



The Steffie Scoop

FEBRUARY 2023

Chinook's Edge School Division #73

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2023

- February 2nd- Hat Day for the Thebeau Family
Please bring a Toonie!
- February 3rd- Hot Lunch Taco Time
- February 9th- Booster Juice &
Last day to drop off cans/bottles
- February 10th- No School (Collaborative Day)
- February 17th- Main Street Eatery
- February 20-24- Winter Break &
Teachers Convention
- February 28th- March Hot Lunch Order Deadline &
Pink Shirt Day



**PINK SHIRT DAY AT SWES IS
FEBRUARY 28TH!**

Principal's Message

January has been a busy month of learning with report cards coming out on January 31st! We had an amazing turnout for our 'Snow Ball' on January 26th. It was so wonderful for our families to get together, have lots of fun, and raise money for the playground project. We raised just over \$2,000.00 for the playground project so thank you so much for the amazing support! Badminton has started for our grade five and six students and the Grade Six tournament day will be February 17th. A huge thank you to Mrs. Merkley, Mr. Merkley, Miss Gillett, and Miss Vanden Heuvel for coaching badminton.

We are looking forward to a busy month in February. February is Kindness Month at Steffie! We will be encouraging our students to do Acts of Kindness and encouraging everyone to be treating others with kindness. Our days are so much better when everyone shows kindness and fills the buckets of others! Please take a few minutes to talk with your child about how they might fill someone else's bucket or do an Act of Kindness. We will be having Valentine's celebrations and students are welcome to bring Valentine Cards for their classmates. Watch for information from your child's teacher regarding Valentine's Day plans. For our students in grades 4-6, we will be having a Valentine's dance in the gym during the afternoon. We will be having our Pink Shirt Day on February 28 as the official Pink Shirt Day is during winter break. Winter Break is February 20-24th for students and teachers will be busy learning as Teachers' Convention is February 23rd and 24th.

To help prepare our students for the world of work and learning beyond high school, we, at the elementary level, have the important job of building the critically important foundational skills of reading and writing. As a school, we have been focusing on improving student reading results for about ten years. We have been so excited about the progress and achievement of our students. Just like any skill, students need to practice reading regularly to become very good at it. Thank you for reading with your child often and helping them to discover the excitement of books and reading. With all of the learning disruptions, reading every day has become even more important!

Have a fantastic February!

Ms. Eadie-Gyori—Principal



Playground Fundraising

CANS FOR THE COURTYARD

Bottle Drive for the SWES Playground!

When? Where?

- January 30th-February 9th
- Drop off at Steffie Woima and we will fill our courtyard!




**ÉCOLE STEFFIE WOIMA
ELEMENTARY**

INTERESTED IN FRENCH IMMERSION?

STEFFIE IS HOSTING A KINDERGARTEN FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION NIGHT!
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!

WHERE? ÉCOLE STEFFIE WOIMA (COME IN THE FRONT DOORS)

WHEN? FEBRUARY 1ST @ 6:30!






School Council News

Next Parent Council Meeting:
Tuesday, February 28th, at 7:00 p.m.

Our last School Council meeting was on January 17, 2023.

We had an amazing learning presentation with YES, Youth Empowerment and Support program. The ladies talked about the support they give in class and outside of school. Working with our grades 5 and 6 classes currently. For more information contact the office!

One Book Whole School is back! The books have been ordered and are expected to arrive by the end of the month. The purpose of the Book Club is to get families reading and talking about reading together, so keep your eyes peeled for more information coming soon.

In support of one of our Steffie Families, we are planning a Hat Day for Feb 2, students can bring a Toonie, and have a pass to wear their favorite hat in class for the day!! All proceeds go to supporting Nixon and Aria.

Feb 28 will be our Pink shirt day for Anti-bullying. The official date happens during our break, so we decided to kick off our return with compassion and empathy.

Marathon Day is June 10 save the date! Sponsorship packages will be going home. But if you know you'd like to be a sponsor of the marathon this year, please contact Jennifer Bahler, at jbahler17@gmail.com for more information. This is our 11th year (and potentially my, Jennifer's last year) and we'd really like to make it the best yet; while still maintaining the low cost. For those of you who are new to the school, the marathon is a "cumulative" marathon geared to encourage daily physical activity for all, with the side benefit of achieving a goal! We encourage everyone— students, siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends—to join in and get active. We hope to motivate children and their families to commit to a healthy lifestyle and develop a habit of daily fitness for life. If you have any questions please let us know!

A huge thank you to all the parents who have supported and continue to support the school and our kids! We appreciate each and every one of you!

Meg Weiskopf/Jenn Bahler—School Council Co-Chairs

Hot Lunch

Thank you to all who came to help with January Hot Lunches!

Roxanne Gunnlaugson
Jacqueline Huehn
Jenn Bahler
Christa Currier



Thank you to Rhonda Christie for coordinating!

Safe and Caring

Our Safe & Caring Message

At Steffie Woima we model and promote kindness each and every day. February is a month that we particularly highlight why this is so important in our world today.

We're all familiar with the saying "it's better to give than receive". Kindness is choosing to do something that helps others or yourself, motivated by genuine warm feelings.

It often means putting other people's needs before our own. What might surprise you is that this is actually backed up by research. People who are kind and compassionate experience clear benefits to our well-being and happiness.

- Helping others feels good. It helps to reduce stress and improves mood, self-esteem and happiness. It increases feelings of well-being and improves our support networks as well as encourages us to be more active which can improve our self-esteem
- It creates a sense of belonging and reduces isolation.
- It helps keep our own lives in perspective... to appreciate the things we are grateful of in our own lives.
- One act of kindness often leads to others!

Here are just a few ways you and your family can spread kindness in our community:



École Steffie Woima Elementary School

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR!

OFFERING ENGLISH OR FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAMMING!

LEARN

THINK

GROW