



# The Steffie Scoop

# JANUARY 2025

## 2024



## Library News

The deadline for entries for the school's writing contest, "The Steffie Young Reader's Choice Awards," is Monday, January 27. Details about the contest have been sent home to students in grades 2 - 6 along with an author checklist for submissions. The contest is open to all students. If students in younger grades would like a detailed copy of the contest rules, please let Ms. Sandberg know. Stories may be 200 to 1000 words in length and a panel of judges will determine the 4 finalists. The students at Steffie will read the 4 finalists' stories and cast votes to determine the winner of the contest. The winner will receive a copy of "The Steffie," which will include the 4 finalists' stories, as well as a \$25.00 gift card to Chapters.

## Fundraising

Merry Christmas Steffie Families!

Steffie Fundraising Society would like to give our warmest thanks to the school community for the wonderful support of our grade 4 student Maite and her family! We are all sending our love and best wishes to Maite and we are so grateful to be able to help keep her family together during her treatment. Sales of hearts and stars at the Christmas concerts raised over \$3700 for Maite! We are still accepting e-transfers at [loveformait@gmail.com](mailto:loveformait@gmail.com) for any additional donations.

We would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Slime, Sips and Snacks fundraiser and our Christmas 50/50. Funds raised will go towards the One Book Whole School program this winter and some additional playground expenses.

Our annual candy cane sales have also been a success! Sorry to all teachers for the extra classroom energy and sticky desks!

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kate Martin  
Steffie Fundraising

## Hot Lunch

Thank you to Leah Inkster for her partnership in coordinating hot lunch days!  
Thank you to December's volunteers:

Lauren Johnson  
Keely Grant

Deadline to Order February Hot Lunch is January 26th!  
Please contact the office if you need support

## Principal's Message

Firstly, on behalf of our staff, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. Thank you so much to all of our families who supported our White Elephant fundraiser, the Christmas store. Thank you for the donations, volunteering, and support. The kids found great treasures, they were so proud to be giving gifts to others and we were also being kind to the environment! A big thank you to our staff for your help with setting up and taking down the store.

Thank you to Mr. Armitage for all of his work with the recent Christmas concerts and choir performances. Thank you to our families for attending and helping us with the clean up after the last concert. Your help and support is truly appreciated.

In January, we will once again be very focused on helping all of our students develop their reading and writing skills. The early grades and the elementary years are critically important years as students develop their foundational skills for learning in high school and beyond. The literacy skills developed in the early grades are also foundational for success in the world of work and career pathways. It is very important that students read at home regularly to ensure strong literacy skills. To become great readers, our students need to practice their skills regularly. Setting aside a few minutes each day to read will make a difference!

While the last few weeks and months have been difficult with so much illness and different bugs, it is critically important that students attend school regularly, whenever possible. Regular attendance is essential for student learning so thank you in advance for getting your child(ren) to school whenever they are well. Missing more than 10% of the time is detrimental to success in school. Missing more than two days a month will negatively impact academic success and create learning gaps that make school more difficult for students. Lastly, thank you so very much for your help and support during this past year. Your words of encouragement and kindness have been so appreciated by our staff. All the very best in 2025!

Ms. Eadie-Gyori—Principal



## Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to all who generously donated to the Steffie Pantry! Your contributions have allowed us to restock our shelves with a wonderful variety of items. Your kindness makes a real difference. We are incredibly grateful for your support.





## Safe and Caring

### January's Safe & Caring Message

With a New Year approaching, it's a great time to revisit growth mindset and goal setting.

Having a growth mindset is the belief that you are capable of doing hard things. It is made up of the thoughts that you tell yourself.

We can support our kids by helping them reflect on what they can do, what they'd like to work on, and how they are going to improve.

#### New Year New Goals

I CAN \_\_\_\_\_.

I CAN \_\_\_\_\_.

One skill I can't do **YET**, but want to work on to improve this year is \_\_\_\_\_.

One mistake that I learned from last year that will help me this year is \_\_\_\_\_.

The steps I will take to get there are:

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### JANUARY CANTEEN

JANUARY 7-9 FROZEN TREATS

JANUARY 14-16 CHIPS

JANUARY 21-23 FROZEN TREATS

JANUARY 28-29 HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MARSHMALLOWS



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



Happy Holidays from all of us at Steffie Woima! We hope you have a wonderful time creating lasting memories with loved ones during this special season. May your break be filled with laughter, joy, and perhaps a few extra treats. We can't wait to see you all again in the new year!

