



Hooper's School Bell #2

ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Thursday, October 8th, 2009



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL Mr. Ray Hoppins

OES – A Safe and Caring School

As parents, we want our children to be safe and happy at school. Nothing is more important! OES actively promotes safety and a sense of community with our students. We believe this will enable our students to be better learners and help them become productive and responsible citizens in the future.

But OES is more than just a safe place. It's also a caring place too. One of the ways we receive feedback is through our annual Schollie Satisfaction Survey results. Here are some results that we received in June:

- ➔ **100%** of students report feeling welcome at OES (other schools: 92%)
- ➔ **93%** of students report other students care about them (other schools: 81%)
- ➔ **99%** of students report that the staff cares about them (other schools: 90%)
- ➔ **99%** of parents report that OES has a caring atmosphere (other schools: 90%)
- ➔ **94%** of parents report that OES is a safe environment (other schools: 90%)

Note: "Other schools" refers to more than 130 schools surveyed across the province

At OES, staff and parents invest a great deal of time and energy into creating a safe and caring environment. Take a look!

- **Academic and Social Development** – are equally important at OES. That's why so much of our time is spent on the character education initiatives described in this section.
- **Extra-curricular activities** – such as choir, cross-country running, drop-in morning basketball, French club, Hooper's Hoops, leadership club, science fair, and the sunshine fund provide social development along with great memories for our children.
- **Hooper's Code** – "Be helpful not hurtful" is how we teach children to do what is right. Discipline at OES isn't reactive; it's proactive.

- **Hooper's Grade Themes** – Hooper has a secret message for each grade. "It's coooooool to" Sorry, Hooper only reveals the rest of the messages if you come and visit our school☺

- **Horizon School** – students and staff are included in many classes and celebrations at OES, and vice versa. Many friendships have been formed through our link to Horizon and Mrs. P's Place, a private kindergarten.

- **Jungle Junction** – is a before and after school care program right in our school. Children don't even have to leave the building at the end of the day.

- **Keeping our School Clean** – is very important at OES. Students and staff do their part to help our dedicated custodians keep OES clean.

- **Leadership Club** – organizes special events and celebrations for our school and shows how kids help kids.

- **New Student Introductions** – are important to us. Every new student meets Hooper and the office staff, goes on an OES tour, and gets a special buddy to help him/her during the first few months at OES.

- **OES Safety and Security Plan** – outlines how drills, supervision, first aid, building security, and crosswalk safety protect our students and staff on a daily basis and also in the event of an emergency or disaster situation.

- **Special Programs** – in cooperation with the Olds Fire Department, Alberta Farm Safety, Olds RCMP, CESD Transportation, and Family School Wellness help teach children how to avoid risks in our world.

- **Student Recognition** – comes in the form of daily encouragement, pictures, cards, positive phone calls, science fair awards, the "Golden Shoe", the Grade 4 Farewell Ceremony, and February's Hooper's Heroes.

- **Thinking of the Other Person** – motivates us, as a school community, to support organizations such as Foster Child; Food Bank, Christmas Angels, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes, Terry Fox Run, and Unicef.



MUSIC NEWS

Lois Munchinsky



OES FAMILY, SCHOOL, WELLNESS PROGRAM

Lynn LaFreniere

Choir practices have begun again and the children are already working hard to prepare a song for the Remembrance Day ceremony in November. This year, there are over 50 enthusiastic singers and it's a treat hear them all join their voices together each week. It looks like it's going to be a great year!

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 23, we invite you to come to the school to see the talents of **Max-I-Mime**. Max Fomitchev was born in Moscow and began mime training at the age of 13. He was the only deaf student in his class but his talent surpassed all of his peers. Max eventually became a professional mime artist and now lives in Vancouver. Max's show at OES will use mime and lots of humour to show how it feels to be on the "outside" looking "in". He will show common struggles and everyday problems and how to deal with them in positive, productive ways. There will be lots of interaction with the audience and perhaps even some audience volunteers! This is sure to be an amazing performance. If you're curious and want to know more, check out www.maximime.ca

Hello, my name is Lynne Lafreniere and I am your Family School Wellness Worker at École Olds Elementary school. It is my sincere pleasure to share with you some basic information about the Family School Wellness Program.

The Family School Wellness Program is a confidential, voluntary preventative service offered to children, youth and families. It is available to all children aged birth to eighteen and their families. Family School Wellness is available year round and is free of charge. Services can be offered through the school, in your home or in the community.

Any member of the community requiring family related support or information may access the program. Children are welcome to make one self-referred visit prior to parental or guardian written consent. You can access the program through your school, local Family and Community Support Services or Neighbourhood Place.

Family School Wellness Workers are qualified to provide:

- Support services to families and children facing social, emotional or family challenges.
- Guidance in fostering effective communication and parenting skills
- Short term individual or family support
- Personal skill building with students
- Assistance in finding information and resources such as counselling, after hours crisis support, or legal advise
- Preventative opportunities within the schools and community.
- Collaboration with community agencies

I sincerely look forward to working with the staff, students and families of our school and community in the year to come.

Yours Truly
Lynne Lafreniere



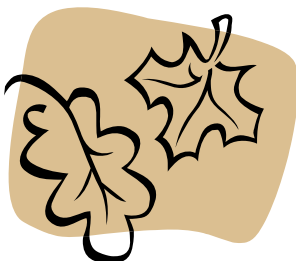
FUN LUNCH DAY

NEW **Canadian Pizza Unlimited**
Tuesday, October 13th, 2009

Large Slice Pizza \$3.75
(Additional Slice \$2.00)

Includes Juice Box & Rice Krispie Square

Thanks to those students who returned their forms/money on time.



UNICEF this year is to help children in Malawi and Rwanda go to school. Envelopes with more information about this program will be coming home this week. Please return donations in the envelope to your child's classroom teacher by **October 28th**. Thank you for your participation and kindness.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and class photos were taken on **Tuesday, September 22nd** and **Wednesday, September 23rd**. **The proofs should arrive very soon at which time we will send home.**

RETAKES

If your child was absent for the original portraits, or if you have chosen not to order from the first previews, you will have a second opportunity to have your child's portrait taken on **Monday, October 26th**.

OES SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our organizational meeting for this school year will be held on **Monday, October 19th 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MAKING IT THROUGH!

A Workshop for Parents and Professionals Who Support Children With Behaviour Disorders
Presented by Tanya Helton, M.Sc.

Friday October 30th, 2009

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Workshop

Lacombe Memorial Centre

5412 - 50Ave, Lacombe, Alberta

Are you struggling with difficult children that do not respond to typical strategies? Do any of these statements sound like your birth or adopted child, a student in your classroom, or on your case load?

If you answered YES, and want to gain new perspective on how to deal with these children, then please make this FREE event a priority.

Tanya, an adoptive parent of a child with challenges, "provides services to parents of all challenging children,...difficult toddlers, defiant teens, dependent adult children..." She has over ten years of experience working with families, schools, mental health agencies and police developing attachment-based solutions for children with special needs www.forestcottagecentre.com Please pre-register by contacting Karen at Sylvan Lake FCSS 403-887-1137 OR by email kmiller@sylvanlake.ca REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCT 21ST - Hot lunch and snacks provided - please indicate any severe allergies when registering. Space is limited so register early.

For more information please call Janette at 403-755-6145.




ATTENDANCE

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.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Day 2	2 NO SCHOOL	3
4	5 Day 3	6 Day 4 Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10
11	12 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day 	13 Day 2 Fun Lunch Day Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 CESD Cross Country Run At OES 10:45 – 1:00 p.m.	16 Day 5 OES Fun Run	17
18	19 Day 6 Parent Council Meeting in Art Room At 12:00 p.m. Hooper's Hoops Basketball starts for Monday Class 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	20 Day 1 Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	21 Day 2 Hooper's Hoops Basketball starts for Wednesday Class 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	22 Day 3	23 Day 4 Mime Performance OES Gym at 1:30 p.m.	24
25	26 Day 5 Picture Retakes Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	27 Day 6 Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	28 Day 1 Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 
1	2 NO SCHOOL CESD PD Day	3 Day 4 Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	4 Day 5 Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7

