



# The Steffie Scoop

# FEBRUARY 2025



## School Council

Welcome to 2025 Steffie Parents.

The January council meeting provided amazing insight on how our school's amazing team works with our students around social emotional wellness. The programs and tools they have in place for our students to learn how to manage emotions and education on how to maintain healthy relationships in and out of the classroom are simply amazing. A huge thank you to our staff for all the work they have put into providing this for our kids, and ultimately our community.

Second we want to send a huge shout out to our breakfast program coordinator, Trish Hammond, for the fantastic pancake breakfast before the holidays. Our parents and kids have HUGE raves for it and are looking forward to hopefully enjoying another soon.

Thank you all for your continued efforts and support!

Our next meeting is set for February 25, 2025 at 6:30 in the school staff room.

Megan Weiskopf  
Head Chair of School Council



## Fundraising

Interested in growing your own food? We will be launching a seed fundraiser in February!! Make it Sow is a Canadian family business that provides a variety of seed packages including herbs, vegetables, fruits and wild flowers – all selected for growth in our climate. These seeds are non-GMO and come with a 100% quality guarantee, while providing a 50% profit to our school!! Look for information and order forms coming home in backpacks soon!

Anyone interested in helping choose future fundraisers or how funds can be used to enhance the education of our students is encouraged to attend our next meeting, February 25th at 7:30pm! We always welcome new faces and ideas, both online and in person!

We would also like to extend another huge Thank You to everyone who has donated and shown support to Maite and her family during her ongoing treatment. Our local A & W has raised an incredible \$2,369.88 during it's recent Teen Burger fundraiser on her behalf. A big thanks to A & W and their customers! Donations are still accepted at the office or via e-transfer to [loveformaite@gmail.com](mailto:loveformaite@gmail.com).

Kate Martin  
Steffie Fundraising



## Principal's Message

To help prepare our students for the world of work and learning beyond high school, we, at the elementary level, have the important job of building the critically important foundational skills of reading and writing. As a school, we have been focusing on improving student reading results for many years. We have been so excited about the progress and achievement of our students these past five months. Just like any skill, students need to practice reading regularly to become very good at it. Thank you for reading with your child often and helping them to discover the excitement of books and reading. Reading every day truly makes a huge difference!

January has been a busy month of learning with report cards coming out on February 3rd! We had a great turnout for our 'Family Dance' on January 16th. It was so wonderful for our families to get together, have some fun, and raise money for Maite (a grade four student at Steffie) and her family. Together, we raised \$2,000.00 for the family, so thank you so much for the amazing support! Maite required another brain surgery on January 15th and she will be needing specialized radiation treatment in Florida for six weeks as soon as she is able to fly. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Steffie family. Badminton has started for our grade six students and we are working on a date for the grade six tournament day. A huge thank you to Mrs. Llewellyn and Mrs. Slimmon for coaching badminton. Thank you to Mr. Moist and Mme Quesnel for offering badminton to our grade 5 students. Basketball will start after the winter break in February.

We are looking forward to a busy month in February. We will be having a dance residency with Pound It Hip Hop from February 10-14th. At the end of the week, students will do a dance performance. February is Kindness Month at Steffie! We will be encouraging our students to do Acts of Kindness and encouraging everyone to be treating others with kindness. Our days are so much better when everyone shows kindness and fills the buckets of others! Please take a few minutes to talk with your child about how they might fill someone else's bucket or show kindness towards others. We will be having Valentine's celebrations and students are welcome to bring Valentine Cards for their classmates. Watch for information from your child's teacher regarding Valentine's Day plans. We will be having our Pink Shirt Day on February 26 and we are looking forward to seeing all the pink! Winter Break is February 17-21 for students and teachers will be busy learning as Teachers' Convention is February 20 and 21.

Have a fantastic February!  
Ms. Eadie-Gyori—Principal



## Hot Lunch

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

Thank you to January's volunteers:

Jordan Leyenhorst  
Lauren Johnson  
Keely Grant

Please contact the office if you need support with online ordering



## Safe and Caring



# February is a Focus on Kindness!!



Kindness is thinking about another person and wanting to let them know that they are important and accepted just the way they are. People show kindness with their words and actions.

Kindness matters!!

Research has shown that kindness positively impacts our lives by:

- Helping alleviate anxiety
- Improving relationships
- Improving health
- Connecting us to each other
- Creating a positive environment
- Giving kindness back to us in return
- Reducing stress
- Increasing a sense of belonging
- Increasing concentration
- Improving mood
- Increasing feelings of gratitude
- Increasing the feeling of happiness
- Reducing bullying

Practicing kindness is contagious! The more each person is kind, the further it spreads. Kindness isn't a feeling... it is an action! What can you do to be kind today?



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Random Acts of Kindness**  
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1. Compliment someone
2. Recycle bottles
3. Give a smiley face picture to someone
4. Visit a nursing home
5. Share toys with siblings
6. Make cards for someone
7. Tithe allowance
8. Help someone with yard work
9. Call a grandparent just to say hi
10. Read to a sibling
11. Do an extra chore
12. Bake cookies for someone
13. Write kind words on rocks and leave them at a park
14. Let someone go ahead of you in line
15. Smile
16. Create care packages
17. Put change in a vending machine
18. Write letters to the military/veterans
19. Eat with someone new at lunch
20. Encourage someone
21. Help clean up a mess
22. Tell your parents you love them
23. Clean your room without being asked
24. Donate food to a food drive
25. Write a letter to grandma
26. Give a hug
27. Sponsor a child
28. Bring dessert to the neighbor
29. Make a bird feeder
30. Ask others to continue acts of kindness

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Remember when we are kinder to others we tend to be kinder to ourselves. Spreading kindness makes the world a better place to be!