



Hooper's School Bell #1

ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

www.oldselementary.ca

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

Thursday, September 10th, 2009



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(403) 556-8477

Vice Principal: Mrs. Debbie Thompson

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Mr. Ray Hoppins

Orchestrating Early Success

Welcome back to another year at École Olds Elementary School (OES). OES is a safe and caring school dedicated to academic achievement and the positive personal development of children. We are staffed by a group of caring and compassionate people who love kids. Throughout our school there is an atmosphere of energy and enthusiasm that reminds us that learning is fun!

Our school motto, "Orchestrating Early Success" reminds us daily the importance of many players working together to ensure that our children are happy, healthy, successful, and safe.

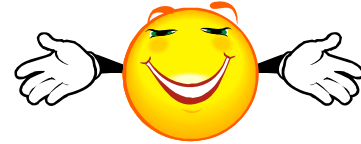
In addition to the monthly school and classroom newsletters that we send home with students, we provide our parents with 24-hour online access to newsletters, forms, special event information, calendars, and handbooks via our website at www.oldselementary.ca.

Please help us keep the lines of communication open. If you have a concern, please let your child's teacher know. We sincerely want to know what's going on in our students' lives. Chances are if you've noticed a problem, your child's teacher has observed it too. By working together, we are able to come up with a solution that's right for your child.

It is also very important that our children learn to be thoughtful and caring of others. Earlier this week, Mrs. Thompson and I visited each classroom in the school to talk to the students about Hooper's Code – Be Helpful, Not Hurtful. By teaching our children to think of the other person, they learn how to deal with the little frustrations and conflicts that are inevitable in life. This is our Responsibility Plan – a plan to "grow" responsible children.

On behalf of the OES staff, I wish to thank you for your ongoing support. We are lucky to work in such a great school and community.

Have a great year everyone!



Welcome Back Barbeque and Meet Your Teacher Night

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 17th

(\$2.00 per person)

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| Welcome Back Barbeque (outside) | 6pm to 7pm |
| Program Information Night..... (in the gym) | 6pm to 7pm |
| Meet Your Teacher Night..... (in the classroom) | 6pm to 7pm |



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and class photos will be taken on **Tuesday, September 22nd** for Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten and Grades 1–3 and **Wednesday, September 23rd** for Pre-Kindergarten, Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten and for Grades 4. A schedule will be sent home closer to those dates.

RETAKES

If your child will be 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**.

MUSIC NEWS

Lois Munchinsky

As always, Olds Elementary School is filled with many musically talented children. I hope that you will be able to join us through the year as each grade presents their performance assembly. These are always an excellent way for the students to celebrate what they are learning both in music and in their other subject areas. Check the OES calendar on the website or in the newsletter to find out the exact performance dates so you won't miss any of these great events!

Again this year, the **choir** will be practicing on Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:00 with the first rehearsal on Tuesday, September 22nd. Throughout the year, we will keep you informed of all performance dates so that even if your child isn't in choir, you can still come and hear this wonderful group. Also, at the moment the choir is without an accompanist for this year. If you know of a parent, high school student or someone in the community who plays the piano well and is able to be at our practices, please call Miss Munchinsky at the school so that she can contact them. Thanks so much!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Kish

Welcome back everyone!! The kids are back in school and as we get back into regular schedules and routines ...all hail early bedtimes again!! We always have so much to look forward to each school year with our phys Ed Program. This year you can expect your child to be making use of the outdoor HUGE outdoor playground spaces at recess time and during gym classes. We will be learning and practicing sports skills with high tech equipment in our huge and bright gymnasium and also using the sports equipment provided in the classroom sports buckets. Each week there are a variety of activities that are offered before school, at lunch, and after school. We will continue to utilize community facilities to learn curling skating, and swimming. Good morning basketball, Mr. G's recess soccer, floor hockey lunch league, the Kilometer Club, and Hooper's Hoops are activities starting soon that may interest your child. Keep checking in at the school if you have any questions about what your child can be involved in!

Your child's Phys Ed classes are an important part of their total learning experience. In addition to having positive health benefits, did you know that physical exercise is one of the best ways to stimulate the brain and learning? That is why we want all students participating in daily physical activity in the classroom, outside, and in the gym. Your child's classroom teacher will be ensuring that some form of daily exercise or activity occurs when gym is not scheduled. Walking the track, classroom aerobics, and brain gym are great ways to stimulate the brain for learning. It is important that your child come prepared for physical activity each and every day! Please ensure they have proper footwear suitable for

physical activities. Recess especially is an active time and we want all children to be outfitted for safe play. We may be outside each day when the weather is nice so flip flops are not acceptable.

If there are medical concerns please notify your child's teacher, the office, and me. Unless a note is provided I will be expecting your child to participate, learn, and have fun this year in the activities we plan. We always teach our students to participate at their own level as long as they are doing the best they can.

Important Dates to Remember this Month:

Friday, September 11 – Good Morning Basketball begins (8:20 am)

Monday, September 14 – Kilometer Club Noon Hour Running begins

Thursday, September 17 -
Welcome Back Barbeque (\$2.00) 6pm to 7pm
(outside)
Program Information Night..... 6pm to 7pm
(in the gym)
Meet Your Teacher Night..... 6pm to 7pm
(in the classroom)

Friday, September 25 – Terry Fox National Run Day



MILK PROGRAM

Milk tickets are available at the office. Cost for 8 milk or yogurt is \$5.00. Unfortunately we are unable to sell milk or yogurt individually so we encourage students to buy a ticket.

OES SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our organizational meeting for this school year will be held on **Monday, September 21st 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.

SCHOOL CALENDARS

Our OES Calendar For Parents is available on our website at www.oldselementary.ca.

For parents who would like our 6 day rotation calendar it is available on our website.

Hard copies are also available at the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada
Clubs Garçons & Filles du Canada

Boys and Girls Club, Before and After School Program

Our team would be happy to meet with you and ensure your child has quality opportunities in The Before and After School Program. Stop in to meet our Child Development Program Staff and Executive Director, Selena Marks

Please call to make an appointment 403-507-0370

Still accepting registrations, space is limited.

Beginnings

A Message from the Superintendent

Another year of learning and growing has begun at Chinook's Edge! It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome back to students, families and staff in all of our school communities. I join all of you in looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

As we set out on the 2009-2010 year, Chinook's Edge will continue working on projects and priorities that hold great promise for our students. We will continue to build on the expansion of technology in our classrooms, while ensuring our students all have access to programs and activities that support their health and well-being. We will build, modernize and maintain our facilities, while remaining vigilant of our budget. We will continue building partnerships to ensure our schools remain safe and caring, while continuing to develop programs that meet individual student interests and needs.

Each day at Chinook's Edge School Division, you can expect that your child will be surrounded by caring and committed professionals - from bus drivers to educational assistants, secretaries to teachers - who are working to provide opportunities that allow them to learn and flourish. We wish everyone in our Chinook's Edge communities a wonderful year ahead.

Jim Gibbons
Superintendent of Schools

Chinook's Edge Values...

Personal responsibility,

Relationships based upon honesty, integrity, respect and compassion,

Dedication and commitment,

An environment of belonging: safe, caring and inclusive,

Growth and development through learning.

Olds Neighborhood Place

COMMUNITY KITCHEN September 18, 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 entres 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 entres each). Register now at Olds Neighborhood Place. 403-556-7161.

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.

STAYING HOME ALONE SAFE

Fri. Oct. 2 5:30PM —8:30PM & Sat Oct. 3 9 AM—3 PM
This course will help your child stay at home alone safely and build up your child's comfort level and confidence. At least one parent must attend the first hour and last hour of the course. All children will take a written test during the class. This course is for kids 10 years and older. Second sibling can be 8 years and older.

Cost: \$25. Extra sibling is \$15.00 (includes a course book) Course held at Olds Neighborhood Place. Bring Lunch on Saturday. Register now at Olds Neighborhood Place. 403-556-7161.



FOOD BANK DRIVE

Saturday, Oct 3rd 11:30 – 12:30

As part of the CSLC initiative, student spirit groups will be canvassing for food bank donations to be made to our local food bank during this time.

Door-to-door canvassing will take place in the Deer Meadow and Winter Lake area of Olds and donations from people living outside this area will be GRATEFULLY accepted right at the food bank by other student and food bank volunteers.

Please help us out with this community endeavor. Again, the times for door-to-door canvassing and for dropping other donations off at the food bank are **11:30 – 12:30 on Saturday, October 3rd.**

WANTED!

150 Bilets URGENTLY
Needed

Bed and Breakfast
Canadian Student
Leadership Conference
September 29 – October 4,
2009

Call Corry Belsher
403-556-8737



“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.



Parents - Become Active - feel better and see the results.

Join Urban Fitness Adventures - Boot Camp.

Fall classes will be starting soon, so stock up.

Classes instructed in Olds.

Classes begin on September 7th, 2009 and run until December 18th, 2009.

All classes are done outside in the parks in Olds.

15 weeks of classes two times a week for only \$195.

Email Todd at urbanfittodd@gmail.com or call 403-350-7914

The Explosive Child:

The Collaborative Problem Solving Approach

Featuring Dr. J. Stuart Ablon Ph.D.

Ponoka Kinsmen Community Centre
5009 - 46 Avenue,
Ponoka, Alberta

Thursday Evening Presentation ~ Nov. 19, 7-9 p.m.
Friday One-day Workshop ~ Nov. 20, 8:30-4:30 p.m.

Lunch & Nutrition breaks provided



If you are:

- A parent, grandparent or foster parent
- A coach or a mentor
- A community professional: teacher, counselor, administrator, nurse, therapist, psychologist, social worker, FSCD worker, youth worker and volunteer who work directly with children and youth.

Please join us for this intense, in-depth orientation to the Collaborative Problem Solving approach to intervention.

Registration Deadline October 30, 2009

FREE TICKETS available by contacting Ponoka FCSS, Wetaskiwin CFSA,
Rimbey FCSS, Wetaskiwin County & City of Wetaskiwin FCSS

For more information call 403-783-4462

Funding provided by the Community Partnership Enhancement Fund (CPEF)

New to the Olds area? New baby?

Be sure to call Laural for gift and greetings from local businesses, along with helpful community information.
556-3608

OLDS RAPIDS SWIM CLUB

FRIENDS FUN FITNESS

Registration Information call 556-6137



Out of the Olds Aquatic Center, the Olds Rapids Winter Swim Club offers competitive and recreational swimming to children aged 6 years old and up. Various skill levels of instruction are available to the swimmer by a certified coach.

**Try It Week (3 nights) September 21, 23, 25
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

This week long camp allows children aged 6-18 an opportunity to experience swim club prior to committing to a full session. The cost is \$20.00. Please bring goggles.

Artsparks

will host an arts and crafts supplies and things garage sale on September 11 & 12 at the Olds Library Building 5217 52 Street (not the new Library location). Vendors can set up a table for free with the purpose of selling reasonably priced art items to anyone but especially those on low fixed incomes.

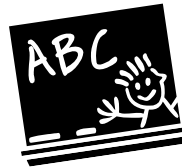
Friday September 11 set up any time noon to 4, sale goes from 4 until 8pm

Saturday, September 12 sale goes from 10 am to 4pm

Please pre-register your table as an individual or group. You will be responsible for your own table. If you wish to donate your gently used items to the artsparks table you can do that.

Please call or leave a message for Dee at the Olds Library 403-556-6460.

WELCOME BACK



September 2009

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 Day 1 First Day of School | 4 Day 2 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 NO SCHOOL Labour Day | 8 Day 3 | 9 Day 4 | 10 Day 5 | 11 Day 6 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Day 1 | 15 Day 2 | 16 Day 3 | 17 Day 4 Welcome Back to School BBQ and Meet the Teacher Night 6:00-7:00 p.m. | 18 Day 5 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Day 6 Parent Council Meeting (Elections) in Art Room at 12:00p.m. | 22 Day 1 Photo Day T/TH Kindergarten & Grades 1-3 Choir Practice Starts 3:15-4:00 p.m. | 23 Day 2 Photo Day Pre-Kindergarten, M/W Kindergarten & Gr. 4 | 24 Day 3 | 25 Day 4 Terry Fox Run 10:45a.m. to 11:45am | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Day 5 | 29 Day 6 Canadian Student Leadership Conference Starts Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m. | 30 Day 1 | 1 Day 2 | 2 NO SCHOOL | |