

Steffie Woima Education Plan



Welcome to our School

- ★ Dual track school: French Immersion and English programming
- ★ Safe and caring place where relationships matter
- **Excellent** teaching and learning: research supported teaching practices
- ★ Literacy skills are foundational for all future learning and the world of work
 - High levels of reading success: 96%-98%
 of our students reading at or above grade
 level in a typical year.
- ★ Mathematics is area of focus in our school





Vision and Mission

Mission: École Steffie Woima Elementary School will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

★ Vision: Students will become creative, confident and collaborative learners who strive towards lifelong achievement and involvement in our global community.

Supporting the Development of the Whole Child

- \star High quality instruction in all classrooms
- ★ Student Success Program: social, emotional, sensory, and behavioral needs
- ★ Pre-Kindergarten Program -early intervention
- ★ Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy Services
- ★ In Focus Program: school-wide social and emotional development program
- \star Family School Wellness
- ★ Early Literacy Supports: both French and English
- ★ Individualized programming for diverse learners
- \star Targeted supports and small group instruction within the classroom setting

Supporting the development of the whole child

- ★ Excellent music program
- ★ Amazing Choir for grades 3-6 (when guidelines allow)
- \star Vibrant library with an excellent collection
- ★ STEM program: hands on opportunities to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- ★ Regular Physical Education classes
- Sports teams: grade 5 & 6 -basketball, volleyball, running club, badminton
- ★ Leadership opportunities: reading buddies, school patrol, snack shack, lunch monitors
- ★ Growth Mindset: when we make mistakes we grow our brains!!
- \star Art Club and traveling art exhibits on display throughout the year

We are incredibly proud of our SWES Students and Staff!!





















What did we accomplish in 2019-2020?

Even though Covid 19 threw us all a curveball....



- ★ Google classrooms were set up within the first week of school closure
- \star Google meets kept us connected to our kids and parents
- ★ Student engagement was excellent with about 90% of our students engaging regularly
- ★ Videos of instruction allowed families to work to access instruction when it worked for them
- \star Found engaging digital tools and reading materials
- \star Relationships and connections continued
- ★ Literacy and numeracy skills continue to grow

COVID 19- Staff adapting to a new reality



CHINOOK'S EDGE

Successes: Accomplished in 2019-2020

 \star Literacy remained a priority



- ★ Reading results -while we were unable to assess reading levels in the traditional ways, most of our students were able to reach or exceed grade level expectations by June, 2020.
- ★ In previous years, we typically have 96%-98% of our students reading at grade level or above.
 - \circ Significant area of focus in our school for many years
 - \circ Research supported teaching and intervention practices matter at Steffie
- ★ Writing
 - Research supported practices incorporated into our teaching and learning
 - Utilizing technology as appropriate
- ★ Celebration: the learning loss with reading skills was much less than expected given our covid 19 reality!
- **By November 2020, 85% of our students have closed the gap and are reading at or above grade level!**



Successes

Accountability Pillar Results: Areas in which we scored very high or high:

- ★ Safe and Caring
- ★ Program of Studies
- \star Quality of Education
- ★ Citizenship
- ★ Work Preparation
- ★ School Improvement



Indigenous Learning and Supporting our Students

- ★ Grandfather's Teachings were done every Celebration Assembly & in classrooms
- ★ Orange Shirt Day
- ★ Staff Learning- local indigenous plants, dance, residential schooling, protocol
- \star Visible symbols of inclusivity: a school for everyone







Planning for the year 2020-2021

- \star Safe environment in the midst of a pandemic
 - \circ $\,$ Clear and consistent guidelines and vigilance in following the protocols $\,$
 - \circ $\,$ Near normal feeling with safety as a priority $\,$
 - \circ ~ Seeing the positive and silver linings in the situation

★ Reading skill development



- \circ Assess each student and take them from where ever they are to where they need to be
- \circ $\$ Develop reading stamina and love for reading
- Staying true to research supported practices
- School Goal: 95% of our students will be reading at or above their grade level by June, 2021.



Planning for the Year

★ Writing Development

- \circ $% \left(Assessing where each student is and moving forward \right)$
- \circ Celebrating strengths and building stamina
- Using research supported teaching practices in all classrooms
- \circ Technology is incorporated as appropriate

★ Social Emotional Development

- School-wide program: In Focus Program
- Research based program: growth mindset, increased social emotional growth and decreased negative behaviors and peer conflict
- Building understanding, vocabulary, and consistency throughout the grades
- Safe and Caring Messages







Planning for the Year

★ Mathematics Project: Staff Learning

- Focusing on research supported classroom practices
- \circ ~ Review of current research, articles and books
- Common themes in the literature: research supported practices
- \circ Examining our students' mathematical thinking and the data available
- Shifting practices

★ Indigenous Education

- Building our foundational knowledge
- $\circ \qquad \text{Understanding our shared history} \\$
- Incorporating learning opportunities as regulations allow
- $\circ \quad \ \ \text{Review Grandfather's Teachings}$
- $\circ \quad \text{Infusing understandings into subject areas}$





CHINOCKS EDGE

Technology at Steffie

- \star Mindful of screen time in the lower grades
- ★ Digital Citizenship
- ★ Continue to grow staff's knowledge around educational technology best practices
 - Importance of google classrooms
 - Exploring a variety of technology to support both synchronous and asynchronous learning within Google Classrooms
- \star Being prepared in case of a transition to scenario 2



Planning for the Success of Every Student

- \star Celebration of diversity
- ★ Early Literacy
- ★ Student Success Room
- ★ Family School Wellness
- \star Connection and Relationships
- \star Educational Assistants supporting students
- \star Teacher support and check ins
- ★ Team Meetings -collaboratively plan for student success
- ★ Individual Program Plans



Collaborative Days: We Are All Learners

Our teachers are learning together and collaborating around....

- ★ Mathematics success
- ★ Reading development
- ★ Writing practices
- ★ Google Classrooms
- \star Strategies to support struggling learners

Our EAs participate in learning sessions on a wide variety of topics to support individual student learning.



Trends and Challenges

- Current challenge -effectively managing the coronavirus pandemic with the many implications for the classrooms
- We are seeking to find the silver linings in our current situation and continue to focus on teaching and student learning.
- Seeking to make school a safe place that feels nearly normal for our students.





To Conclude

- \star Our goal is success for every student.
- \star Parents are valued as our partners in the education of children
- \star Kindness, compassion, and positive relationships really matter
- ★ Excellent academic learning: continually improving and learning









Thank you!

