



# Hooper's School Bell #3



## ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

www.oldselementary.ca

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

Thursday, November 3rd, 2011

Principal: Mrs. Debbie Thompson

(403) 556-8477

Vice Principal: Mr. Kory Sholdice

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL  
Mrs. Debbie Thompson**

### OES – Orchestrating Early Success

One of the most amazing experiences in a school is to feel the energy each and every day as it permeates throughout our building. That energy is a combination of the students and adults excited about learning and discovery. In our school motto, we use the word “orchestrating” because student success relies on many people working together in harmony – just like the sections of a concert band or orchestra. During the month of November, we invite you into the school to discuss the academic achievement and progress of your child. These conferences are vital in “orchestrating early success.”

It is during these conferences that, as parents, we sometimes ask the question, “What can we do at home to help our children succeed at school?” Here are four very easy, but effective ways to support your child’s learning.

- **Reading at home:** Research clearly shows reading to very young children is the foundation for later success at school as it introduces them to the “culture of books”. If you haven’t read to your child it is never too late to begin. If your child is already an avid reader, their skills can be enhanced by taking an active interest in what the child is reading. Also, establishing a daily reading time is essential.
- **Getting lots of sleep & having healthy snacks & lunches:** One of the most important things parents can do for their children’s education is to send them to school with a good night’s rest. A minimum of nine hours of sleep are required for good school performance. This is especially important after a long weekend when sleep routines may have been disrupted. During our day, we have a nutrition break around 10:00am (where students choose a healthy snack from their lunch) and a lunch break. Sending your child with a nutritious lunch helps fuel their

bodies and keep them at their optimal level throughout the day.

- **Talking about school:** Children whose parents talk to them regularly about their learning perform better academically than students whose parents rarely do so. General questions like “How was school?” are usually not enough as they encourage one word answers like “Good”, “Fine” or “Great”. We encourage parents to ask more specific questions about a particular class, subject, activity, or project.

On behalf of our staff, I’d like to thank all of our parents for the important role that you play in our ÉOES Orchestra. Our Orchestra makes beautiful music because we all work together to make a difference in the lives of our children.



## ATTENDANCE

**Did you know...For the safety of your child it is very important that you contact the school if your child will not be attending school that day prior to class start time of 8:40 a.m. If you must contact us before office hours please leave a message on our answering machine. Thanks very much.**

### COOKIE DOUGH PICK-UP REMINDER

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24th  
**WHERE:** ÉOES Kitchen/Art Room  
**TIME:** 3:10 – 6:30 p.m.



Thank you for your continued support of ÉOES School Council – Parents dedicated to enriching student experiences at École Olds Elementary School!

## Dogs And Pets At ÉOES

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING DOGS AND PETS INTO THE ÉOES HALLWAYS**

If dogs are accompanying you while dropping off or picking up your child, please wait outside with the dog and do not allow or encourage other students to hold or pet the dog. We ask this because dogs can be unpredictable around kids, especially in busy places. We thank you for your consideration.

### **MUSIC NEWS**

Lois Munchinsky

Please remember that you are all welcome to join us at 2:00 pm on Friday, November 4th, to see the **Keister Family Fiddlers**. These 4 sisters are extremely talented fiddlers and they are sure to put on an excellent show.

This month, you will have your first opportunity to hear the ÉOES students perform at an assembly. On Thursday, November 10th at 10:45 am the grade 4 classes and the choir will be singing during the **Remembrance Day ceremony** in the gym. We hope that many of you will be able to attend this serious and important event.

The choir has also been given the honor of being the feature performers at the **Community Carol Festival**. If you would like to get into the spirit of Christmas, there's nothing better than hearing the voices of children singing. Join us at 6pm on November 27 at École Deer Meadow School for a wonderful beginning to the Christmas season.

On November 15th and 16th, the kindergarten children are also hoping that their parents will come to the school to see what they are learning in **ABC music**. Each kindergarten student will be bringing home a note telling their family when their special performance will be. The children have been working very hard and it is amazing to see how many skills they are acquiring to help them become successful readers and writers.

We also want to say a big **"Thank you"** to the **Olds High School**. To show their appreciation to the choir for singing at the graduation ceremony each year, the high school donated a brand new soprano xylophone to the music room. This is a wonderful instrument which every student at ÉOES will be able to enjoy for years to come.



**LIBRARY** - Ms. Leydon

This past October we held a very successful Scholastic Book Fair fundraiser. The students and parents loved the selection of books. Our school profit was \$1500 in books and \$2000 in cash. Of course, the success was due mainly to the commitment from parent volunteers, student volunteers and school staff members. So a big thanks to these parents: Sandra and Sara Lewis, Julie Talbott, Donna Muzychka, Crystal Finlay, Brandy Brandt, Tammy Brown, and Jackie Harper. Thanks to these students: Kailee Lipiec, Anja Kelly, Helena Hamel, April Nichol, and Claire Petersen. Thanks to all staff, especially Cheri Lipiec, Leona McEwen, Lori Malmo, Kim Christensen, Mr. Richard and Mr. Steed

### **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, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

(Includes a plain hotdog with ketchup and mustard provided, Juice Box and Pudding)

**Extreme Pita**

**Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

(Includes Pita, Drink and Pudding)

### **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*





## Family School Wellness Program

### Parents of 0-6 year olds, did you know the Family School Wellness Program is available to you and your child, even if they are not yet in school?

The Family School Wellness Program is available to children and/or parents. When children are school aged, it is more likely that the Family School Wellness Worker will meet one-on-one with the student. When children are very young, however, the support the program offers will likely take on different forms. Here are some examples:

- Discussing how to handle certain parenting struggles.
- Helping parents as they guide their kids through a divorce, a time of grief, family conflict, etc.
- Having someone to talk to about personal struggles that are affecting our parenting (ex: post-partum depression, substance abuse, family violence, balancing work and family, anxiety and stress etc.)
- Providing information on childhood development.
- Offering resources on various topics in the form of books, articles, parenting seminars etc.
- Helping families connect to assistance or other programs (ex: Al-anon meetings, financial assistance, single parenting support groups, etc.)

The support offered may be for the child, yourself or the entire family. This service is completely confidential and is free of charge. Please don't hesitate to call!

Lynne Lafreniere  
Family School Wellness Worker

(403) 556-8477



We would like to thank Olds Curves Fitness for their donation of School Supplies and Back Packs to École Olds Elementary School. Also thank you to Tina Collins for organizing the fundraiser. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### Reading With Dogs



Mrs. Krause's class would like to begin a Reading With Dogs Program again this year. Volunteers will bring their dogs from 12:40-1:00. The student/volunteer and dog will sit down together. The dog "listens" as the child reads to them. Please talk to Mrs. Krause if you and your dog are interested in participating. There will be a sign-up sheet outside the classroom.

Hope to read to you soon!

Mrs. Krause and the Kids  
Grade Four

### École Olds Elementary School Council

Our next meeting for this school year will be held on **Monday, November 21st 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](http://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.



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

With the holiday season just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child. This organization delivers toys and other necessities to millions of children in need all around the world. By filling a shoebox with toys, school items, clothing and hygiene items, you will make Christmas magical for a child in need. These children may be refugees of wars, survivors of a natural disaster, or victims of extreme poverty.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are once again available for students and their families. Boxes can be found at the main office, along with an information pamphlet containing the packing instructions. You can also fill a shoe box that you already have at home or use a reusable plastic container (about the size of a shoebox), as these are environmentally friendly, and can be reused by the children. **Filled boxes are due back at ÉOES no later than Friday, November 18, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.** Please include \$7.00 to help cover shipping costs. More information about Operation Christmas Child can be found on their website (<http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/occ>). Please keep in mind that participation in Operation Christmas Child is completely optional.

## Helping our students achieve success

A message from the Superintendent

Results from provincial achievement tests and diploma exams show Chinook's Edge is serving our students well in meeting standards set by the Government of Alberta. Provincial achievement tests, which are administered each year to students in grade three, six and nine, indicate Chinook's Edge is seeing an increase in several measures and we firmly believe the supports we have implemented are working. We still face challenges in results for certain subject areas at the diploma exam level, and we have specific supports in place to address those.

We are continually striving for improvement in our key outcomes. Good instructional strategies, a new education planning process, exam analyses, a focus on Quality Learning Environments and Instructional Leadership, and increased instructional collaboration – these are just some of the initiatives we have established as we continue working toward achieving higher levels of excellence. Because everyone at Chinook's Edge wants ALL students to achieve, we are very pleased to see our participation rates are above provincial average. Chinook's Edge is a division of hardworking students, skillful staff, devoted parents and supportive communities.

Our schools have detailed information regarding their specific results, and we invite you to take a look at what is happening in your school. Overall, the information shows high levels of satisfaction among students, parents and staff with the quality of education in our division. Thank you for the work you do in providing such a solid education to Chinook's Edge students.

**Kurt Sacher**  
Superintendent of Schools

### Mission:

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

### Vision:

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens

# COMMUNITY NEWS

OLDS FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

## “A Spirit of Community”

*With the support of our Town, over 300 volunteers, 12 different Organizations and Associations all working together to bring a joyous celebration of the season to our community.*

*Catch the Spirit in 2011 Enjoying the Activities*

### *Volunteering*

*Olds Fashioned Christmas would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of many volunteers.*

*Are you interested? Give us a call.*

### *Interested in catching the spirit?*

*For more information contact Olds Fashioned Christmas Coordinator Lorraine Pillier at the Town office*

*(403) 507-4811 or via email [lpillier@olds.ca](mailto:lpillier@olds.ca) or [olds-fas@olds.ca](mailto:olds-fas@olds.ca)*

*Or*

*Contact any of the following:*

*Festival of Trees - Bonnie Giles 556-8498 or via email [bcgiles@shaw.ca](mailto:bcgiles@shaw.ca)*

*Parade - Olds Agricultural Society (403) 556-3770*

*Building Signs or Tree Signs - Brian Thompson (403) 556-3688 or Chris Schaper (403) 507-2533*

*Tell them you want to catch the spirit!*

*[www.olds.ca](http://www.olds.ca)*



### **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](mailto:lrosehill@hotmail.com)

**True Form's** Drew Taddia would like to welcome you to join our *Body Fit* classes that take place Mon, Wed, Fri @ 3:45 pm at Horizon School gym. They are for all ages and fitness levels. We're only a few months into sessions so it's a great time to join us and start living a healthier more active lifestyle. Everyone is welcome!

Additionally we are holding classes at 7:00 pm, Mon, Wed, Fri again at the Horizon School gym.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the classes please feel free to contact Drew at 403-510-4915 or [drewtaddia@gmail.com](mailto:drewtaddia@gmail.com).



### **LIONS CLUBS CALENDARS FOR SALE**

Featuring Artwork from Olds High, Deer Meadow and École Olds Elementary Schools


**Cost: \$15.00 each** Please place order at École Olds Elementary School Office by November 18th. The net proceeds are dedicated to the Mountain View Food Bank Association that serves the needy in four counties, Knee Hill, Mountain View, Red Deer and Rocky View. Also, proceeds dedicated to STARS Air Ambulance.

## **CLC Fitness Centre**

*Something for the whole family!*  
Fitness Classes, Clinics, Personal Training,  
and **MORE!**

**Membership Rates:**  
Chinook's Edge Staff: \$250 / year  
Chinook's Edge Student: \$100 / school

Fitness Classes for all ages and fitness levels: TRX,  
Spin, yoga, WOW, etc  
New For kids: **ZumbaTonic**



Community Learning Campus  
Growing People  
Learning Together

For more information call 403-507-7782



Thank you to Fortis Alberta for sponsoring the Greenstart Project (The mobile Greenhouses for Growing Needs in Education) to provide a hands-on opportunity for our Grade 4 students to learn about plants.



# 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:

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Child 2

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Child 3

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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**

# November 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>	2 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>	3 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>	4 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span> Keister Family Fiddlers Performs at ÉOES @ 2:00 p.m.  Pre-ordered <b>HOT LUNCH DAY</b> (D.Q. Hot Dogs)	5
6	7 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>  Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	8 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>  Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	9 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>  Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	10 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>  Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45 a.m. in the Gym	11 <b>NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day</b>  	12
13	14 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>  Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	15 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span> ABC Music Night for Kindergarten  Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	16 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span> ABC Music Night for Kindergarten  Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	17 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>	18 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span> Pre-ordered <b>HOT LUNCH DAY</b> (Extreme Pita)  Report Cards Come Home	19
20	21 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span> Parent Council Meeting in Art Room at 12:00 p.m.  ← <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block;">Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences – Gr.1-4</span> →  Hooper's Hoops 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	22 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>  Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	23 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span> No Kindergarten Classes (Conference Day)  Hooper's Hoops Final Class 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	24 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span> No Kindergarten Classes (Conference Day)  Cookie Dough Pick-up - Art Room 3:10-6:30 p.m.	25  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	26  
27	28 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>  Hooper's Hoops Final Class 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	29 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>  Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	30 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>	1 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>	2 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>	3