



Hooper's School Bell #3

ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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OES - A Happy Place to Live, to Learn, to Grow

Thursday, November 5th, 2009



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL Mr. Ray Hoppins

OES – Orchestrating Early Success

In our school motto, we use the word “orchestrating” because student success relies on many people working together in harmony – just like the sections of a concert band or orchestra. During the month of November, we invite you into the school to discuss the academic achievement and progress of your child. These conferences are vital in “orchestrating early success.”

It is during these conferences that, as parents, we sometimes ask the question, “What can we do at home to help our children succeed at school?” Here are four very easy, but effective ways to support your child’s learning.

- **Reading at home:** Research clearly shows reading to very young children is the foundation for later success at school as it introduces them to the “culture of books”. If you haven’t read to your child it is never too late to begin. If your child is already an avid reader, their skills can be enhanced by taking an active interest in what the child is reading. Also, establishing a daily reading time is essential.
- **Making time for homework:** In the younger grades it is important that a little time several times a week be set aside to develop the homework habit. Parents should prepare for approximately 15-20 minutes of homework for grades 1-2 and 20-30 minutes for grades 3-4. Remember, much of this will be reading with your child, the most important homework of all.
- **Getting lots of sleep:** One of the most important things parents can do for their children’s education is to send them to school with a good night’s rest. A minimum of nine hours of sleep are required for good school performance. This is especially important after a

- long weekend when sleep routines may have been disrupted.
- **Talking about school:** Children whose parents talk to them regularly about their learning perform better academically than students whose parents rarely do so. General questions like “How was school?” are usually not enough as they encourage one word answers like “Good”, “Fine” or “Great”. We encourage parents to ask more specific questions about a particular class, subject, activity, or project.

On behalf of our staff, I’d like to thank all of our parents for the important role that you play in our OES Orchestra. Our Orchestra makes beautiful music because the strings section (parents), woodwind section (staff), percussion section (students), and brass section (Chinook’s Edge) all work together to make a difference in the lives of our children. By the way, if you’re wondering who’s on the keyboard....it’s Hooper...but he only plays at night☺

Scholastic Book Fair & Library Fundraiser



Join us to celebrate books & reading!
November 17, 18, & 19
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Book Fair is a much anticipated event for the whole family. It’s an opportunity to help the school library as well as demonstrate the importance of books and reading in your family. Watch for the Promotional Flyer coming home with your child.

Volunteers are urgently needed for Set-up (Nov. 16) & Sales (Nov. 17-18). For details call Sara 403.556.8477 or email sleydon@chinooksedge.ab.ca

MUSIC NEWS

Lois Munchinsky

Last month, our school was able to see an amazing mime artist. Those who watched **Max-i-Mime** said his show was “funny, entertaining, remarkable, stimulating, wonderful and engaging.” It was incredible to see him hold everyone’s attention for 60 minutes without saying a word.

This month, you will have your first opportunity to hear the OES students perform at an assembly. On Tuesday, November 10 at 10:45 a.m. the grade 4 classes and the choir will be singing during the **Remembrance Day ceremony** in the gym. We hope that many of you will be able to attend this serious and important event.

On November 17th and 18th, the kindergarten children are also hoping that their parents will come to the school to see what they are learning in **ABC music**. Each kindergarten student will be bringing home a note telling their family when their special performance will be. The children have been working very hard and it is amazing to see how many skills they are acquiring to help them become successful readers and writers.

UNICEF

THANK YOU to everyone for their generous donations to UNICEF. The total amount of donations this year was \$1,000.00. Thank you to Cheri Lipiec for volunteering her time to count the money. Thank you for your participation and kindness.



COLD WEATHER REMINDER

It’s that time of the year that all children must be prepared for the cold weather. Please make sure they bring their boots, winter coats, snow pants, toques, mittens and scarves every day.

Thank you

THANK YOU OLDS CO-OP



Olds Co-Op for the 13th year will support our local schools with a till tape fund raiser program, that has paid back over \$55,000. The Co-op will collect all till tapes at the store level.

During the months of November and December 2009 Olds Co-op will pay back to all participating schools 1% of total till tapes.

Also, OES School Council, along with the students and parents of OES would like to thank the **Olds Co-Op** for their generous donation of fruit throughout the school year given to children who have forgotten their healthy snack.

GRADE 5 FRENCH IMMERSION FUNDRAISER

COMING SOON!

STUDENT UNION TICKET PACK COUPON BOOKS!
For a limited time you will be able to purchase these special edition books packed with hundreds of dollars worth of savings for your family. This is an excellent way to support our Grade 5 French Immersion trip to Quebec.
Watch for the brochure coming home with your child soon! Thank you in advance for supporting our students.

OES SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next school council meeting will be held on **Monday, November 16th at 12:00 p.m.** in the Art Room. Check our school council link on our OES website for year at a glance. www.oldselementary.ca

Did you know that parent council has a Facebook group? If you can’t make the meetings but would like to keep up to date, join our group on Facebook.



ATTENDANCE

COMMUNITY NEWS

Did you know...For the safety of your child it is very important that you contact the school if your child will not be attending school that day prior to class start time of 8:40 a.m. If you must contact us before office hours please leave a message on our answering machine. Thanks very much.

OLDS NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

COMMUNITY KITCHEN Nov.27 (Fri.) & Nov.28 (Sat.) 2009 10AM—2PM.

Do you have a hard time making the food dollars stretch? Are you too busy to cook a healthy meal for your family? This group meets **once a month** to create meaningful connections with others while cooking 5-6 economic, freezable dinner entrées for the month. Individuals of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Cost \$5.00 per session for each person you cook for (for example, family of 4 = \$20 for 5 entrées each). Register now at Olds Neighborhood Place. 403-556-7161.



COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Everyone loves cookies! Please support our fundraiser by buying a box of cookie dough. Remember that you do NOT have to go door-to-door, sell only to your immediate family and friends. All forms are to be returned **NOT later than Monday, November 9, 2009.** The expected pick-up date for the cookie dough is Tuesday, November 24th (time and location to be announced later). Thank you for your support!

SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

In a supportive setting with other parents, our facilitator provides parenting education, child development information, strategies to deal with behaviors. This group is starting up and will meet twice a month. Time: To be determined. Call Olds Neighborhood Place for details: 403-556-7161.

DRIVE AWAY HUNGER CAMPAIGN

OES students and parents donated 863 lbs of food to Farm Credit Canada Drive Away Hunger Food Drive Program to be donated to the local food bank. Way to go OES! We appreciate your generous donations.

SHARING CIRCLE

Everyone is welcome to participate in the Sharing Circle and learn Native Cultural teachings with Elder John Sinclair at Olds Neighborhood Place every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. For more information call 403-556-7161.

DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Olds Elementary benefited from another large donation of school supplies this year. A huge THANK YOU to **STAPLES, SHOPPER'S DRUG MART UPTOWNE AND WALMART** for your generosity.

These supplies make a huge difference in the lives of children.

"Strong communities include strong kids. We believe all kids should have the chance to run, skate, play, and grow."

Canadian Tire Jumpstart® is a community-based charitable program that helps kids aged 4-18 participate in organized sports and recreation so they can develop important life skills, self esteem and confidence. Low income residents of Olds and surrounding communities can apply at Olds Neighborhood Place. 403-556-7161. Limited subsidies up to \$100 per child are available before Nov. 15. A letter of reference is requested

ESL Coffee House

Where: Bean Brokers

When: The first Tuesday of every month from 12:30-2:30

Cost: Free

Aim: To get people together in the community who need and want to learn more English and who don't know very many people in Olds. This is a walk in format where you and come and go as you please. Also free coffee and tea is provided!

Nicole Reynolds, Program Coordinator
Olds Municipal Library

Pajamas Story Time: A Midnight Madness Event for Kids

-@ The Olds Library

- For kids ages 3-7

-November 20th from 7:00-8:00

Parents here is a great opportunity for you to get some Christmas shopping in and for your kids to have a great time!

Drop your kids off in their pajamas and bring them to the library where they can relax and listen to a story and make a Christmas craft.

Warm Up to a Good Book

-Kids Program

-ages 3-12

-Saturday December 12th 2009

-From 10-12

-@ the Olds Library

Attention Parents this is the break you have been looking for! The holidays are so busy! Feel like yo need more time to shop? Feel like you can't shop with your children? Well swing on by to the Olds Library and drop your children off free of charge for 2 whole hours!


The kids will part take in the stations set up in the Library. Story time, Craft time and game time!

FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER with **Harvey Walsh Photography**

What a great gift idea! Get your Christmas photos and family photos done at the library. Several packages to choose from and appointments available November 13th and 14th. Call to book at 403-556-6460 or email us at oml2@libs.prl.ab.ca to ensure you get a spot, as space is limited.



NOVEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7
8	9 Day 2 Cookie Dough Forms and Money Due Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	10 Day 3 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45 a.m. in the OES Gym Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	11  Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14
15	16 Day 6 Parent Council Meeting in Art Room At 12:00 p.m. Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	17 Day 1 Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	18 Day 2 Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	19 Day 3 Report Card Day	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 Day 4 Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	24 Day 5 Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	25 Day 6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	26 Day 1 Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences	27 Day 2 Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences	28
29	30 Day 3 Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	1 Day 4 Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	2 Day 5 Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	3 Day 6	4 Day 1	5