



The Steffie Scoop

MAY 2023

Chinook's Edge School Division #73

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3- Hats on for Mental Health- wear a hat to school

May 4- Taco Time

May 5- No School (Non Instructional Day)

May 12- Hot Lunch - Sobey's

May 19- No School (Non Instructional Day)

May 22- Victoria Day- No School

May 25- June Hot Lunch Order Deadline

May 26- Booster Juice

May 29- No School (Non-Instructional Day)

May 30- Indigenous Cultural Day

2023-24 Class Placement

Parent Request For Class Placements 2023/2024 School Year

Each year the teachers in each grade team spend many hours preparing class lists that are well balanced according to achievement levels, genders, and behaviors of students, with the best educational placement of students in mind.

Although we will accept some parent requests for placements, remember this is only a request and not a guarantee. The principal of each school makes the final classroom placement of students. Staffing is usually not finalized until June of each year.

The following process will be followed in regards to parent requests for student placements for 2019 - 2020:

1. Requests will only be taken for educational reasons. The written request must specify the educational reason for the placement request. If none is given, the request will not be considered.

2. All requests must be in writing to the principal before May 31st.

3. Only a portion of each class list will be considered for special requests in order to maintain the best educational balance in each classroom.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this issue. Please trust that the educational professionals at each school have the best educational interests of your child in mind.

Angela Eadie- Gyori, Principal

Principal's Message

The year has flown by and it is hard to believe that it is almost May!

It has been amazing to see our students' reading and writing skills develop this year. We will continue to focus on improving our students' reading and writing skills during the last two months of the year. These last months are really important in solidifying the skills acquired this year. Thank you for reading with your child(ren) each day as it makes a big difference in reading progress. The Read-a-thon motivated so many of our students to read, read, read! Thank you in advance for your continued efforts to ensure your child is well rested! With the longer days, we know that it is hard to get the kids to sleep and we thank you for your efforts to ensure adequate sleep. To finish the year strong, sleep and regular routine makes a difference!

A huge thank you to our parents and community for your support with our fundraising efforts! The silent auction was a huge success and could not have happened without the generous support of our community and our parents. Thank you! Also, thank you for your support of the Read-a-thon. There has been an excited buzz in the building and kids are reading more so that is a huge celebration! The final prize draws will be on May 4th! Once again, thank you so much for supporting our playground fundraising efforts this year!

The Steffie Marathon is scheduled for June 9th. More information will be coming out shortly and a huge thank you to Jenn Bahler for all of her work in planning and organizing this event. It encourages kids and families to get outside, get active, and reduce screen time!

Teachers have been busy planning and booking field trips and we are excited for our students to be able to engage in these enriching learning experiences. Please watch for information from your child's teacher. We want all of our students to attend the trips, so please remember that we do have sponsorships available for field trips should you need one. Please feel free to email me or contact the front office and we will arrange the sponsorship. Our Fundraising Society is paying for each of our students to have an ice-cream cone as part of a walking field trip in June.

Angela Eadie-Gyori
Principal



Fundraising

Big thank you to all the Moms Pantry orders and parent volunteers who helped with unloading and sorting. We raised a total of \$1,173.73, which will go towards the whole school Big MOO Ice Cream trip at the end of the school year.

Another SWES fundraiser society sponsored event to watch out for will be the FitSet Ninja Obstacle Course held on May 11 & 12, 2023. This is a mobile obstacle course that will have over 30 different obstacles arranged by professional obstacle course ninjas. This will give the students the opportunity to develop discipline, perseverance, and goal setting in a team environment.

SWES fundraising will have one more meeting before the school ends for this 22/23 school year. It will be held on May 16, 2023 following the parent council meeting at 7pm. It's never too late to come. Hope to see you there!

Cheers,
Christa Currier



School Council News

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Next School Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the school staff room

April's meeting featured the lovely Caroline Muncer. Caroline is an indigenous educator from CESD who was gracious enough to come and give our parents a short lesson on the history of the Treaty 6 lands we occupy. Part of reconciliation is education about our lands and the true history. If you wish to learn more about how and what CESD is doing to help, please visit the following link.
<https://www.cesd73.ca/indigenous-education/foundational-knowledge/truth-and-reconciliation>

Spring is in the air, and we are excited to welcome more and more outside activities including the installation of our second Gaga ball pit! The first Gaga ball pit was an amazing hit with the kids so the decision to get a second was easy!
We are still in need of volunteers to help with our hot lunch program. If you have an afternoon to spare to help our staff out with distribution please let the office know!
Our 11th annual Marathon registration is here! Our invitation to all our students, their families and the community to get active and create healthy habits. Information was sent to your emails last week, and council members will be in the school this week to collect and answer any questions you may have!
A gentle reminder that ALL SWES parents are welcome to join us at School Council, as feedback from parents is incredibly beneficial in creating well rounded experiences for our children. Hope to see you May 16 @ 7pm in our school staff room!!

Megan Weiskopf
Head Chair of School Council

Hot Lunch

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

Lauren Johnson
Aimee Vlietman
Trish Hammond
Anne Nielsen
Colleen Dixon



Thank you to Rhonda Christie for coordinating!

Safe and Caring

Ways to Finish the School Year Strong

The school year is starting to wind up. It's the time of year where the sun shines longer, Spring sports start, play lasts into the wee hours, and it gets more difficult to focus on our school days. It's the time of the school year where our kids can begin to get distracted and reduce their efforts towards the end of the school year. We can help our kids finish strong and put in their best effort until that last day. Here are a few ideas:

Lead by Example... model, model, model!

Kids are quick to adopt our attitude. If we start talking about how we wish it was summer, or how we can't wait for school to be over, they are likely to think the same way. How we talk about school is really important! If we talk negatively about school, homework, etc. in front of our children they begin to think that school is not important. They will put in less effort. Always encourage your kids to try their best.

Talk About Responsibility and Perseverance

Being responsible and persevering when things are more difficult or we are feeling tired are life skills that everyone benefits from!

Stick to Routine

Children need structure and routine—and these become even more important towards the end of the school year. When it's nice outside, it can be more difficult to enforce bedtime but really important for kids to get enough sleep (school aged kids 9-12 hours). Continue to set aside time to read or complete homework

Teach Skills and Set Aside Study Time

In elementary school, kids in the older grades might have end-of-unit tests. In grade six they write standardized Provincial Achievement exams. Studying for tests can be overwhelming for kids. Introducing your child to study skills now will pay off with good learning habits throughout their life. When working on study skills it is important to: Know when tests are scheduled so you can help your child study ahead of time rather than just the night before.

Remind them to bring home the right study materials (i.e., notes, study guides, books)

Teach them how to break down overall tasks into smaller, manageable chunks so preparing for a test isn't overwhelming. Study a little each night.

Remember emotions run high at the end of the school year

In those last few weeks of the year, stress levels are likely to be elevated. Children and adults are tired. Children may be worrying about saying goodbye to this year's teacher and what next year might look like.

Acknowledge and make space for their emotions. Support them with modeling and using strategies to reduce stress and worry.

