



The Steffie Scoop

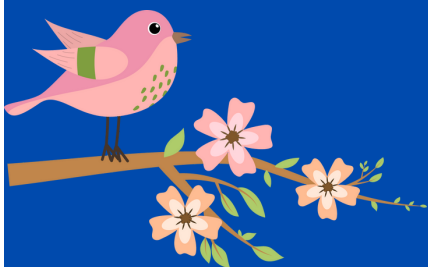
APRIL 2023

Chinook's Edge School Division #73

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- April 4/5- Spring Photos
- April 6- Hot Lunch Tim Hortons
- April 7- Good Friday (No School)
- April 10- Easter Monday (No School)
- April 11-14- Spring Break
- April 27- Welcome to Kindergarten (6-7:00 pm)
- April 21- Booster Juice
- April 27-May Hot Lunch Order Deadline
- April 28- Hot Lunch Subway



Fundraising

Thank you to those who ordered Mom's Pantry. Please watch for texts/emails in regards to the pick up day and time, which will be in the Steffie gym in April. With your support with these fundraisers throughout the school year Steffie students get to enjoy all the extras at school, such as the school residencies like the Imagination Academy, (watch for Fitset Ninja coming soon), gaga ball courts, the up coming year end ice cream trip, and more. Your efforts are appreciated. I will be looking for volunteers to help unload and sort out the Mom's Pantry orders once they arrive. If you are interest I can be reached at 403.396.0048. Thank you!

Cheers,
Christa Currier

Principal's Message

A Message from our Principal

March has flown by as it was a busy month here at Steffie Woima with all of us busy learning, having some inside recesses, and enjoying our time with friends. Thank you so much to our families for attending Parent-Teacher conferences either in person or online. We value our parents as partners and appreciate your support! Our Book Fair was a great success again this year and we truly appreciate the support of families. A special thank you to Ms. Sandberg for all of her time and work in organizing the book fair. The funds raised are used to purchase books for our library collection. Also, I would like to thank you for reading with your child every night or setting aside time for your older student(s) to read. To become fluent and avid readers, children need regular practice. The development of their reading skills in the elementary years of their education is critically important to success in high school and beyond. Books are a great way to expand your child's vocabulary which significantly improves comprehension of more challenging materials later on in their education. Your time and commitment is making a big difference and it has been so exciting to see our students' reading growth this year.

We are all hopeful that spring will arrive soon and we are done with inside recesses! Recently, we did some professional learning on our last Professional Learning Day which reminded us about the importance of limiting screen time, getting our kids interacting and active, and outdoors enjoying fresh air. We encourage our families to have 'screen free' times and areas in the home so that kids and families engage in conversations which helps build connection, quality family time and of course, language skills and vocabulary.

For the month of April, we will be doing a Read-a-thon to promote daily reading as well as a fundraiser for our playground project. Information will be sent home during this last week of March. Students are not expected to go door to door to get sponsorship, but rather, ask friends and family if they might be willing to sponsor minutes read. Students will be on teams to see which team has read the most minutes and there will be prizes and a pizza party for the team with the most minutes read in the whole school! It will be fun challenging each other to read lots during the month of April!

Welcome to Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten will be on April 27th at 6:00-7:00 pm. Our newest students and families will visit the school, classrooms, and meet the teachers in person! We are looking forward to meeting all of our new families and students.

We hope you have a fantastic April and a Happy Easter!

Ms. Eadie-Gyori—Principal





School Council News

Parent Council News

Next Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the school staff room.

Last meeting we had the pleasure of learning more about the FRN programs that are offered in our community for families with children ages 0-18. Kim and Amy shared with us the many exciting family based events they will be offering for the next coming months as well. You can check them out [Family Resource Network - Town of Sylvan Lake](#). Be sure to sign up for newsletters for future information.

Our amazing staff has jumped in to assist in the transition for Hot lunch distribution until we can find a new coordinator. If you are interested in helping out please let the front desk staff know.

Our Playground fundraising efforts have continued, and with a successful silent auction under our belts we are a little closer to our goal. Thank you to all the staff members who helped us get the event off the ground, and the council members who volunteered and helped make it all possible.

A special thanks goes to the sponsors who donated items as well. Huge round of applause all around!

Our next Playground event will be our read-a-thon happening after spring break! Keep your eyes peeled for more info in the coming days!

Parent Council Chair,
Megan Weiskopf

Hot Lunch

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

Lauren Johnson
Christa currier
Cody Toews
Brittany Langton
Lindsey Doepker
Amy Vlietman
Jenn Bahler



Thank you to Rhonda Christie for coordinating!

Safe and Caring



Fair Play

Fair play is all about learning and using rules in games. Fair play has fundamental values that are important in sport. It also involves understanding social rules. Parents are key role models in modeling fair play. Children learn about fair play by watching what you say and do.

Ways you can support your child in the areas of fair play:

- Play games as a family. Talk about and model fair play.
- Help children play fair by choosing appropriate games; explain the rules clearly, ensure they play by the rules and use praise. Start with simpler games to begin with where children take turns (i.e., 'snakes and ladders', UNO, etc.).
- Before any game starts, make sure everyone clearly knows what the rules are and how the rules are there to make the game fair. You may need to gently remind children of the rules as you play.
- When children are having trouble with fair play, talk through their feelings (i.e., frustration, disappointment, etc.).
- Introduce some social rules to practice; these could be rules about:
 - taking turns
 - congratulating other people when they win,
 - if you lose, don't make up excuses,
 - if you win, don't rub it in,
 - learn from mistakes and get back in the game,
 - always do your best,
 - the more you practice the better they get at this, etc.

Competition can be good for children. When they compete against each other, the game becomes a challenge and motivates children to do their best. This can improve skills, encourage discipline and focus, and make children feel good about their achievements. Competition also increases the desire to win. This is when children can sometimes find it hard to play fair. Because of their desire to win, they might challenge rules and argue with other players or even start bending rules and cheating.

When your child is finding it hard to play fair there are a few things you can do:

- Take your child out of the game and talk calmly and clearly about what you expect. Let your child know what they can do to play fairly.
- Talk with your child about their feelings and what they should do next time. Before your child plays the next game, review the plan.
- Remind your child that games are about having fun, not about winning or losing.
- If your child is boasting about winning, try praising them for their efforts in other areas – for example, for cooperating with others, sharing or being helpful.
- If your child is very upset and behaving inappropriately, you might need to help your child calm down.

Spring has (hopefully) sprung and this is a great time to practice and work on all our fair play skills!

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