



The Steffie Scoop

OCTOBER 2023

École Steffie Woima Elementary School

Chinook's Edge School Division #73

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 before 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 been able to listen to your message yet. Your child's absence will be recorded correctly.

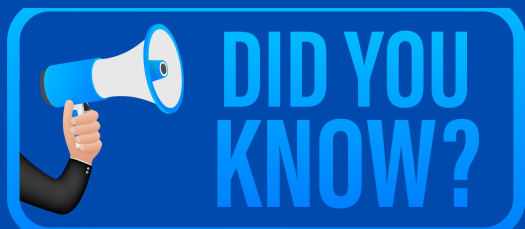
**If your child is late please have them check in at the office.*

Thank you for your help!

Halloween at Steffie

We will be celebrating Halloween on Tuesday, 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.



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 SWES!

Important Information



For student safety please do not send snacks or lunch to school with your child that could contain any kind of nuts or peanuts. Thank you!



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 the classroom communication tool or through the office to create a meeting time that works best for yourself and the teacher. Thank you!

Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

September has flown by as we settled into a new school year. We have had a great start to the year with our students transitioning back to school very well! Thank you for attending our open house or 'Meet the Staff' afternoon on September 1st as it helps our students as they begin the school year.

A huge thank you to our parents during drop off and pick up times for your efforts to keep everything as safe as possible. Please do not double park in the parent drop off loop or walk through the driving lanes of the loop with your children. Please make sure to use the sidewalks to get to vehicles. We have had a few close calls with kids walking out between parked cars to get to parent vehicles. Please remind your child to walk around. Thanks again for your part in keeping things safe for kids.

Our Terry Fox Run was a huge success and we raised close to \$1,000.00. We were very fortunate to have Fred Fox, Terry's brother, visit our school and share the story. It was a wonderful opportunity for students and we know that it inspired many.

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 and Ms. Whitney for being our running 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!

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,
Principal



Fundraising

Steffie Woima Casino 2023! We need your help!

The Steffie Woima Fundraising Society has a Casino scheduled for **October 18 & 19th, 2023**. This is an excellent opportunity that should bring in over **\$20,000** to our playground fund!

Volunteers are needed for two shifts daily :

1:00pm- 9:00 pm or 7:30 pm- 2:30 am

*No prior experience is needed. Each job is simple and will be explained on site. Supper will be provided to volunteers.

Please contact our SWES Fundraising Chair, Kate Thomlinson.
kthomlin@telusplanet.net
(403) 872-9807





School Council News

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Our School Council AGM was on September 19, 2023. We had an amazing turnout this year, and loved seeing all the new faces!

At our AGM we elected a new executive for the 2023-24 School Year:

Chair: Megan Weiskopf
Vice-Chair: Kristin Germaine
Secretary: Trish Hammond
Treasurer: Kate Thomlinson

All minutes from the meetings can be found on the school website after every meeting following approval at the current meeting. Meaning you will see the September minutes just after our October meeting!

We look forward to another successful year, and would love to continue to see new faces! We WELCOME and ENCOURAGE anyone interested in learning more about Steffie to join us, 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 meetings are set for the 3rd Tuesday of the month making our next date October 24, 2023 at 7PM in the office staff room. See you there!

Megan Weiskopf
School Council Chair

Hot Lunch

We are happy to announce that our Hot Lunch Program has officially begun!

October lunches are available to order. Order deadline is **October 4th**.

Thank you to Leah Inkster for her partnership in coordinating hot lunch days!

If you need a hand finding where to order hot lunch, please contact the office.



Safe and Caring

At Steffie Woima we have a school-wide approach for teaching consistent expectations to our students. We use a learning and problem solving approach to support our students in solving problems that arise.

Helping kids acknowledge and learn from their mistakes requires support from both school and home. Parents and staff at Steffie are partners in growing kids! By teaching kids to take personal accountability and owning their part in problems, we teach them that mistakes happen and we can experience regret for our choices but that when those mistakes happen, it's important to learn to fix or grow from them. This helps to instill moral values of right and wrong, even when there is no one watching.

Our school wide expectations were created based on an understanding that there are key expectations that children need to be able to understand and follow in order to be healthy and successful.

Our expectations at school include:

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

This keeps everyone safe including me!! There are many ways to solve problems when we are upset and at my school the adults are always willing to help me make a plan.



I Use Kind, clean and courteous language because...

It shows caring about myself and others! Being kind and polite to others makes them feel comfortable and safe when they are around me. This helps build healthy relationships and friendships.



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

This shows that I am responsible!!

When I listen and follow directions the first time, I am keeping myself and others safe.

I am also making sure that I can learn and do my best. It allows others to learn and do their best as well.



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

This keeps everyone safe when walking in the hallways! It also takes care of our building and shows that we are proud of our school.

Adults having expectations of me and me working hard to meet them is so important because they will help me to learn and grow. They help me make healthy choices especially as I grow bigger and the adults aren't around. I will be better equipped to know how to make healthy choices and boundaries. I will sometimes make mistakes but I keep on trying!!!

Be The Best
Version
of You!