



# The Steffie Scoop

# FEBRUARY 2024



## School Council

Thank you to all the parents who continue to join us for our monthly meetings, we have such an amazing conversation about how our kids are learning, and what the school is doing to facilitate in it.

This month we talked about the bus transfer changes, how the inclement weather was handled and talked a lot about what an influence the "Steffie way" is in our district and beyond. Our staff have been incredible with all the positive changes.

The invitation is always open for parents to join us, our next meeting will be Feb 27 @7pm

Meg Weiskopf  
School Council Chair

## Fundraising

We have some exciting fundraisers coming up!! Our very own Parent Council Chair, Megan Weiskopf, is doing the **POLAR DIP** February 17th to raise money for our playground fund! Come out and cheer her on and consider sponsoring her plunge. There is a pledge form in the office and all proceeds go towards the playground.

We are also planning a Spring Carnival! This will be a fun-filled family evening April 11 with food, games and entertainment. The carnival will also include a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. **The next planning meeting will be on Wednesday, January 31, at 6:30pm in the school staff room – everyone is welcome, we'll need lots of help to make this carnival a success!** Any businesses or parents interested in donating new items to the silent auction or parents able to volunteer their time during the carnival please contact me.

Thanks,  
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## Hot Lunch

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

Thank you to December's volunteers:  
Satwinder Stevens

Deadline to Order February Hot Lunch is January 25th!

Please contact the office if you need support

## Principal's Message

January has been a busy month of learning with report cards coming out on February 1st! We had a great turnout for our "Winter Family Dance" on January 18th. It was so wonderful for our families to get together, have lots of fun, and raise money for the playground project. We raised just over \$1,350.00 for the playground project so thank you so much for the amazing support! Currently, we have \$45,000.00 for the playground project and we have a goal of \$200,000.00. This year, our fundraising efforts will go towards meeting this goal with the hope of building in the fall of 2025. Fundraising, planning the playground, and grant writing will be the focus for next year. Thank you to everyone who supported our White Elephant Sale in December and we raised \$2,166.00! We will be doing the Read-a-thon again in April which gets our kids reading lots and raises some funds! Our fundraising society is planning a Spring Carnival event in support of the playground in April as well.

Badminton has started for our grade six students and the grade six tournament day will be February 16th. A huge thank you to Mrs. Llewellyn and Mrs. Slimmon for coaching badminton. Grade six basketball has started as well with Ms. Gillett and Ms. Vanden Heuvel coaching. Grade five basketball will start after the winter break.

We are looking forward to a busy month in February. 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 28 and we are looking forward to seeing all the pink! Winter Break is February 19-23rd for students and teachers will be busy learning as Teachers' Convention is February 22 and 23.

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. 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!

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



## FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Join friends and family from École Steffie Woima Elementary School on February 19 & March 16 as the Red Deer Rebels take on the Lethbridge Hurricanes!

Use the Promo Code **STEFFIE** for a special offer!

\$12 Youth tickets and \$19 Adult tickets

Pick your own seat in the reserved section to sit with your classmates

To take advantage of this great offer, simply go to [www.ticketsalberta.com](http://www.ticketsalberta.com).

AND as a special bonus... if there are more than 100 tickets sold, the Red Deer Rebels will donate \$1 per ticket sold back to your school!

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>**

Doors open at 1:00 pm | Puck drops at 2:00 pm

Family Day Afternoon Game, Paint the Ice Post Game

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>**

Doors open at 6:00 pm | Puck drops at 7:00 pm

ATB Poster Night & Autograph Night

Seating for all games is subject to availability. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 16 are not permitted to purchase tickets. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 16 are not permitted to purchase tickets. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 16 are not permitted to purchase tickets.



**PINK SHIRT DAY AT SWES IS**  
**FEBRUARY 28TH!**



# 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?



**30 Days of Random Acts of Kindness**  
[naturalteachliving.com](http://naturalteachliving.com)

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

kindness matters!

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