



Hooper's School Bell #9



ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

www.oldselementary.ca

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

Thursday, May 5th, 2011

Principal: Mr. Ray Hoppins

(403) 556-8477

Vice Principal: Mrs. Debbie Thompson

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Mr. Ray Hoppins**

Hooper's Big News!

Hooper and I are proud to announce that our school will have a new Principal and Vice-Principal next year. Chinook's Edge School Division has appointed Mrs. Debbie Thompson as Principal and Mr. Kory Sholdice as Vice-Principal for École Olds Elementary School.

Mrs. Thompson has been a teacher and administrator for the past 20 years. She has taught in schools in Kitscoty, Bowden, and Olds. She has served our school division as a teacher, central office curriculum coordinator, and vice-principal. Mrs. Thompson is a friendly face to us all as she will be starting her sixth year at OES in the fall. Congratulations Mrs. Thompson, we are all very proud of you and excited for us!

Mr. Sholdice has been a teacher and school leader for the past ten years. His most recent experience include teaching in Penhold and serving as a central office curriculum coordinator for Chinook's Edge. Mr. Sholdice is thrilled to join the OES team and will visit our children on playgrounds and in classrooms in May and June. Congratulations and welcome Mr. Sholdice. We all look forward to getting to know you – especially Hooper!

2011-2012 Class Lists

OES teacher grade teams will soon be meeting with administration to place students in classes for the upcoming school year. Teachers carefully consider factors such as learning styles, learning needs, and gender balance as they work together to create next year's class lists.

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. **Please complete and submit your form to OES administration on or before May 27.**

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.

Children will meet their new classmates and teacher at some point during the last few days of school.

OES School Supplies Update & Feedback

This past year, our school made one large group purchase of school supplies for all of our students. We'd like to continue this program next year as it saved parents a great deal of time and money. It also ensured equality in that every OES child had all the supplies they needed right from the first day of school!

Please allow me, as an OES Dad, to share my personal story of how it has affected my family. My wife and I have traditionally spent about \$80 per child on school supplies. This past year, the large group purchase cost per child was only \$31. That saved us about \$150 for our three children. In addition, when our kids showed up for school in September, their supplies (the right ones!) were already purchased and waiting for them. In prior years, I had spent many August afternoons driving from store to store searching for that last light blue 72-page half and half interlined 30 cm x 24 cm scribbler☺

In preparations for next year, we'd like to make it even easier and more cost effective for parents by reusing school supplies (that are still in good shape) such as scissors, rulers, erasers, duotangs, etc. This also means that instead of sending home leftover supplies in June and asking for them back eight weeks later, we will just keep them and order fewer supplies for next year. This simple measure will reduce the cost per child to less than \$25. We believe that if we continue to reduce and reuse, we can achieve a cost per child of less than \$20 in future years.

At this time, I am requesting your feedback on our plan to reduce and reuse. Please call me at the school at 403-556-8477 if you have specific feedback or if you would like further clarification. You can also catch me outside on the crosswalk before or after school.

Thank-you!

Ray Hoppins
Principal – École Olds Elementary School

Student Safety and Security at OES

As parents and teachers, nothing is more important to us than the safety and security of our children. Each school day, we have the pleasure of watching more than 500 students enter École Olds Elementary School for a full day of learning activities. Accompanying these students are teachers, support staff, and parent volunteers who work together to make our school a safe and caring place for children to learn. The safety of all children attending our school is of the utmost importance. Here are a few of the steps that we take at OES to address this:

- *Supervision:* Outside supervision begins at 8:25 am and up to seven supervisors are on duty in the designated zones, including the cross-walk area. Recess and noon hour are also supervised.
- *Parking Lot:* Each day before and after school, we close the gates to the parking lot in front of the school. We ask drivers who have vehicles in this lot to wait until the gates are opened by school staff before driving your vehicle. We do this because of the large number of students and little brothers/sisters that sometimes end up in this space.
- *Security Plan:* Our school security plan informs all staff of the procedures to be followed for fire drills, lock downs, first aid treatment and emergency evacuations. We practice these drills and evacuations eight times each year. We just held a fire drill last week and the children did a great job!
- *Curriculum Content:* The concept of safety is integrated into the curriculum. For example, in PE students are coached on how to play safely and in the health curriculum safety is a topic at all grade levels.
- *Special Programs:* Every opportunity is taken to provide students with safety education. Safety programs in cooperation with the Olds Fire Department, the RCMP, the Chinook's Edge Transportation Department and our Family Wellness Program are held. As well, all of our students have the opportunity to learn to swim through the PE program.

We also appreciate the additional layer of safety and security that comes in the form of the hundred or so moms and dads who visit our school each morning and afternoon. When it comes to safety, there is no doubt that we benefit from raising our children in a close-knit rural community like Olds.

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.

Physical Education **Mr. Kish**

- Teachers versus Student (Champions) Annual Floor Hockey Challenge - great fun! Thanks for your participation. Congratulations to the grade 4 student floor hockey league champions!
- Hot Shots Basketball Shooting Championships - Congratulations to the Grand Champions;
Grade Two – Emmersen Clarke, Keith Beach
Grade Three – Zoe Cullen, Cole Cappis
Grade Four – Marshall Bloomfield, Regan Dagg
- Events to watch out for – School Walk (May 13, 2-3 pm); Run, Skip, Play Day (May 27, 2-3pm)
- Curriculum Focus – Gymnastics, Soccer Skills, Outdoor Activities
- FLIP FLOPS – yes the weather is nice finally, however, flip flops are not appropriate for gym class and pose a risk for injury during our games and activities requiring your child to run.

GRADE THREE PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Grade Three students will be writing Provincial Achievement tests in English Language Arts, French Language Arts and Mathematics. All tests begin at 9:00 a.m. Here is a schedule:

- May 17 – English Language Arts Part A
- May 19 – French Language Arts Part A
- June 9 – French Language Arts Part B
- June 14 – English Language Arts Part B
- June 16 – Math

Please be sure that your child is well rested, nourished, and at school on time. If you have any questions contact your child's teacher or school administration.

C.A.R.E. Club in March and April

Written by Noah Martens and Montana Durand

We have been very busy these past two months! In March the OES C.A.R.E. Club went and shoveled sidewalks to help our neighbors. Also in March we held a used book sale during Parent Teacher conferences. We raised \$740.13. All the proceeds went to the Canadian Red Cross Japanese Relief Effort. In April we've had 3 guest speakers, two from El Salvador and one from Syria. The two speakers from El Salvador taught us about their heritage and what it is like to live in El Salvador. The speaker from Syria talked about his life and what brought him to Canada. This week we are going out into our community and picking up garbage to help with a spring clean-up. We are also planning and preparing our next fundraiser which is our 2nd annual Garage sale. It will be held in the OES parking lot after school on May 27/28. We hope to see you at the Garage Sale!

REMINDER

PREORDERED FUN LUNCH DAYS

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

Dairy Queen Hot Dogs
Friday, May 13th, 2011



(Includes a plain hot dog with ketchup and mustard provided, Juice Box and Apple Sauce)

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Extreme Pita
Friday, May 27th, 2011



(Includes Pita, Juice Box and Cookie)

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Canadian Pizza
Friday, June 10th, 2011



(Includes one piece of pizza, Juice Box and Dunkaroos)



MUSIC NEWS

Lois Munchinsky

Congratulations to all of the grade 2 children for giving us such an incredible performance of "BUGZ". Their assembly was a terrific part of their Author's Celebration! A special thank you needs to be given to Zachary Taylor, Jackson Thomson, Kylie Kjorsvik, Natasha Zyderveld and Ellie Peterson. These children memorized individual speaking parts and helped to make the show a great success!

The **choir** has only one more performance this year. They will be singing at the Olds High School graduation ceremony at 10:00am on Saturday, May 28. Choir students will soon be bringing home a note with details about this performance.

Online safety a priority in Chinook's Edge

A Message from the Superintendent

Chinook's Edge is a provincial leader in meeting the strictest safety protocols in our school facilities, and that includes keeping our students safe on the Internet. We are fortunate to be using advanced technology in our classrooms, because it provides access to knowledge and resources that make teaching and learning extremely exciting. It also provides daily opportunities to instill important lessons in online safety and etiquette, which our students will need to know and practice throughout their lives.

Digital Citizenship is a priority at each of our schools, as students learn the proper way to manage and interact with the important resources available online. As our students discover the vast amounts of information on the Internet, they also learn how to use the resources properly. They are being taught appropriate online conduct, so that they only visit suitable websites. They are taught respectful interaction, so that they do not become involved with cyber bullying. They are taught how to filter the information they read, to ensure the Internet is used as a tool which enhances their learning. Safety is our largest priority at Chinook's Edge, including the important responsibility we share to keep our students safe while they explore the great potential offered through technology.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

THE
OES C.A.R.E. CLUB

is holding a
GIANT GARAGE SALE

The Garage Sale will be held on:

Friday, May 27th

3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 28th

9:00 a.m. – NOON

If you are doing some spring cleaning and would like to donate to our Garage Sale, please bring your items to the **ART ROOM** from Tuesday, May 24th to Thursday, May 26th.

1. No clothing and shoes but everything else SELLABLE goes.
2. Please talk to one of the CARE CLUB adults if you have LARGE items to bring.
3. Items should be suitable and in good condition.
4. PLEASE DO NOT PRICE ITEMS, the students will.

Thank you for supporting the **OES C.A.R.E. CLUB**. We are a big step closer to building our school in India because of your support!

Grade 4 French Immersion

Grade Four French Immersion would like to thank all those who supported our Cookies/Milk Fundraiser. Thank you to Westview Co-op for their kind donation of cookies.

We will be having a popcorn sale May 10th and 11th thanks to RPM, Sundre for their donation. Please fill out the form below if you wish to order popcorn for your child. Delivery dates will be Tuesday, May 10th for Kindergarten T/TH, Grade 1 and 2 and Wednesday, May 11th for Kindergarten M/W, Grades 3 and 4. Please return form to their teacher by **Monday, May 9th by 3:10 p.m. No late orders accepted.**

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Teacher: _____

Child: _____

\$2.00 (1 only) Bag Ready to Eat Popcorn

Note: 1 form per child required.

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

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 May 27th.

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

Story Hour (Ages 3-5)

Experience a semi-structured group activity, which includes stories, crafts, songs, and games. Children become familiar with the library and its routines, and are encouraged to enjoy books and reading.

Choose the day that is best for you.

Fee: \$20 per child (Maximum \$40 per family) per session

Tuesdays: 10:00-11:00

Wednesdays: 1:00-2:00

Thursdays: 10:00-11:00

Session 3: [April 26-June 2](#)

Jr. Reader's Club (Ages 6-10)

Children learn the importance of reading and literacy while playing games, doing activities, and enjoying a wide variety of fun! Everyone in the program receives a log book to keep track of their reading with prizes to be won by all!

Fee: Free

Wednesdays 3:30-4:30

Session 3: [April 27-June 1](#)

Pre-registration is required and all children must have a valid library membership participate in Story Hour or Jr. Reader's Club.

Talented Tweens (Ages 9-13)

Exciting art activities based on themes. Students have the chance to explore their own artistic imagination. Crafts and art projects are the focus of the program.

Fee: \$20.00 per session

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30

Session 3: [April 26-May 31](#)

Pre-registration is required.

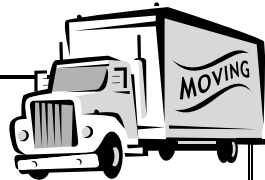
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A MOVE IN YOUR PLANS???



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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: May 27th 5:00pm-8:00pm and May 28th 9:00am-3:00pm.



MAY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 6	5 Day 1	6 NO SCHOOL	7
8	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4 CLUB DAY Wear your favourite Club Colors or Uniform	12 Day 5	13 Day 6 Fun Lunch Day School Walk 2-3:00 p.m.	14
15	16 Day 1 Parent Council Meeting in Art Room At 12:00 p.m.	17 Day 2 Grade 3 Achievement Test: English Language Arts Part A (9:00 a.m.)	18 Day 3	19 Day 4 Grade 3 Achievement Test: French Language Arts Part A (9:00 a.m.)	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL Victoria Day Holiday	24 Day 5	25 Day 6 Grade 5 Orientation at Deer Meadow School 5:00-6:00 p.m.	26 Day 1	27 Day 2 Fun Lunch Day Run-Skip-Play Day 2-3:00 p.m. C.A.R.E. Club Garage Sale 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.	28 OES Choir sings at Olds High Graduation @ 10:00 a.m. C.A.R.E. Club Garage Sale 9:00 – 12 Noon
29	30 Day 3	31 Day 4	1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 NO SCHOOL	4