



# The Steffie Scoop

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Chinook's Edge School  
Division #73

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

| June At a Glance |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 3                | No School                             |
| 10               | Marathon/Sports Day & BBQ Hot Lunch   |
| 16               | Hot Lunch – Panago T/T Kinder Only    |
| 17               | Hot Lunch – Panago Whole School       |
| 21               | Indigenous People's Day               |
| 27               | Last Day of School for M/W Kinder     |
| 28               | Last Day of School - Dismissal @ noon |
| 29               | No School - Organizational Day        |

Best wishes for a carefree and relaxing retirement to Mrs. Lehto and Mrs. Burkin!



Students Last Day is June 28th.

Early Dismissal for students A-K will be at 11:55 p.m. and L-Z at 12:05 p.m. 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 Parent Council, Fundraising Society and Breakfast Program!

Thank you for the following parents who volunteered for May Hot Lunches!

Rhonda Christie Christa Currier  
Lindsay Clark

### Safe & Caring Message Managing Well-Being: Peer and Friendship conflict

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.

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 support our kids in understanding how to be a good friend:

- 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.

### How to Resolve a Conflict

1. Stop. Take a breath.
2. Talk and LISTEN to the other person.
3. Think of ways to solve the problem together.
4. Choose an idea you both like.





## Sharing a sense of pride as we reflect on an exceptional year

### A Message from the Superintendent

As the end of this school year approaches, the Board of Trustees and Central Office team would like to express our deep gratitude for all that has been achieved in schools across our division. Our Chinook's Edge school communities rallied through a tide of challenges that ebbed and flowed throughout this past school year. Everyone was determined to ensure meaningful learning took place each day, through hard work, resilience and goodwill.

Our schools are filled with educational leaders who ensure a safe and caring environment for all students. They are all committed to our divisional goals: Academic Excellence, Career Connections and Social Emotional Well-being, which we firmly believe are key to student success as they progress through the grades and throughout their lives. Chinook's Edge has generated clear strategies to support every student in their learning journey and to create an upward momentum that helps them realize their hopes and dreams.

Thank you to our students, our teachers and our entire Chinook's Edge team for your hard work throughout the year, and to parents and community partners who are engaged in learning alongside us. Chinook's Edge students are surrounded by people who truly care about them and about their success. Thank you for challenging, encouraging and believing in each one of them. Enjoy your summer!

### Kurt Sacher Superintendent of Schools

We would love to hear your thoughts on this month's [parent survey](#): What comes to mind when you think of your child's school experience this past year? Remember to visit our [Assurance for Parents](#) page for regular updates!

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



### **2022-23 Bus Loop Changes!**

Our Front loop will become our BUS LOOP.

The old bus loop behind the school will become the new PARENT DROP OFF loop!

For student safety, we ask that you do not double park or drop off in the middle of the loop.



## A Message from our Principal

Thank you so much for your help and support as we have navigated another pandemic year. 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. It has been fantastic to see the progress our students have made this year with their reading and writing skills as well as numeracy skills. Once again, thank you for taking the time to read with your child(ren) every day as 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 10th. 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 heading to the lake once again for their final kilometers. Volunteers or family members will be allowed to join classes this year and there will be prizes and fun at Centennial Park. Thank you to Jenn Bahler for your work to make this marathon happen. During the afternoon of June 10th, we will be having our Sports Day. Fox Run students will be leading stations and there will be a K-3 circuit and a 4-6 circuit. Teachers have been busy booking field trips, so it will be a busy and fun month.

Our last day of school is June 28th! If the weather cooperates, we are hoping to do our water party from 11:00 am to 11:30 am. Dismissal for the summer is at 12:00 noon!

As we look to next fall, there will be a few changes we wanted to share with parents. The **front loop** of the school is going to become our **bus loop** as we only have two buses. The much larger loop at the back of the school will now be the **parent drop off loop**. The bigger loop for parents will address some of the problems with congestion and safety. For the safety of our students, please do not double park or drop off in the middle of the loop. The bus loop in front of the school will be closed to parent/guardian traffic before and after school, but will be open during the school day.

With things returning to 'normal', drop off for all students will be between **8:25-8:40 am**. Teachers will be in their classroom as students arrive to greet them and start the morning routine as they arrive. Dismissal for students will go back to our original time of **3:05 pm**.

Thank you again for your support and we hope you have a wonderful summer!

### 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 8th. Last day of check outs is May 30th.**



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## SWES Fundraising

What a good year for the SWES fundraising. After having to pause for a short period we were right back at it in full swing. Below is a list of all the fun activities that fundraising helped support this year.

- Each classroom was allocated \$250.00 to put towards the teachers choice, such as field trips, classroom books, supplies, activities, equipment, class projects and so on.
- Each classroom will be supplied with two board games.
- Watch out for the Gaga Ball court coming soon, should be ready for the kids to enjoy in the fall, if not sooner.
- Clay For Kids residence was a big hit with the Steffie students, they loved doing this project and the creations turned out great!
- Watch out for the Ice Cream Field trip scheduled in June to Big Moo. Thank you to Big Moo for providing a discounted donation for the ice cream cones for the Steffie students to enjoy.
- Imagination Academy residence is booked for the fall in October 19-20, 2022. Also in the process of booking one more residence for next school year as well, so much fun.

I would like to thank all those that attended the meetings and volunteered with the fundraising. It is greatly appreciated.

The next SWES fundraising meeting will be the AGM meeting following the Parent Council meeting on September 20, 2022 at 6:30pm. Come hear what's happening or come share some ideas, we would love to see you there. Enjoy your summer holidays.

Christa Currier ~ SWES Fundraising Chair

## Steffie Kids Marathon

### June 10th 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. We are excited to invite parents back for the marathon. If you wish to walk with your child/children, please be at the school by 9:15 a.m. ready to go. We will be back at the school at approximately 12 PM to hand out prizes and the school will be delivering the BBQ fundraiser Hot Lunch.

T-shirt delivery will be in the next couple weeks during classes. If you have not received your t-shirt by June 8 please contact Jennifer Bahler.

We are in need of volunteers to supervise along the route and hand out water. 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.

## Breakfast Program

Our breakfast program is still busy operating and going well this year. We have still missed being able to see all the kids in the mornings at the kitchen but are happy we are still able to offer breakfast and snack items to the students. Due to the COVID restrictions at the beginning of the year we continued with the bin system in each of the classes like we did last year. These bins are filled with non-perishable items that they can choose from for breakfast or if they are needing an additional snack later in the day. We try our best to offer several healthy snacks for them to choose from. We also received a nutrition grant this year that helped to bring in items such as yogurt, fruit and muffins to hand out to all students once a week. We are very grateful for all our sponsors and donations that we have received this year. Your help and support allowed us to have a successful program. If anyone is wanting to make a donation, or has any questions, concerns or suggestions about the program please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you and may you all have a wonderful summer.



Trish Hammond - Breakfast program coordinator

**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 \$1,028 to the Mustard Seed!! If you donated more than \$25 you will be receiving a receipt directly from Mustard Seed.

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



## School Council

Next Meeting: AGM on September 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Steffie Library (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, Trish Hammond 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 20, 2022, where the new fundraising society and School Council will be elected. In the next few years many of our executive is moving on, so if you are interested in learning more or volunteering, please come out.

School Council is looking forward to the Marathon on June 10th.

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

Jennifer Bahler