



Hooper's School Bell #4



ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

www.oldselementary.ca

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

Thursday, December 1st, 2011

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL Mrs. Debbie Thompson

Growing into great citizens...

As parents and as educators, we feel one of the most important things we do is contribute to and influence our children in their development as individuals who commit to making positive contributions to their school, their community and their world.

At an elementary school, this is an especially rewarding experience as we watch young children move from an awareness of themselves into an understanding of their community and the world as a whole. Through these experiences they develop into thoughtful, caring, and compassionate citizens. At ÉOES, there are many opportunities for students to learn about and contribute to their community and the world. In our Social Studies program, citizenship is one of the core concepts and is embedded into every grade level. This year, ÉOES students received recognition for their tremendous efforts during the "Drive Away Hunger" campaign. Our CARE Club continues to provide opportunities for students to learn about the world and contribute to our community and our world. Families brought in many boxes to send away for Operation Christmas Child and our choir just shared their music in one of our seniors' homes. These are only a few examples of the ways our students model the true meaning of citizenship.

We would like to thank all of you for your support and your generous contributions of time to our school. May you enjoy a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.



MUSIC NEWS

Lois Munchinsky

In December, there will be many musical events. On Wednesday, December 14, the grade one classes will present, "A Bugz Christmas". They will perform for the school at 1:00 pm and for family and friends at 6:30 pm. At 2:15 on Tuesday, December 13 the **choir** will have a concert for the school. They will repeat that program for their family and friends on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 pm. The choir will also sing at the Mt. View Senior's Lodge on the afternoon of Friday, December 2. Finally, we will have a Christmas **sing-along** for everyone in the gym on Wednesday, December 21 at 2:30. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the season with these delightful, festive songs!

Good Morning Basketball



Good Morning Basketball is, once again, starting **Monday, December 5th.**

This drop in activity runs daily from 8:25 – 8:35 a.m.

Students who wish to participate will:

1. Enter the front doors of our school at 8:25.
2. Take off outside footwear and place it neatly on the carpet.
3. Take their backpacks, coats, toques, and mitts into the gymnasium.
4. Enjoy a little basketball with friends.
5. Pick up their "stuff" including footwear on their way back to their boot room.

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 heavier coats, toques and mittens every day.

Thank you



REMINDER

PREORDERED FUN LUNCH DAYS

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

Canadian Pizza Unlimited

Friday, December 2nd

(Includes 1 pizza slice, juice and Snack)

Dairy Queen Milkshake

Friday, December 16th

(Includes Milkshake, Christmas Orange and Candy Cane)
Please supply a Lunch for your child as this is only a treat.

Dairy Queen Hamburger

Friday, January 13th

(Includes 1 Hamburger, juice and snack) Ketchup and Mustard on the side.

Granny Jacks Mac & Cheese

Friday, January 27th

(Includes Mac and Cheese, juice and snack)

LEADERSHIP CLUB NEWS

Thank you to all of the students, parents and teachers who helped make our Duct Tape Recycling fundraiser a success. We raised about \$200 to buy bins for each class to encourage recycling.

We will be starting projects throughout the school to show our awareness about the environment. We hope that your child will share what they are learning at home. We are hoping to re-establish our school as a GREEN School and then move forward in our environmental awareness to become an EARTH school someday. For more information on this, you can go to www.seedsfoundation.ca.

We will be doing 3-5 spot checks each month for litterless lunches. Each month there will be an incentive for the most litterless lunches on the days we do the spot checks. Help us support the environment.

We will be having our candy cane sales on December 19 and 20 at noon. We are trying to keep the prices in line with other years at 25 cents each. You will receive another reminder closer to the date. The money raised will be going towards Leadership projects. Thank you once again for supporting our school.



École Olds Elementary Staff send a huge thank you to MOM'S WHO CARE for the delicious treats. Your caring and thoughtful ways is truly appreciated.

Physical Education Update

Mr. Kish

Curling

The grade 3 and grade 4 classes have been practising curling at the Olds Curling Rink as part of their Physical Education program. Students have learned proper curling etiquette, types of shot making, in-turns and out-turns, sweeping, and how to deliver a rock. Their training provided them with enough skills and knowledge to play a mini game of curling with their friends! Thank you to the awesome parent volunteers who were instrumental in providing assistance and supervision to their groups! We couldn't teach curling so well with our students if it wasn't for you!

Note* - There is a Junior Curling Club on Monday afternoons. If your child enjoyed their curling and is interested please contact me at the school and I can provide an information sheet or call Karen at 403-556-1616. No experience or equipment required! A super deal at \$50.00 to join so hurry as the Junior Club has just started their nights.

Cross Country Running – Ribbon Presentations

The Cross Country Run Team met for Ribbon Presentations. Our Race Meet in Innisfail in October was a huge success for our speedy stars as we captured over nearly 30% of the total placings! Not bad considering there were over one thousand runners from 12 schools in the CESD! We have a few runners who were **Champions** in their Division besting all others!! Jayce Beekman (1st-Boys Gr1) Charlie Wright (1st-Boys Gr2) Kallie Clouston (1st-GirlsGr3) Steven Bell (1st-Boys Gr4). Dominating performances! Our "Base Camp" was the envy of all Teams as our fabulous parents constructed a shelter which allowed the runners to escape the cold windy weather. Thank you kids for those inspiring races and thank you parents for spending the day with us at the Innisfail Run and Mrs. Trotter for helping during the ribbon presentations! Congratulations to all runners, we are proud of your star efforts!

Grade 4 Girls and Boys Floor Hockey Intramural League

The Annual Grade 4 Floor Hockey Challenge is proving more popular each year! 92% of grade 4 girls and boys signed up to play in the league this year! We play for fun and for friendly competition, and to practise good sportsmanship! The winning Teams in each Division earn the right to play the teachers in our Classic Teachers versus Students Game at the end of the League! We would like to get some sponsorship and start a Trophy for each Division Champion this year. The Trophies would stay at the school in the showcase as a Legacy to the kids! The sponsors would be invited to present the Trophy and play with the Teachers in the Classic Teacher/Student Challenge! Interested? Give me a call or drop by! A schedule of games will be sent home with your child. Good luck to all players!

Skating

Heads up! The skating program will be starting in December for grade ones and continuing thru the winter months for all students. Your homeroom teacher will provide information!

École Olds Elementary School Council

Our next meeting for this school year will be held on **Monday, January 16th at 12:00 p.m.** in the Art Room. Check our school council link on our EOES 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



All Levels Bootcamp

Beautiful Country Setting 1 minute from town
Tuesday/Thursday @ 8:45 am (preschoolers welcome) and 5:30 pm

Custom classes and training also available

Lori Rosehill, PFT, AFLCA 556-6668

lrosehill@hotmail.com

True Form's Drew Taddia would like to welcome you to join his *Body Fit* classes that take place Mon, Wed, Fri @ 3:45pm AND 7:30pm at the Horizon School gym. They are for all ages and fitness levels. Everyone is welcome!

Additionally, Drew Taddia is holding Toonie Tuesdays @ the EOES gym at 12:15pm. Every Tuesday, all you have to do is show up and bring your toonie. This is offered to the kids, parents and teachers. Come on by for a great workout with the kids!

If you have any questions or would like more information about the classes contact Drew at 403-510-4915 or drewtaddia@gmail.com.

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) January 9, 11, 13
5:00 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.



Upcoming Registration for the Winter Session takes place December 19, 2011 at the Arena Concourse from 4:30-5:30pm.

The Olds Skating Club will be offering Pre CanSkate, CanSkate, CanSkate Group, Teen CanSkate, CanPower Skate and StarSkate.

If you're interested please check out our website @ oldsfigureskatingclub.com, for registration forms and further information.



OLDS & DISTRICT CHRISTMAS ANGELS

If you wish to drop off toys for children and or non-perishable food items we have a Christmas Angels Society drop off box at Olds Elementary School until December 17th at noon.

Also, if you wish to make a cash or cheque donation you can call the Angel Hot Line 507-5445. Thank You for your support.

Olds and District Christmas Angels are looking to the community for support in the following areas: Volunteers, Gift Donation for all ages (Drop Boxes are in many local businesses) and Cash Donations.

Suggestions for drop boxes are: Toys for Children, Socks for all ages, mitts or gloves for all ages, Teenager gifts, toques and scarves for all ages, games for all ages, PJ's for all ages and Diapers.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!





ÉOES 2011-12 Colored Yearbook Order Form

This year, our school photography company (Lifetouch) is offering the opportunity for ÉOES parents to purchase a \$20 soft covered yearbook to include individual student photos with names, photos from each class and large school events.

If you would like a 2011-2012 ÉOES Yearbook for your child(ren), please return your completed form and money back to ÉOES School Office. Yearbooks will be handed out in June 2012.

Child's Name:

Grade:

Homeroom Teacher:

Child 1

Child 2

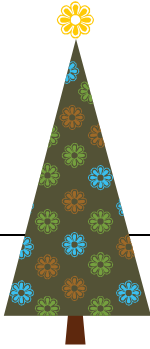



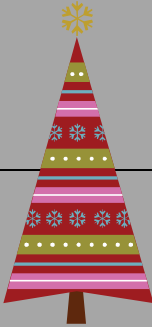
Child 3

Total Books Ordered: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

Please make cheques payable to École Olds Elementary School.
All orders must be received on or before **Wednesday, February 29th, 2012**

December 2011

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|----------|
| 1  | | | | 1 Day 5 | 2 Day 6 Pre-ordered HOT LUNCH DAY (Canadian Pizza) OES Choir Performs for Mt. View Senior's Lodge in the afternoon | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Day 1 | 6 Day 2 Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m. | 7 Day 3 | 8 Day 4 | 9 NO SCHOOL | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Day 5 | 13 Day 6 OES Choir Performs for OES Students at 2:15 p.m. Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m. | 14 Day 1 Grade One Christmas Concert 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. | 15 Day 2 OES Choir Performs for Family and Friends at 7:00 p.m. | 16 Day 3 Pre-ordered HOT LUNCH DAY (D.Q. Milkshakes Only) | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Day 4  Candy Cane Sales at 12:00 noon .25¢ each | 20 Day 5  Candy Cane Sales at 12:00 noon .25¢ each No Choir Practice | 21 Day 6 OES Christmas sing-along in the gym at 2:30 p.m. | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25  | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30  | 31 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Day 1 School Resumes | 6 Day 2 | 7 |