



Hooper's School Bell #7



ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Thursday, March 3rd, 2011

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL Mr. Ray Hoppins

Student Assessment = Good Teaching at OES

Wait! Please keep reading and allow me to share a few key points about student assessment at École Olds Elementary School. At first glance, the phrase "student assessment" sounds, looks, feels, and smells like "student testing." However, it is much, much, much more. In fact, student assessment at OES is more about good teaching and learning than it is about testing. Read on to find out why.

Assessment for Learning

Good teaching and learning begins with the teacher helping your child clearly understand what he/she is to be learning. At OES, these are often called "I Can" statements. (i.e. I can count to 50) Then, as the learning activities take place, the teacher plays the daily role of "coach" by:

- Giving feedback to your child.
- Allowing your child to learn from his/her mistakes.
- Creating opportunities to practice and improve.
- Talking to your child about the next steps in learning.
- Adapting his/her teaching to meet the learning needs of your child.

This process is ongoing, continuous and involves your child, his/her classmates, the teacher and, you as the parent. This is called assessment *for* learning and, as you probably noticed, there is a clear focus on student learning. Teachers spend 90-95% of their time on assessment *for* learning. This process allows your child to learn, to grow, to think critically, and realize his/her talents.

Assessment of Learning

After many days of assessment *for* learning, the teacher is asked to play the role of "judge" and to make a decision whether or not your child has learned what he/she was to learn. The teacher uses observations, projects, writing samples, performance tasks, and yes, sometimes tests, to determine your child's levels of academic achievement for key learning outcomes in each subject area. These levels of achievement are then communicated to you through report cards as well as student-parent-teacher conferences. It is at this point that the teacher makes decisions about the next steps in learning for your child and the entire process begins again.

The Big Picture

A man by the name of Wayne Hulley once said, "You can't fatten a calf by weighing it." My 18 years growing up on a family farm tells me that he's right. The only way to fatten a calf is by feeding it, slowly and purposefully, over a long period of time. Similarly, one can't teach a child by simply testing him/her. This is why, at OES, we use the process of assessment *for* learning (good teaching), slowly and purposefully, to help your child meet the learning outcomes he/she is expected to learn.

For More Information

For more information about assessment *for* learning in your child's classroom, please ask your child's teacher when you meet later this month.

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

March is always exciting because it is **Kiwanis Music Festival** month in Olds. At 9:00am on **Monday, March 21** the choir will perform 2 songs at the Fine Arts and Multi-Media centre on the new high school campus. There will also be an opportunity for any OES students who performed at the festival to perform for the school. This **OES Festival Showcase** will take place in the OES gym on Friday, March 25.

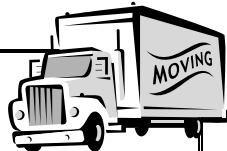
The final after-school choir practice for this year will be on Tuesday, March 15. The annual choir campout will take place on **Friday, March 25**. All choir students will receive more information about this sleepover celebration.

On Wednesday, March 2, the grade 3 children did a wonderful job at their assembly "**Mighty Minds**". With their enthusiastic singing and acting, they reminded us that we all have "mighty minds" and learning is both exciting and challenging. Some students also had to attend extra practices in order to do the acting parts. These students deserve special acknowledgement. Thank you to Milaney A., Pablo B., Ocean C., Jacob F., David H., Joshua J., Rhea M., Keara N., April N., Rylee R., Jordan S., Ethan S. and Madison T.

Also, please note that the show "**Moccasin Tracks**" has been re-scheduled for Monday, March 14. The 2-man drama group called Sun Ergos will perform at 10:45 (for the grade 3 & 4 students) and at 1:00 (for the kindergarten to grade 2 students). You are welcome to come and see their story which will emphasize the importance of thinking of others and seeing the world through the eyes of another. If you are curious about this group, you can check out their website at www.sunergos.com

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.



GRADE FOUR LEADERSHIP CLUB

March 17th, 2011

Green Day – Show your spirit and wear green!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 22nd, 2011

P.J. Day – Wear your favourite Pyjamas and put winter to bed.



OES SCIENCE FAIR 2011



The OES Science Fair was a huge success! We had more than 150 participants with 92 project entries from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Each project was judged 3 times and from there, the projects with the three highest scores were named medal winners. We also selected some projects that did not receive a medal, but were done very well; we gave these projects an 'Honorable Mention'. Both Medal Winners and Honorable Mentions were invited to attend the Mountain View Science Fair in Olds on Saturday, February 26th. **Congratulations to all our Science Fair participants!**

Medal Winners

Kindergarten – Treyton M., Kiara L., Leah H.

Grade 1 – Alison M., Abby B., Benjamin E., Brynlee R.

Grade 2 – Nalyssa M., Mona F., Ellie P., Maeve V., Aaralyn L., Kennedy C., Cheyenne C., Keith B., Sara D., Cayden A.

Grade 3 – Joshua B., Lauren M., Rhea M., Emma D., Keara N., Noah M., David H.

Grade 4 – Emma H., Avery P., Mataya R., Regan D., Roshan S.

Honorable Mention

Grade 1 - Ella C., Colten P., Travis C., Logan H., Ben M., Norah C.

Grade 2 – Megan W., Kylie K., Zachary T., Karlee R., Rayelle S., Sophie P., Aerianna H., Taylor W., Jesse M., Zack M., Ava R., August B., Brock S., Neo P., Kristian R.

Grade 3 – Cody L., Lauren C., Helena H., Rylee R., Emma M., Kaliese B., Zoe C., Joshua J., Wilson H., Blake M., Kathryn D., Emma L.

Grade 4 – Montana D., Claire P., Brodie J., Marshall B., Alexis R., Jenna M., Mac N., Lucas M., Chase R., Rory A., Taylor H., Indy F.

Mountain View County Science Fair

A big **CONGRATULATIONS** goes out to all the OES students who represented our school at the division fair on February 26th. We'd also like to recognize these award winners:

Logan H. (Grade 1) who won a Gold Medal for his project called, "Snails"; Lauren M. and Rhea M. (Grade 3) who won a Gold Medal and 3rd Best of Fair for their project called "Walking in Snow"; David H. and Noah M. (Grade 3) who won a Gold Medal for their project called "Magic Balloon"; Karlee R. (Grade 2) who won a Silver Medal for her project called "Popcorn Experiment"; Benjamin E. (Grade 1) who won a Silver Medal for his project called "Melting Liquids"; Alison M. and Abby B. (Grade 1) who won a Silver Medal for their project called "Bubble, Bubble, Pop"; Brodie J. and Marshall B. (Grade 4) who won a Silver Medal for their project called "Fruit and Mold"; Nalyssa M. and Mona F. (Grade 2) who won a Silver Medal for their project called "Peppermint Candy"; Mataya R. and Regan D. (Grade 4) who won a Silver Medal for their project called "Popcorn"; Kathryn D. and Emma L. (Grade 3) who won a Silver Medal for their project called "Plastic vs Reusable Bags"; Montana D. and Claire P. (Grade 4) who won a Silver Medal for their project called "Mummifying an Orange"; Cayden A. (Grade 2) who won a Silver Medal for his project called "Fast Food on the Counter"; Megan W. and Kylie K. (Grade 2) who won a Silver Medal for her project called "Paper Airplanes"; Lucas M. (Grade 4) who won the Nature Award for his project called "Owl's Eyes vs Human Eyes"; Aaralyn L. (Grade 2) who won the Chemistry Award for her project called "Changing Water"; Joshua J. (Grade 3) who won the Environment Award for his project called "Why Does a Volcano Erupt"; Rylee R. and Emma M. (Grade 3) who won the Nutrition Award for their project called "Which Bacon Is Best"; Kiara L. and Treyton M. (Kindergarten) who won the Rookie Award for their project called "Hot Water"; Leah H. (Kindergarten) who won the Rookie Award for her project called "Whales and Sharks".

The Science Fair Committee would like to send out a big thank you to teachers, parents and other staff members that helped out with our OES and Mountain View Science Fairs. Your efforts are greatly appreciated ☺



ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY ART SHOW 2011 ART FROM THE START

Again this year artists from École Olds Elementary School will present their art from March 1st to April 12th. Their art will be showcased at the Olds Hospital, Olds Swimming Pool and the Olds Municipal Library. Go for an art walk and enjoy our student's art. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. We need help taking it down on April 12th. Please contact OES 556-8477. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thanks!

The Art Show Committee

French For Immersion Parents Course

The Olds Chapter of Canadian Parents for French is offering a basic French course for parents, grandparents and teachers. It provides an introduction to vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar, as well as providing tips for supporting children in an immersion program.

Thursday Evenings from 7:00-8:30
March 10 - May 5 (excluding April 7)

Olds Elementary School, Art Room

Instructor - Mlle. Keith

Cost : \$35 for CPF Members

\$60 for non-members (annual membership \$25)

Registration forms available at the OES Office

For more information contact Tammy Petersen at 556-6344 or tammypetersen@gmail.com.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be coming home with students in Grades One to Four on Thursday, March 17th. Please make arrangements with your child's teacher for a conference time.

REMINDER

PREORDERED FUN LUNCH DAYS

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

Dairy Queen Hamburgers

Friday, March 11th, 2011



(Includes a plain hamburger with ketchup and mustard provided, Juice Box and Wagon Wheel Cookie)

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Tim Horton's Chicken Wrap

Friday, March 25th, 2011



(Includes wrap, Juice Box and Vanilla Donut w/sprinkles)

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Canadian Pizza

Friday, April 15th, 2011



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

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Dairy Queen Milkshake

Friday, April 29th, 2011



(Includes Milkshake and Teddy Grahams)

High expectations for student success

A Message from the Superintendent

We have high expectations of ourselves at Chinook's Edge to provide the very best learning opportunities for our students, and we work together to continually assess how we are doing. An important part of that assessment is delivered through the conversations we are having with students, parents and staff at each of our schools.

As part of our AISI project (Alberta Initiative for School Improvement), we are asking stakeholders in our school communities three questions: do students feel engaged in their learning; how are student assessment methods working; and where does the use of technology fit with student success. Last year we collected data through focus groups at each of our schools and we are looking forward to holding similar focus groups again this spring. We are hearing people say they want learning to be active, hands-on and connected to the real world. The voices of our students and parents are important, and the process is helping us shape the rich experiences taking place in classrooms throughout Chinook's Edge.

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



C.A.R.E. BOOK SALE (GENTLY USED)

C.A.R.E. CLUB will be holding a BOOK SALE (GENTLY USED) for our next fundraiser. This will be held during Parent/Teacher Conferences from Monday, March 21st to Wednesday, March 23rd after school and during the evening. We are looking for book donations for our BOOK SALE. These books must be GENTLY USED.

GENTLY USED means:

1. no ripped or missing pages
2. no stains or broken spines
3. no textbooks
4. no scribbling on pages or covers
5. consider the content of the text or material in the book...

Ask yourself: Is it appropriate for an elementary school Book Sale?

BOOK COLLECTION DATE

Wednesday, March 16th

(After school from 3:30 – 5:00)

Thursday, March 17th (ALL DAY)

NO BOOKS BEFORE OR AFTER THOSE DATES due
to lack of facility storage



Daylight Savings – March 13, 2011
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CARE CLUB?

On February 3rd after school, we joined our custodians and washed over 500 desks for them. We worked alongside them and talked about how much work was involved in keeping a school clean and healthy. Thank you to all custodians in our community who work so hard to keep our schools and workplaces clean and healthy places.

Thank you, all you pizza lovers, for buying our Coco Brooks Pizzas! We sold \$11,589.00 worth of pizza. The profit from this fundraiser, \$3,437.00, will go toward the fund to build our school in India.

At the OES Beach Sock Hop on February 10th, all Admission and Concession money was donated to the C.A.R.E. CLUB. This means that the EOES School Community raised \$1,106.13 throughout this fun-filled family school event. Thanks dudes!

On Tuesday, February 15th, our Free the Children representative from Vancouver, Devon, came and spoke at our school. She shared with us that "one can of food makes a difference to a family...one small act of kindness can make a difference in the world." We found out that many girls around the world work instead of going to school. They have to get their families supply of daily water or just work to feed their family. By supporting C.A.R.E. CLUB, your small acts of kindness and contribution will help the girls in India make their dream of getting an education come true.

Keep your eyes and ears open for our next Fundraiser in March. It will be a Book Sale (Gently Used) during Parent-Teacher Interviews March 21 - 23. The sale will take place in the Art Room after school and throughout each evening.

Thank you to the Olds Albertan for supporting C.A.R.E. CLUB by telling our story!

Written by all members of
THE ECOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CARE CLUB



Community Information and Registration Night

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Olds & District Sports Complex (Olds Arena) in
the Concourse

Come see what our Community offers!

Debra Martens, ACE Project Leader
Olds Institute for Economic and Regional
Development Community Lifestyles Committee
Ph: 403-791-1511 wdnjmartens@gmail.com

Olds Figure Skating Club
Carnival
March 20th
2 p.m. @ Olds Arena
featuring music from
"Mamma Mia"

Olds Boys Minor Ball Registration Night

Date: March 10th, 7:00 to 8:00pm
Place: Olds Arena Lobby
For Ages: 8 to 18 years old



The season runs May and June. Please bring
your child's **Alberta Health Care Number** to
the registration night.

Contact Keith at 403-556-1887 if you have any
questions.

Parents,

Olds Minor Soccer General Announcement

Outdoor Soccer is open to all children/youth who are
residents of Olds and are born between May 1, 2007
and December 31, 1993

The Outdoor season begins late April/ early May and
runs to late June

Cost: \$60.00/ player (U6) May 1, 2007-
December 31, 2005

\$80.00/ player (U8-U18) January 1, 2006
– December 31, 1993
\$200/ Family

Online Registration Begins Tuesday, March 15, 2011
and closes March 29, 2011

For more information check out our website at
www.oldsminorsoccer.ca

- Every effort is made to allow all children/youth
who register to be on a team; however, the
number of teams is based on the number of
parent coaches that volunteer for these
positions. Therefore, registration does not
guarantee your child(ren) will be placed on a
team.
- If you volunteer as a coach, your child will be
guaranteed a spot on a team.
- Placement on available teams will be on a first
come first registered basis. The earlier you
register on the more likely your child will be on a
team. (See note 1 below)
- Please Note: Online registration assistance will
be available after the AGM at First Baptist
Church

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Location: First Baptist Church: Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:30 pm

1. Attending the AGM will allow the participant to have
preferential registration for their children.
2. Each family attending the meeting will be entered into
a draw to receive one free registration.
3. We will be electing new executive committee
members that evening. This year's elections are for: Vice
President, Field Manager, Referee Coordinator,
Treasurer, and Registrar

For More Information

Website: www.oldsminorsoccer.ca or

Contact:

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Registrar

Jennifer Godwin 403-507-8326

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For complete program details visit
www.sciencehappenshere.ca

Science Happens Here program officially begins in Olds and Red Deer!

The last time you were this close to science, it took a month for your eyebrows to grow back.

Olds, AB., February 1, 2011 - Science Happens Here, organized by Science Alberta Foundation, officially kicks **February 1 and will run until March 13th**. Science Happens Here is a unique program designed to highlight the science happening in an area, in everyday life, and in industry and business.

"Science Happens Here is anything but typical or traditional, incorporating fun contests, videos of local careers that involve science, and a performance by the Discovery Channel's MythBusters," said Arlene Ponting, CEO, Science Alberta Foundation. "The response from local partners to participate has been tremendous and together we can showcase interesting science, new technology, unique processes, and, of course, the important careers that make it all happen."

MythBusters, Grant Imahara and Tory Belleci will be in central Alberta for two "Q & A with Tory Belleci and Grant Imahara" shows, Saturday March 12th in Red Deer at Red Deer College Arts Centre and Sunday, March 13th at the Ralph Klein Center. Tickets are \$12 each and are on sale now. For details on where tickets can be purchased see below or visit www.sciencehappenshere.ca. Previous year's tickets have sold out in less than a day!

Red Deer Show: Saturday 7:30 pm, March 12- Red Deer College Theater (Rush Seating)
-Ticketmaster Kiosk, Red Deer College AND online at ticketmaster.com

Olds Show: Sunday 10:30am. March 13- Ralph Klein Centre (Rush Seating)
-CIBC Bank 4513 52 Avenue (Olds), AND online at ticketweb.ca

Students, teachers, families, teams and clubs are already busy competing in The *Show Us Your Science Bust a Myth* contest. Open to schools and the community in Olds and the surrounding area, the contest challenges participants to select a myth and using scientific methods, prove or disprove the myth. In a video submission, entries are evaluated for science content, presentation and creativity. Contest winners will receive tickets to the MythBusters show and a private meet and greet with Grant and Tory. Videos can be submitted at <http://www.shhcontest.org/>

About Science Alberta Foundation

Science Alberta Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to increasing science literacy and awareness. We develop engaging resources bringing science and math to life for Albertans of all ages. Our programs motivate children, youth and families to embrace lifelong science and technology learning. We are helping to create tomorrow's knowledge workers and instill an appreciation of science in a new generation of Albertans.

Contact Francesca Garigue
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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.**




Single Parent Dinner

March 16th 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church
5005 - 53rd Ave.

Menu: Perogies and Sausage and all the fixings!

Stay tuned for Single Parent Retreat (Rest and Relaxation) April 9th, 2011 You can get a rest too during Spring Break! Contact Cindy Palin @ 403-556-6847 to RSVP for the cook.

MARCH 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Day 5	2 Day 6 Grade 3 Performance Assembly "Mighty Minds" 2:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	3 Day 1	4 NO SCHOOL	5
6	7 Day 2	8 Day 3 Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Day 6 Fun Lunch Day	12
13  Daylight Savings (Set Clocks Ahead)	14 Day 1 Sun Ergos performs for OES "Moccassin Tracks" at 10:45 (Gr. 3 & 4) & 1:00 p.m. (Gr. K-2)	15 Day 2 Final Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	16 Day 3	17  Day 4 Happy St. Patrick's Day! – Students wear Green today! Report Card Day Grades 1-4	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20 <i>First Day of Spring</i> 	21 Day 5 Parent Council Meeting in Art Room At 12:00 p.m.	22 Day 6 P.J. Day Put Winter to Bed Day!	23 Day 1	24 Day 2 No Kindergarten Classes (Conference Day)	25 Day 3 OES Kiwanis Festival Showcase in the OES Gym Fun Lunch Day Choir Campout No Kindergarten Classes (Conference Day)	26
27	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 6	31 Day 1	1 Day 2	2 <i>Spring Break Starts No School April 2-10th</i>