



The Steffie Scoop

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Chinook's Edge School
Division #73

October
2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER



- 7 Veggie fundraiser deadline
- 10 No School- Thanksgiving
- 14 Booster Juice Strawberry Sunshine
- 19 Artist in Residency Begins
- 20 Subway Hot Lunch / Hat Day
- 21 No School- Non Instructional Day
- 28 Tim Hortons
- 31 Halloween Parade

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 the call out, we just haven't got to your message yet :).

Thank you for your help!



Halloween at
Steffie Woima

We will be celebrating Halloween on
Monday, October 31st.

* Students may come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes. Costumes should be of a non-violent theme and no "weapons".

*Halloween dance for grades 4-6.

This Month's Safe & Caring Message

At Steffie Woima we have a school-wide approach for teaching consistent expectations to our students. We use a learning approach to support our students in understanding how school works and how to be responsible for the choices they make. Everyone is learning. Learning means we make mistakes. We need to learn from our mistakes.

Our school-wide expectations:

I keep my hands, feet, and other objects to myself Because...



This keeps everyone safe!!!

I listen and follow the directions the 1st time because...

Be Responsible



I am responsible!!

I walk in the hallways & Wear inside shoes inside and wear outside shoes outside
Because i ...

Treat others with respect.



I
AM
kind

I Use clean and courteous language because...

BE THE
BEST
VERSION
OF you

I learn and grow because...

I keep on trying!!!

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.





Welcome Back!

September has flown by as we settle into a normal start to the year.

I would like to thank all of our parents for your help and support as we transitioned back to school. Thank you for attending our open house and "meet the staff afternoon" in August. It has been a great start to the year and our students have been enjoying the amazing fall weather.



A huge thank you to our parents as we moved the buses to the front loop and changed the big loop at the back of the school to the parent drop off and pick up. Safety is a top priority and the changes have significantly improved the safety for our students. A reminder to please not walk through the driving lanes of the loop with your children. Thanks again.

Our Running Club for our grade 5 and 6 students has started and our students have enjoyed running along the trail beside our school. A huge thank you to Mrs. Merkley, Ms. Whitney and Mrs. Hann for being our coaches.

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 -even for our older students!*

This year brings some changes to our interview and report schedule across Chinook's Edge. This year, interviews will be in late November and in March and report cards will be going home in January and June!

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,

This is the second year we have had the YES Program here at Steffie! We would like to introduce Kristy Friesen and Chelsey Lambert. They will be going in and out of classrooms presenting to our students.

September 2022

Youth Empowerment and Support Program (Yes Program) Newsletter Column

Social Media Mindfulness

Most of us use social media as a way to share positive clips of our lives with family and friends, we reach out for advice, buy or sell items and even share grief with the passing of a loved one.

When adults make posts about their lives, family and friends, our kids often see those posts. Many of our students have access to social media and can see posts shared by mutual friends.

While posting about your family may seem harmless, your child may not want their picture on your social media. This can leave them open to criticism, targeted bullying, and shame. We live in a small community and students who have access to social media may share your posts with other students who know you or your children, exposing your personal family information to many others.

Even messages sent between friends get passed on and accounts can be hacked. You should also be mindful not to post anything you wouldn't want thousands of people to see. If you're not happy to wear it on your T-shirt you shouldn't post it online.



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.

In addition to ensuring that your child's emergency contact and guardianship information is accurate, demographic information is used for:

1. Providing information to you for Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) purposes.
2. Provide information to Alberta Education for student enrollment purposes.

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 your help in ensuring your information is up to date!

Important: For school safety concerns, we ask that all parents check in at the office when entering the building. Please do not enter through side doors.

If you'd like to chat with your child's teacher, please contact them through classroom communication tool or through the office to create a meeting time that works best for yourself and the teacher. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?

TO RECEIVE SCHOOL MESSENGER TEXTS YOU WILL NEED TO TEXT "Y" OR "YES" TO 724665!



THE NUMBER YOU TEXT FROM MUST MATCH THE NUMBER YOU HAVE ON FILE WITH SWS!

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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:

Roxanne Gunnlaugson

Jessika Chalmers

Leah Bogner-Inkster

Kristie Hare

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.

Rhonda Christie -Hot Lunch Coordinator

2022/23 SWES Fundraising

The first fundraiser this year has all ready started! It is the Farm to School veggies. Orders can be placed on line at www.farmtoschool.ca. We are happy to let you know that the veggie donations this year will be dropped off to our local Sylvan Lake Food bank. Last day to order will be on October 7, 2022. Orders will be delivered to the school on October 18, 2022. Pick up time will be confirmed a week prior, so please watch out for notices.

Our 2022/23 SWES Fundraising Board this year is:

Christa Currier - Chairperson

Kate Thomlinson- Vice Chairperson

Gerri Macrea- Secretary

Janine Waldo- Treasurer

We have another fun year to look forward to. There is a residency, **Imagination Academy, booked for October 24-27, 2022**, where students will get to explore different drawing techniques and learn about the printmaking process and materials used. Students will then create their own drawing/carving and will come home with one linocut print and one linocut plate.

It was nice to see some new faces at the last meeting! If you have any questions or want to share some ideas please come on by to one of our meetings or I can be reached at johnson_c@hotmail.com or 403.396.0048.

The next meeting will on October 18, 2022 following the school council meeting **at 7pm** in the school library. Hope to see you there!

Cheers,

~Christa Currier~

School Council

Our AGM was on September 20, 2022. We had a great turn out for our first meeting with some new faces attending which was fabulous. At our AGM we elected a new executive for the 2022-23 School Year:

Co-Chair: Jennifer Bahler &

Vice-Chair:

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, in the Learning Commons. Our next date is October 18 at 7PM. See you there!

Jennifer Bahler—School Council Co-Chair

Looking for Volunteers!

You may have noticed our east (beside the swings) playground has had pieces removed this month. Within the year we will be loosing it altogether.

We would like to replace the park being removed, so we are looking for volunteers interested in joining our Playground Fundraising Committee!

If you are interested in helping, please call or [email](mailto:) the office.



Thank You From Steffie!

* To our Parent Council and Fundraising Society Members

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

*Thank you to our Hot Lunch coordinator, Rhonda Christie, and volunteers!

*Thank you to our Breakfast Program coordinator, Trish Hammond!



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