



The Steffie Scoop

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Library News

Each student will be receiving a Reading Advent Calendar from the library. The calendar does not need to be returned to the school as it is for your child to enjoy at home. There are 24 reading activities suggested, such as reading a book about snowmen, or building a cozy fort to read in. There are numbered books to color on a Christmas scene. As activities are completed, colour the corresponding numbered book and colour the whole scene to create a beautiful Christmas picture. Enjoy, and happy reading!

Watch for information about the Steffie Woima Young Readers Choice Awards coming home with students this month. The deadline for story entries is January 27th. Start writing today!

Fundraising Society

Hello Steffie families! The holiday season is around the corner and we hope you've had a chance to check out our ongoing fundraiser for gift ideas! Slime, coffee and cookies – something for everyone! Flyers came home in backpacks this week and orders can be made online at <https://form.jotform.com/243175535024250>. Thank you for all the orders placed!

We will also be launching a digital 50/50 next week. Proceeds raised will help cover the final costs of our new playground. Look for information in your inbox and on Facebook in the next few days. Tickets will be sold online and cash sales will also be available (and preferred!) at the Christmas concerts!

Our annual candy cane sales will be held December 17th – 19th during lunch break for \$1 each.

We hope you all have a fabulous holiday season!

Thanks,
Kate Martin
Fundraising Chair



Hot Lunch

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

Thank you to this month's volunteers:
Keely Grant Lauren Johnson Jordan Leyenhorst

Deadline to Order January Hot Lunch is January 5th!

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



Principal's Message

November has been a very busy and productive month at Steffie Woima. A huge thank you to our parents for attending Parent-Teacher conferences and for supporting our Book Fair! Thank you to the many parents who attended our Remembrance Day service and to Mr. Armitage for all of his time and work in putting it all together.

Thank you for continuing to read with your child regularly and/or setting time aside for your older student to read. As we build skills for lifelong learning, education beyond high school and the world of work, these foundational reading skills are critically important. Reading regularly helps develop students' vocabulary which significantly improves comprehension with reading. Even a few minutes of reading regularly makes a significant difference in the achievement of students not only in elementary school but in the years ahead.

Once again, we will be having our Christmas Store or white elephant sale. It is a great way to reduce waste and recycle items. Most of the items are \$1.00, \$2.00 or \$5.00 making it a great way for students to buy gifts for their family members. The Christmas Store is always an exciting place to visit! Any donations of gently used items for our store would be greatly appreciated! Christmas decorations, gifts for moms and dads, and toys for younger siblings were big hits this past year. Thank you in advance for your support!

The Christmas season is approaching quickly with our kindergarten concerts on December 5th and 6th, the Grade 1 and 2 concert will be December 11th and the grade 3 and 4 concert is scheduled for December 12th. Our choir will be performing at both evening concerts. At the concert, we will be accepting food donations for our school pantry and the food bank, items for our Christmas Store (White Elephant sale), and there will be a 50-50 happening! The funds raised will be going into our playground fund!

On behalf of the staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and all the very best in 2025!

Ms. Eadie-Gyori—Principal



School Council

In this month's meeting we discussed the upcoming year, and the presentations we are looking to include for our parents during school council meetings. After a successful social media presentation we want to offer more educational events to bridge the educational gap from school to home.

We are looking to cooperate with some of the other schools in the district as well, so we can offer the best presenters possible. Make sure to keep an eye out for future info on the up and coming dates.

There will be no council meeting in December, we are going to enjoy the many events the school has for the kids before the holidays. Have a wonderful December, and we will see you in the new year!

Megan Weiskopf
School Council Chair



Steffie Woima Pantry

At our school, we have a little food pantry to help out our families as needed. We do food hampers periodically and our supply of items for our pantry is getting low. This year, we will be collecting food for the pantry and have a wish list of items that we could really use. Your support of the pantry and our Steffie families is greatly appreciated. Food items can be sent with your student or dropped off at the office and/or the Christmas concerts. Thank you in advance for your donation of food for our pantry!

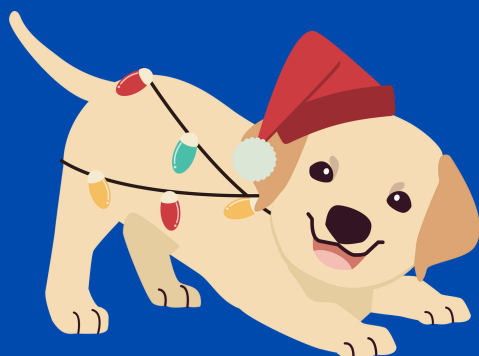
Additionally, should your family need a little extra help with food at this time of year, please call the office. Once our pantry is filled, we will donate the extra items to the Sylvan Lake Food Bank.

Steffie Pantry WISH LIST

- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Veggies or Fruit
- Canned Pasta (eg Alphagetti)
- Canned Meats
- Canned Soups/Chili
- Hamburger Helper/ Taco Kits
- Fruit Cups/Granola Bars
- Crackers/ Rice
- Pancake Mix/ Muffin Mix
- Peanut Butter/ Jam/Honey
- Cereal/ Instant Oatmeal

Grocery store cash cards or frozen meats are welcome

*We have freezer space at the school



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Tips for Reducing Holiday Stress

The holidays are here again! While this can be a great time to enjoy family and friends, it can also be stressful. Here are some tips on decreasing stress so you can increase fun.

1

Make lists of activities you want to do and events you want to attend and prioritize them.



2

Decide what you DON'T want to do and cross those things off the list.

3

Let things be IMPERFECT. Sometimes the messy can be the most fun.



4

Accept help if/when you need it.



5

Give help when/where you can.

6

Keep up your (and your kids') regular routines for eating, sleeping, etc.



7

Make time for yourself! And do something you enjoy.

