

École Olds Elementary School 2008-2009



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A. School Profile

École Olds Elementary School (OES) is a safe and caring K-4 school dedicated to academic achievement and the positive personal development of children. It is 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! OES is a dual-track school offering both English and French Immersion.

School Motto: **Orchestrating Early Success**

School Vision: A safe and caring school where every child has the opportunity to be a scholar, an artist, and a citizen.

B. Goals and Outcomes

- 1 Highly responsive and responsible school.**
 - The school is safe and caring.
 - The school effectively communicates with parents and the community.
 - The school promotes physical activity, health, and wellness.
- 2 High quality learning opportunities for all.**
 - Students have a wide variety of quality learning opportunities.
 - Students have access to opportunities in early literacy, music, and art.
- 3 Excellence in student learning outcomes.**
 - Students demonstrate high academic achievement.



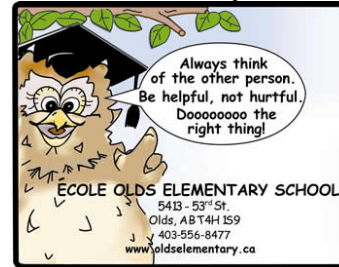
Check out our website at www.oldselementary.ca for detailed satisfaction survey results, class size reports, newsletters, special events, news highlights, and school council meeting dates.

C. Notable Activities and Achievements

The 2008-2009 OES Year At A Glance

- Sept 11 – More than 600 students and parents attended the **OES Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher Night**.
- Sept 18 – More than 400 students participated in the **OES Fun Run** to kick off our commitment to running and physical activity.
- Sept 26 – OES and other schools in Olds celebrated **National Terry Fox Run Day**.
- Oct 1 – More than 80 runners participated in the **CESD Cross Country Meet** hosted by our school.
- Nov 10 – We paid tribute to our heroes at the **OES Remembrance Day Assembly** organized and performed by grade 4 students and special First Nations guests from Nakota Nation.
- Nov 18-20 – The **OES Fall Book Fair** raised more than \$2,000 for our library while also celebrating literacy in our school.
- Nov 18-19 – More than 150 students and parents enjoyed our **ABC Music Showcase**, a program celebrating kindergarten music and literacy.
- Dec 11 – Grade 1 students performed “**The ABC’s of Christmas**” for family, friends, and all OES students at the December Performance Assembly.
- Dec 12-15 – The **OES Choir** (grade 3-4) performed at the Mountainview Senior’s Lodge and OES Gym.
- Jan 16 – A musical performance by the Keister Family Fiddlers was enjoyed by all students.
- Jan 29 – More than 250 students, parents, and staff came out to the **OES Family Sock Hop**.
- Feb 9 – More than 70 student projects were showcased at the **2009 OES Science Fair**.
- Feb 18 – The **Grade 4 French Carnival** helped celebrate our learning of a second language.
- Feb 25 – The **Grade 3 Performance – My Town My World** was a treat for family, friends, and all OES students.
- March 2 – Our **Art From The Start** exhibit showcased more than 200 OES student art projects at the hospital, arena, and aquatic centre. (Mar 2 – 31)
- Mar 24-27 – Our OES Choir and Grade 4 classes were honored and recognized at the **2009 Kiwanis Music Festival**.
- April 17 – Magician **Steve Harmer** came to our school and reminded us to treat each other as we would like to be treated.
- April 21-22 – The travelling reptile show **Wrappin’ About Reptiles** was enjoyed by 530 OES students.
- April 25 – OES hosted our community’s **Family A-Fair** celebrating programs for children 0-6.
- April 30 – Grade 2 students celebrated writing with their 12-hour “**3 of a Kind**” **Author Celebration**.
- May 9 – Our kindergarten orientation, **Welcome To Kindergarten** welcomed 70 new Kindergarten children into our school.

- May 27 – The **OES Choir** performed at the First Baptist Church.
- May 29 – OES raised more than \$1,000 for **Juvenile Diabetes** in the 3rd Annual “**Run, Skip & Play**” Day.
- June 19 – More than 700 people celebrated the end of the 2008-2009 school year with activities, exercise, and fun at our annual **Western Day**.



OES Program Highlights

- **Assessment for Learning** – Our teachers play the daily role of “coach” by providing children with clear targets, opportunities to practice and improve, quality feedback, and plans for the next steps in learning.
- **Active Learning** – OES students benefit from a wide variety of active learning opportunities facilitated by master teachers. OES maintains a focus on early literacy and numeracy.
- **Community Partnerships** – OES was proud to share our school facilities partner with the following community organizations: Olds Gymnastics Club, YES Youth Mentor Program, Jungle Junction Care Program, Karate, Adult Yoga, and a variety of other fine arts programs.
- **ELI** – The Early Literacy Initiative provided opportunities to more than 90 children to improve reading through individualized, one-on-one instruction.
- **Ever Active School** – OES has a school-wide focus on increasing the daily physical activity of our students. Our culture reflects the importance of health and wellness. Students also enjoy learning activities in curling, skating, and swimming.
- **French Immersion** – Our program expanded to grade 4 this year and increased enrollment to 54 students. In French Immersion, French is not only a subject, but a language of instruction.
- **Good Morning Drop-in Basketball** – For 20 minutes each morning, you can see a large active group of students from all grades enjoying basketball.
- **Hooper’s Hoops** – OES sponsors an after-school program that teaches skills in a fun environment.
- **OES Leadership Club** – The OES leadership club organized many exciting activities for kids.
- **Pre-Kindergarten** – Helped to prepare 15 children for kindergarten in our school.
- **School Council** – The OES School Council donated hundreds of hours and raised more than \$18,000 for our school.

D. Satisfaction Survey Results

Each year, Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 surveys students and parents in our school community. We are extremely pleased with the results of these surveys.

Ecole Olds Elementary is a wonderful place for my child to grow and develop as a learner and a caring, responsible citizen. The staff demonstrates incredible competence and a warmth that goes beyond expectation. We feel very fortunate to be a part of the Ecole Olds Elementary School community.

- Anonymous OES parent on the 2009 Schollie Survey

Detailed results for these satisfaction surveys can be found at www.oldselementary.ca.

Overall Stakeholder Satisfaction Results 2008-2009



School Satisfaction Survey Results – Safe and Caring School

Statement	Student Satisfaction	Parent Satisfaction
	2008-09 Result	2008-09 Result
Students/Parents feel welcome at the school	97%	99%
Students feel safe at school.	93%	98%
The school promotes physical activity, health, & wellness.	95%	97%
There is a caring atmosphere in the school.	100%	99%
The school facilities are well cared for.	85%	98%

School Satisfaction Survey Results – Communication

Parent Satisfaction With	Parent Satisfaction
	2008-09 Result
The communications you receive from the school.	99%
The way the school keeps you informed about your child's progress.	97%
The way the school involves parents in school activities.	98%
The school's process for improving the quality of education.	98%
The role the School Council plays in the school.	98%

School Satisfaction Survey Results – Quality Learning Opportunities

Parent Satisfaction With	Parent Satisfaction
	2008-09 Result
The help and support teachers give your child to help him/her learn.	97%
The choice of programs available in the school system.	94%
The academic achievement of the students in this school.	98%
The opportunity for your child to learn about computers and technology.	95%
The overall quality of education your child receives.	98%

E. Achievement Test Results

Ecole Olds Elementary School (OES) Grade 3 Achievement Test Results

Subject	2003-2004			2004-2005			2005-2006			2006-2007			2007-2008			5 yr Accept. Trend	
	Acc	Exc	Part	Acc	Exc	Part	Acc	Exc	Part	Acc	Exc	Part	Acc	Exc	Part		
Language Arts																	
OES	89.1	17.3	95.5	84.3	14.8	91.7	81.9	14.2	94.5	77.5	16.7	95.0	77.8	9.3	96.3		
Province	82.2	16.2	90.2	81.3	14.1	90.6	80.3	17.7	90.1	80.1	16.1	95.0	81.3	18.2	90.6		
Difference	6.9	1.1	5.3	3.0	0.7	1.1	1.6	-3.5	4.4	-2.6	0.6	0.0	-3.5	-8.9	5.7		
Math																	
OES	94.5	66.4	95.5	90.7	58.3	93.5	85.9	36.7	93.8	88.3	30.0	95.0	83.3	30.0	95.6		
Province	80.3	26.1	90.8	82.0	26.9	90.8	79.4	23.3	90.5	78.7	23.9	90.5	79.2	27.2	90.6		
Difference	14.2	40.3	4.7	8.7	31.4	2.7	6.5	13.4	3.3	9.6	6.1	4.5	4.1	2.8	5.0		
Legend														Acc = % of students achieving the acceptable standard. Exc = % of students achieving the standard of excellence. Part = % of grade 3 students who wrote the test.		OES ◆ Province of Alberta ■	

F. Additional School Results

For additional results from our school, please check out the link below:

Link	URL
Olds Elementary Class Size Report	www.oldselementary.ca/plansresults.htm
Olds Elementary Accountability Pillar Results	
Olds Elementary Satisfaction Survey Results	

G. Jurisdiction Results

For results from Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73, please check out the links below:

Link	URL
CESD No. 73 Class Size Report	www.chinooksedge.ab.ca/PlansReports.aspx
CESD No. 73 Achievement Test Results	
CESD No. 73 Satisfaction Survey Results	

H. Administrators' Message

During the 2008-2009 school year, École Olds Elementary School expanded many of our programs to meet the needs of early learners.

- Our French Immersion program expanded to grade 4 and our enrollment grew from 38 to 54 students.
- We were proud to offer a very successful Pre-Kindergarten program for the first time in our school's history.
- Our Early Literacy Initiative expanded to include grade 3 and grade 4 readers.
- More than 25 interactive whiteboards called SMART Boards were installed throughout our school.
- Our Welcome to Kindergarten orientation gave more than 70 children a head-start to the school year.

Programs such as these would not be possible without the hard work and support of our students, parents, community and staff. So to all those who make a difference in the lives of our children, we say thank-you! Thank you for your hard work, creativity, and enthusiasm for learning.

Sincerely,

Ray Hoppins
Principal

Debbie Thompson
Vice-Principal