



Hooper's School Bell #5



ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Thursday, January 12th, 2012

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL Mrs. Debbie Thompson

Health, Wellness and Physical Activity

Welcome to a new year! This is a perfect time to focus on health, wellness and physical activity. As we embrace the new year and look forward to upcoming events and challenges we are reminded of the importance that a healthy balanced lifestyle plays in all of our lives. Here at École Olds Elementary School, we work together to provide many different opportunities for students to be active and continue their learning about health and wellness.

- We are very fortunate to be able to provide a full time physical education teacher for our ÉOES students. The quality of Mr. Kish's program is exceptional. He combines his knowledge of skills and abilities at the various age groups with his experience and energy. As well, we have many special events for students to participate in throughout the year: Kilometer Club, School Fun Runs/Walks, Good Morning Basketball, Hooper's Hoops, Cross Country Running
- Recess time provides students with a chance to play on and around our wonderful playground structures. At any given time you will find children on the swings, slides, playing soccer, skipping or shooting hoops.
- Teachers schedule opportunities for students to engage in Daily Physical Activity on days when they do not have gym. Some of these activities take place in the classroom and others take place on our track or in our playground area. As well, our classrooms engage in conversations and activities that focus around health and wellness. Many newsletters provide tips for healthy lunches and activities that kids can participate in on their own time. As well, Drew Taddia from True Form has volunteered his time

to provide fitness ideas and healthy snack ideas in some of our classrooms. In addition he has been working with some of our kids (and parents, too) during "Toonie Tuesdays".

On behalf of the staff here at École Olds Elementary, we wish you a year filled with health and happiness.



ÉOES SCIENCE FAIR 2012



When: École Olds Elementary School will be having its annual Science Fair on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

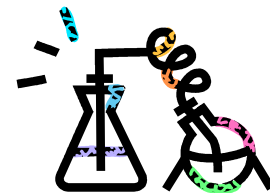
Who: All students from Kindergarten to Grade Four are invited to prepare a project and take part.

How to get started: If your child is interested, pick up an information package from the office. It contains an entry form, as well as valuable information for parents interested in helping their child choose a topic. Cardboard tri-folds used for the project backdrop are available at the office at a cost of \$5.00. Also, look for science projects from previous years on display in our school.

Volunteers Needed: We are also looking for parent volunteers to help on the day of the Science Fair to judge students projects. If you are interested, please fill out the volunteer form that will be sent home with your child next week.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Entry forms due	Monday, January 30, 2012
OES Science Fair	Tuesday, February 7, 2012



MUSIC NEWS

Lois Munchinsky

In December many of you had a chance to hear excellent musical performances from ÉOES students. The grade one classes did a fantastic job of their program: **A Bugz Christmas**. The choir also performed their festive songs for the ÉOES students and for their family and friends. Their next performance will be on Tuesday, February 28 for the senior's luncheon at the First Baptist Church.

You are welcome to join us at 2:00 pm on Thursday, January 12, when the school will have **Steve Harmer** present his program called The Friendship Factor. This show is filled with several incredible magic tricks and will be entertaining, inspiring and character building.

Leadership Club News



Thank you to all of the parents and students who have helped in our fundraising projects. With the funds from the duct tape event, we have been able to purchase recycling bins for all of our classrooms. We have established a collection program by the leadership club members which will help the classroom teachers in their recycling efforts. We would like to thank the following stores who helped us use our money for recycling bins wisely: Canadian Tire, Wal-Mart, B&M Hardware, Staples, and No Frills.

We are continuing spot checks for litter less lunches. So far, we are seeing that many students are trying to reduce the amount of throw away materials in their lunches. We would like to thank parents and students for their efforts.

REMINDER

PREORDERED FUN LUNCH DAYS

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

A&W Hamburger (Baby Burger)*

Friday, January 13th

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

*(Note this is changed from the original Dairy Queen)

Granny Jacks Mac & Cheese

Friday, January 27th

(Includes Mac and Cheese, juice and snack)

Physical Education Update

Mr. Kish



Good Morning Basketball

Good Morning Basketball is, once again, underway.

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.

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

The skating program will continue in January for all grades one to four students thru the winter months. 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 ÉOES 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.

Prioritizing health and wellness in our schools

A Message from the Superintendent

The new year brings a renewed focus on supporting health and wellness initiatives in our school communities. Ensuring a healthy physical and social environment in our schools can positively impact student performance and academic achievement, and support our goals to help each of our students reach their full potential.

Chinook's Edge School Division believes so strongly in the priority of promoting healthy lifestyle choices that we have established a formal policy on Wellness Education. Our Board of Education believes acquiring the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to develop healthy habits for life is critical and, therefore, supports a comprehensive school health approach to wellness education. This involves a partnership with Alberta Health Services to provide resources, information and a facilitator to support all facets of wellness through an individualized approach in each of our schools.

Wellness is a balanced state of emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual well-being, and students, staff and parents throughout our division are working together to encourage growth in each of these areas. I thank everyone whose efforts are supporting this Chinook's Edge priority, and I wish all of our school families a happy and healthy new year!

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

Beginning January 16, 2012 École Olds Elementary School will be accepting

- ✓ Applications for Pre-Kindergarten
- ✓ Registrations for Kindergarten



- ♥ 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 ♥ Community Based Before & After School Care

Stop by our school or visit us online at

www.oldselementary.ca

Phone 403-556-8477



Accountability Pillar Survey

Information for parents with students in Grade 4:

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we're equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2012, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

On behalf of École Olds Elementary, we appreciate your time in completing this survey as we continue to use your feedback to improve the educational experiences for your children.

Debbie Thompson

**Principal, École Olds Elementary School
403-556-8477**

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.

Remember to bring your Alberta Health Care Number for registration. For more information, please contact Marcy Lavoie at 403-559-7595.
(Co-Ed Learn to play registration for ages 5 – 10 will be held in March 2012.)

OLDS MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Story Hour (Ages 3-5) Enjoy Stories, crafts, songs and games. Choose the day and time best for you: Tuesdays 10:00-11:00, Wednesday s 1:00-2:00, or Thursdays 10:00-11:00. Runs January 17th to February 23rd. \$20.00 per child. Contact Olds Library for more information at 403-556-6460

Jr. Reader's Club (ages 6-10): kids will enhance their literacy skills through games, activities and having fun! Thursdays 3:30-4:30. Runs January 19th to February 23rd. \$10.00 per child. Contact Olds Library for more information at 403-556-6460.

Tween Time (ages 9-13): Exciting activities including art and cooking projects, board games and Wii! Tuesdays 3:30-4:30. Runs January 17th to February 21st. \$20.00 per child. Contact Olds Library for more information at 403-556-6460

Teen Reading Club (TeenRC) Love to read? Share your thoughts and opinions about your latest read with other teens and librarians! Visit www.teenrc.ca for details and to sign up!



Upcoming Registration for the Winter Session takes place January 11, 2012 at the Arena Concourse from 4:30-6:00pm.

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.

BADMINTON

Student Badminton Winter 2012, Offering Badminton lessons for children 6-12 years old. Starting date Jan 18 th Wednesday 6-7 pm, at the Deer Meadow School. Cost \$15.00 for 10 weeks. If your child is interested in signing up please call Veronica at 403-556-8043 to pre-register in Dec. For Jan 2012. Do not be disappointed sign up early. Max students 20 for class.

OLDS GIRLS MINOR SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FOR 2012 YEAR FOR MITES TO BANTAM (Ages 9 – 17)

DATE: JANUARY 16TH, 2012
TIME: 6:30 pm till 8:30 pm
LOCATION: OLDS ARENA CONCOURSE
AND

DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2012
TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
LOCATION: DEER MEADOW SCHOOL – Room 116



Carstairs Corsairs Fencing Club

Fencing is an exciting Olympic sport that is a great activity for the entire family. Our club offers foil lessons for ages 8+ and epee lessons for ages 12+.

Registration:

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Upper level of the Carstairs Arena

Contact: 403-337-3503



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**

January 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7
8	9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12 Day 6 Steve Harmer Magic presents "The Friendship Factor" for ÉOES Students @ 2:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome!	13 Day 1 CARE Club Coco Brooks Pizza Sales Begin Pre-ordered HOT LUNCH DAY (A & W Baby Burgers)	14
15	16 Day 2 Parent Council Meeting in Art Room at 12:00 p.m.	17 Day 3 Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20 Day 6	21
22	23 Day 1	24 Day 2 Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	25 Day 3	26 Day 4 REMINDER: Deadline for Coco Brooks Pizza Forms and Money due tomorrow!	27 Day 5 READ TOGETHER. GROW TOGETHER. <small>Family Literacy Day is January 27</small> HOT LUNCH DAY (Granny Jacks Mac & Cheese)	28
29	30 Day 6 Science Fair Entry Forms Due	31 NO SCHOOL	1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4

