



Hooper's School Bell #8



ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Friday, April 1st, 2011

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL Mr. Ray Hoppins

Volunteers Helping Orchestrate Early Success at OES

At École Olds Elementary School, volunteerism makes a big difference in the lives of our children. Each and every day we have a number of parents and community members that volunteer to make our school a better place. This is our opportunity to say thank you to so many people.

- Parents continue to volunteer to spend time in their child's classroom on a regular basis. Children benefit from regular contact with classroom volunteers.
- Our school council volunteers work tirelessly to provide support in areas such as fundraising, field trips, fun lunches, babysitting corners, lost and found, and school celebrations.
- We have a dedicated group of "library moms" who volunteer their time in our OES Library.
- Our Science Fair in February was made possible by a few dozen dedicated volunteer judges and staff organizers.
- Last month, parent and staff volunteers delivered hundreds of pieces of art around our community as part of our "Art from the Start" program.
- Our local chapter of Canadian Parents for French has continued their unbelievable support for our program. A great example is their recent donation of \$350 to pay for our French performer Edwardo.
- We were thrilled to be part of this year's Kiwanis Music Festival, a festival built on a foundation of dedication and commitment of volunteers.
- Last week, our OES Grade 3-4 Choir enjoyed a campout in the school. And there, beside them, were dedicated parents and staff willing to spend a night in the OES gymnasium.
- In June, we will celebrate another Western Day at OES. Western Day only happens with the help of 50-60 dedicated parents and school council members.

- Our children participate in a variety of recreational, athletic, artistic opportunities made possible by volunteers. Gymnastics, swimming, figure skating, dance, karate, hockey, lacrosse, baseball, soccer, arts & crafts, singing, 4-H, Scouts, Girl Guides, and other youth activities provide valuable learning opportunities for children. Thanks to all the coaches and organizers who volunteer their time and expertise.
- Our school receives regular donations from community organizations built on foundations of volunteerism. Thanks to the Olds IODE, Kiwanis, Lions Club, and Royal Canadian Legion for your ongoing support.
- For years, adults have volunteered to provide additional supervision at the crosswalk on 57th Avenue. Thanks to Mr. Waldie, Mrs LaMarsh, Mrs. Desiman, and Mrs. Vammen for making our community a safer place.

As National Volunteer Week (April 10-16) approaches, we are reminded of the valuable roles that volunteers play in our school and community. Thanks to all those of you who unselfishly give of yourselves on behalf of our children. You are a critical part of our school and community.

Welcome To Kindergarten – Saturday, April 30th (10:00 – 11:30 a.m.)

Welcome To Kindergarten (our kindergarten orientation for students and parents) will be held on **Saturday, April 30th** at 10:00 a.m. Here are four things we would like parents to know.

- At **Welcome To Kindergarten**, children and parents will pick-up a nametag and schedule between 9:45 – 10:00 and then participate in a formal, scheduled orientation consisting of activity centers throughout the school. The program will last approximately one hour.
- During this hour, children and parents will meet their kindergarten teachers, see their new classrooms, and receive free bags of crayons, art & craft supplies, books, games, and materials to help get them ready for kindergarten.

- Families who have already registered for OES kindergarten will be receiving an invitation by phone. Families who are planning to register are invited to do so anytime prior to this event.
- Registration forms are available at the OES office and can also be downloaded from our website at www.oldselementary.ca.

Thanks to all those who have already registered for kindergarten at OES! We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 30th!

2011-2012 Class Lists

In May, OES teacher grade teams will be meeting with administration to place students in classes for the upcoming school year. Then, children will meet their new classmates and teacher at some point during the last few days of school.

If you feel that you have important information about your child that will help the grade team make these decisions, please drop by the office and pick up a Class Placement Information Form.

Parents can use this form to provide information about how their child learns best. They can also use the form to request consideration for certain programs. We also encourage you to discuss your ideas with your child's current teacher.

Unfortunately, specific requests for a teacher cannot be accommodated.

Kindergarten & Grade One Registrations

We are now accepting all pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and grade one registrations for students who will be new to our school this fall. Please check our website at www.oldselementary.ca or stop by the office for forms and additional information.

MUSIC NEWS

Lois Munchinsky

All of the students who performed in the Kiwanis Music Festival deserve to be congratulated! Two grade 4 classes performed poems and the choir sang two songs. Several students from OES also did individual performances at the festival. Most of these children performed again at the **Celebration of Music and Speech Arts** assembly which was on March 25.

Choir is nearly finished for this year. They had a terrific **choir campout** on March 25 with 8 fabulous parent

volunteers! This fun and memorable event couldn't take place without you!! The only performance left for the choir will be at the **high school graduation ceremony at 10am on May 28**. Choir students please mark your calendars!

On Thursday, April 28 the grade twos will be presenting, "BUGZ!". There will be two performances, one at 1:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 in the evening. This will be a fun and entertaining part of the grade two Author's Celebration Day!

Physical Education

Mr. Kish

Skating Program

What a busy winter we have had! Despite the cold freezing weather we have managed to walk ourselves to and from the Arena for skating each week to learn and practise skating skills and games. Congratulations to all our OES Skating Stars for working hard on the ice and being good sports!

Intramural Floor Hockey League – Grade 4 Girls

The Grade 4 Girls Floor Hockey League has come to an exciting conclusion! After battling it out all winter the Girls Final between the Lavendar Leopards and the Fireworks was settled on Monday, March 28. The match proved to be another awesome display of firepower and energy as the Leopards came out with their fangs bared pouncing on the Fireworks squad from the start. Despite getting numerous scoring chances Fireworks could not get the bouncing ball into the net often enough to keep it close and as the game wore on their energy fizzled. Leopards showed cat-like reflexes and eye of the tiger intensity knowing that constant pressure would dim the spark of their opponents. Leopards win 7-1. Congratulations! Winners enjoy the right to play against the teachers next month.

Basketball

It's March Madness! We have been working on our game with skills and drills for dribbling, shooting, and passing. Each year we have a Free Throw Shooting Competition in each class to see who has that magic shot. When this has been completed the Top Shooters will compete for the Coveted School Grand Championship, which will be held next month after holiday break.

Several Olds Elementary ten year olds competed at the Annual - Knights Of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Championship at Deer Meadow School on March 19. After the Council Championship Round Avery P. placed 2nd and was invited to the Zone Championships in Red Deer!

Congratulations to the following shooters for their efforts.
Boys – Darius A., Jacob B., Shaun D. and Tristan F.
Girls – Brandy F., Avery P. and Regan D.

Important themes emerging under the leadership of our Guiding Coalition

A Message from the Superintendent

Many important themes around teaching and learning are emerging from within Chinook's Edge this year, as individuals throughout our division have been engaged in our Visioning Project. Through the leadership and hard work of our 40-member Guiding Coalition, we have received input from many hundreds of individuals about what it means to be an educated Albertan, what makes a quality learning environment and how best to build a culture of success for each student in our division. I have met with staff in each of our schools to gather their views on our core purpose in Chinook's Edge, and to determine how they envision our school district in 2015 and 2030.

Be part of the discussion! We invite you to take a few minutes to complete our short Visioning Project Survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JB7YY7H> before April 20th. We look forward to reading each one of your responses, and everyone who participates in the survey will be entered into a prize draw for a Chapters gift card.

Each of these discussions is moving us closer to recommitting to our Chinook's Edge vision. People in our schools and communities are dedicated to cultivating a rich learning environment for each of the students we serve – now and into the future. This level of leadership will ensure Chinook's Edge will always be the division where students come first.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

École Olds Elementary School

is now accepting registrations for

- ✓ Pre-Kindergarten
- ✓ Kindergarten
- ✓ French Immersion



- ♥ English and French Immersion Programming ♥ Pre-Kindergarten for 3 and 4 year-olds ♥ A Focus on Literacy, Numeracy, Fine Arts, and Physical Activity ♥ Music and Physical Education Specialists
- ♥ Extensive Learning Supports ♥ Values-Based School Community
- ♥ Interactive SMART Board Technology ♥ Before & After School Care



Stop by our school or visit us online at
www.oldselementary.ca Phone 403-556-8477

REMINDER

PREORDERED FUN LUNCH DAYS

Please note all students must still bring a healthy snack for the a.m. recess break

Canadian Pizza

Friday, April 15th, 2011



(Includes one piece of pizza, Juice Box and and Fruit Roll-up)

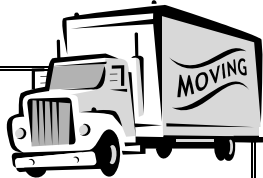
Dairy Queen Milkshake

Friday, April 29th, 2011

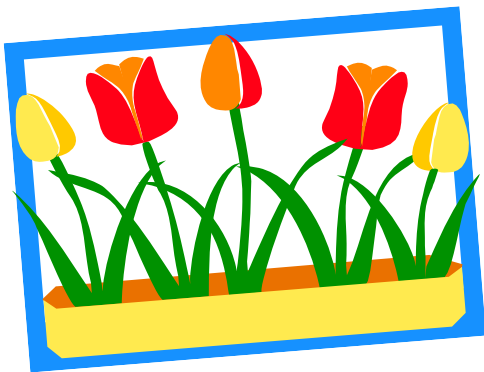


(Includes Milkshake and Teddy Grahams)

A MOVE IN YOUR PLANS???



If you are planning a move this summer and your child **will not be returning to Olds Elementary School for the 2011-2012 School Year**, please notify the office as soon as possible. This information assists us with planning for the next school year.



**Happy Spring Break
No School
April 2-10th**



GRADE FOUR LEADERSHIP CLUB

Thursday, April 21st

**Wear Your Crazy Hat / Hair/
Bunny Hop Day**



Grade 2 Performance Assembly and Author Celebration

On Thursday, April 28th the grade twos will be presenting, "BUGZ!" at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Throughout the performance you'll hear from the fireflies, bumblebees, ladybugs, army ants, and the praying mantises. Also there will be a performance from the stink bugs and butterflies. This will be a fun and entertaining part of the grade two Author's Celebration Day!

The grades 2's are also very excited to have author David Bouchard to present on this day. All grades will be fortunate to hear him. They would also like to thank the Kiwanis Club for their generous support! Be sure to check out their terrific books!

Each grade 2 student is very excited to have two published books on display, one in the school library and one in the public library. The books will be available to view from the 27th of April till May 4th.



Olds Boys Minor Ball Registration

The season runs May and June. For Ages: 8 to 18 years old.

Registration forms still available at the Olds Elementary School office. If you require further information please contact Keith at 403-556-1887.

Staying Home Alone

Is your child ready to stay home alone? Can they handle brief periods of being left alone well? Do they know when to seek outside help? Are they prepared to handle an accident? Do they know when and how to seek outside help?

If the time has come when you must decide if your child is ready to stay home alone, consider registering for this 2 day course.

Who: For kids 10 years and older. Second sibling can be 8 and older

When: April 15th 5:00pm-8:00pm and April 16th 9:00am-3:00pm

Where: Olds Church of the Nazarene 5402 43 St. Olds

Cost: \$10 Extra sibling is \$5. Course manual is included.

Registration forms are available at the Town of Olds office.

Limit of 15 participants. Participants should bring their own bag lunch, and parents must be present for the last hour on April 16th.

Questions? Call **Katharine at the Town of Olds at 403-556-6981.**

Lyrid Meteor Shower

Join us at the library for a parent's night out!

The Lyrid meteor shower is not one of the strongest of the annual meteor showers, but it can be enjoyable to those meteor observers thirsting for more. Come learn about basic backyard astronomy, telescopes, and ask questions to some of the local experts from All-Star

Telescope. Refreshments will be provided on the patio during this evening of stargazing while watching the meteor shower from our patio. For more information about the shower visit:

<http://meteorshowersonline.com/lyrids.html>

Date: Friday, April 22nd

Time: 10:00-Midnight

Place: Olds Municipal Library

Fee: \$10

Please pre-register at the library, over the phone, or online at our website: www.oml.prl.ab.ca

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH Olds Chapter

The French for Immersion Parents course is currently running and we have received many positive reviews already!

We look forward to running another successful French language summer camp this year.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 pm in the Art Room at École Olds Elementary School. This is an important meeting as we have 3 board positions up for election and it is our major planning event for the coming year. Please come out to support your French Immersion Program!

For more information please contact Shauna Craven at 403-556-6774.

OLDS RAPIDS SWIM CLUB

FRIENDS FUN FITNESS

Registration Information call 556-6137



Out of the Olds Aquatic Center, the Olds Rapids 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: April 11, 13 and 15th) 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 \$25.00. Please bring goggles.

APRIL 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8 	9
Happy Spring Break No School April 2-10th						
10	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1 Fun Lunch Day	16
	18 Day 2 Parent Council Meeting in Art Room At 12:00 p.m.	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5 Wear your Crazy Hat, Hair and Bunny Hop Day!	22 Day 1 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	23
24 Happy Easter 	25 NO SCHOOL	26 Day 6	27 Day 1 Canadian Parents for French – Olds Chapter Annual General Meeting OES Art Room @ 6:30 p.m.	28 Day 2 Grade Two Performance Assembly 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. and Author's Celebration	29 Day 3 Fun Lunch Day	30 Welcome To Kindergarten 2011-2012 Orientation 10 – 11:30 a.m.