The early grades and the elementary years are critically important years as students develop their foundational skills for learning in high school and beyond high school. The literacy skills developed in the early grades are also foundational for success in the world of work. It is very important that students read at home regularly to ensure strong literacy skills. To become great readers, our students need to practice their skills regularly. With our learning disruption funding from the Alberta Government, we have been providing our grade two and three students with extra support to address learning gaps in both reading and mathematics. Towards the end of March, we will begin focusing more on our grade one students. Lastly, just a reminder that regular attendance does make a difference with student learning so attending regularly, whenever possible, will help to minimize or eliminate learning gaps.

During the week of January 17-21st, we will be having a Clay Artist in Residency program in our school. Kindergarten to grade six students will all have the opportunity to complete a painted clay project. Each class will spend a block of time during the week to complete their project. We are excited about this opportunity for our students and we would like to thank our Fundraising Society for funding this residency program.

Lastly, thank you so very much for your help and support as we have navigated this past year. Your words of encouragement and kindness have been so appreciated. Our students have been absolutely amazing in following all the protocols during this challenging time and we are truly grateful.

Ms. Eadie-Gyori—Principal

Parent Council

Next Parent Council Meeting January 18, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

With the Christmas season around the corner, we would like to wish every family a joyous and wonderful Christmas season. We are looking forward to hopefully an even more "normal" 2022!

Save the dates for some important School Council projects coming up in the new year. The date for the 10th Annual Steffie Kids Marathon is on June 10, 2022. We are hopeful that even if we can not do this event the original way as we have in the past we are able to modify as we did last year and have a wonderful event!!

The School Council is also planning the 5th annual School Wide Book Club for the new year! The kick off for this event will be in January virtually. We have had to rethink a bit of our book club and look forward to using technology to keep reading as a family! Please look for more information in January.

Thank you to all who donated in our 2nd annual drive thru food bank and toy drive! We were able to donate a large quantity of both food and toys. The donation Hot Dog day also profited \$800.00 that will be donated to the Christmas Bureau. Special THANK YOU to Olymel who donated the hot dogs this year!

Stay safe and enjoy your Christmas break! We will see you in the new year!

Jennifer Bahler—School Council Chair

Hot Lunch

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

Trish Hammond	Lindsay Clark	Rhonda Christie
Leah Inkster	Christa Currier	Jennifer Bahler

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