



The Steffie Scoop

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École Steffie Woima Elementary School

Chinook's Edge School Division #73

Chinook's Edge Adopts New Safety Program



While schools are considered to be one of the safest places in our communities, in reality emergencies can occur anywhere, at any time. Chinook's Edge takes seriously the responsibility to maintain readiness to respond to emergencies, and prioritize student and staff safety in our buildings.

Starting in September 2024, Chinook's Edge has adopted the use of Hour-Zero, which is a school emergency program, used by agencies throughout North America.

While we have always had safety plans in place, through Hour-Zero we have access to the same language used by emergency responders in our community. Also, Hour-Zero's ongoing staff training and support are valuable tools for us.

Each school has an on-site emergency response team, which is supported by the division emergency response team. Staff is trained on emergency protocols with drills being practiced at each school to ensure students and staff are prepared to act quickly and to minimize confusion and fear in a real emergency.

We invite you to take a moment to review [this guide](#) for parents / guardians, which outlines protocols and language we will use in emergency situations, as well as how we will communicate with you. Also, on the Chinook's Edge website [here](#), there is a video summary of what you can expect.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your school's principal or vice-principal.

Halloween at Steffie

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

*M/W Kinder will celebrate Wednesday, October 30th.

- 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.



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 August 30th 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 \$930.00. Thank you to Mrs. Nielsen for organizing the Terry Fox Run for our school. Your time and work is very appreciated!

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 Mr. Moist and Ms. Whitney for being our running coaches and to Ms. Gillett for helping with the upcoming trip to the School Division Fun Run!

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 long term 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



Hot Lunch

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

November Hot Lunch Order deadline is October 27th.

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

Thank you to Lauren Johnson and Keely Grant for their help on Hot Lunch day!

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





School Council News

Our School Council AGM was on September 24th 2024.

At our AGM we elected a new executive for the 2024-25 School Year:

Happy new School Year Parents!!

We kicked off School Council Year with a bang at our AGM!!

Voting in our 2024-2025 executive team which is as follows:

Head-Chair: Megan Weiskopf

Vice-Chair: Kristen Germaine

Treasurer: Kate Martin

Secretary: Trish Hammond

Our next official council meeting is set for October 22nd at 6:30pm in the school staff room.

We are excited for a brand new year with brand new ideas!!

Megan Weiskopf

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!

Fundraising

Hello Steffie families! We hope you all had an excellent summer!

We stayed busy and made great progress towards building our new playground! We currently have \$142,065 in our playground fund and have submitted our application for matching funds to the government. Big thanks to Kayla Webb, Fundraising Vice Chair, for all her work on this application over the summer. We will continue to seek contributions and apply for other grants to further increase the playground fund and hope to be ready to build in the spring!

Our next meeting will be at 7:30pm on October 22. Please consider joining us at the school, or look for a Google Meet link to be sent out prior to the meeting. Members of Fundraising do not need to be parents of students, nor members of the School Council. For more information, contact us at steffiefundraising@gmail.com.

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!



Reconciliation Education

Chinook's Edge School Division proudly presents the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation Course
This course is at no cost and completed online.

What is 4 Seasons of Reconciliation?

4 Seasons of Reconciliation is a unique 3-hour online course that promotes a renewed relationship between Indigenous peoples and Canadians through transformative learning about truth and reconciliation.

This multimedia course provides a basic, foundational knowledge on truth and reconciliation that nearly all Canadians missed during their education journey, and is intended for Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners. The course and its bonus video library shine a bright light on the contributions of Indigenous peoples, debunk myths, stereotypes and racism while meeting the Calls to Action in the workplace and our lives from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC). Watch this video to learn more.

How can I access this learning opportunity?

CESD staff have been engaged in this learning for the past year and we are pleased to be able to offer this amazing online learning experience free to our School Council members and parents in this final year of our contract with 4 Seasons of Reconciliation!

You can sign up for the fall intake to this course by clicking on and completing this [Fall Intake Registration form](#) by October 11, 2024.

Your name and email address will be shared with 4 Seasons of Reconciliation and you will receive a welcome email with login information and instructions on how to access your course by October 21st.

Simply follow the instructions and dive into the course. You may complete the course in one sitting (yes, it's that engaging!) or go in and out as many times as you like.

You have until June 27, 2025 to complete the course.

If you miss our fall intake deadline of October 11, you can sign up in the January intake.

On behalf of CESD and the Indigenous Learning Team, we thank you for taking the time to join our staff in this learning and the work of reconciliation. If you have any questions about the course, please feel free to contact your school administrator or myself at cmuncer@cesd73.ca.

Respectfully

Carolynne Muncer, CESD Indigenous Learning Coordinator

