



Hooper's School Bell #2



ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

www.oldselementary.ca

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

Thursday, October 6th, 2011

Principal: Mrs. Debbie Thompson

(403) 556-8477

Vice Principal: Mr. Kory Sholdice

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Debbie Thompson**

École Olds Elementary School

A Safe and Caring School

Without exception, we as parents want our children to feel safe and cared for. As a school community, we spend the first few weeks creating a safe and caring community within our classrooms and throughout the school. We believe that this sense of community establishes the foundation, that enables and supports our Chinook's Edge School Division mission which is to engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

We continue to nurture this throughout the year in various capacities. Our CARE Club is made up of a group of dedicated students, teachers and community members who came together just over a year ago and were able to accomplish the astonishing goal of raising \$15 000 to build a school in India. This year, this group continues their commitment to develop citizenship and positively contribute to our community. Along with our CARE Club, ÉOES has many examples of how our students, parents, community and staff come together to create a safe and caring environment.

- Hooper is our school mascot and his code reminds us to "Be helpful not hurtful!"
- We offer many different extra-curricular activities: choir, cross country running, drop-in morning basketball, Leadership Club, Hooper's Hoops, and science fair.
- At ÉOES, we enjoy the connections and friendships we make with Horizon School, Mrs. P's Place, and Jungle Junction.
- We benefit from the many special programs offered by our community. Some of these include: Olds Fire Department, Alberta Farm

Safety, Olds RCMP, YES program, Family Wellness and Fortis.

- A dedicated group of parents volunteer to sit on our School Council. This group spends countless hours assisting in the school, providing hot lunch opportunities and fund raising to support classroom trips, playground equipment and supplies, and bring groups into the school to perform for our students.
- Along with a commitment to supervision at the crosswalk, busses and playground, we have a safety and security plan and practice drills in order to prepare students and staff in the event of an emergency.
- We support many organizations that remind us of the importance of 'Thinking of the other person'. Some of these include Foster Child, Food Bank, Christmas Angels, Unicef and our most recent event the Terry Fox Run.
- Our many performance assemblies, positive phone calls home, and parent/student/teacher conferences share and celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our students.

Your children bring smiles to our faces each and every day and we feel very fortunate to be a part of this incredible community.

Dogs And Pets At OES

**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

Choir practices have begun again and the children are already working hard to prepare a song for the Remembrance Day ceremony in November. This year, there are over 50 enthusiastic singers and it's a treat to hear them all join their voices together each week. It looks like it's going to be a great year!

At 2:00pm on Friday, November 4, we invite you to come to the school to see the talents of the **Keister Family Fiddlers**. The Keister family has 4 girls, ages 16, 14 and twins who are 11. They live in Chestermere, Alberta and they are very talented fiddle players. They performed at our school 3 years ago and they were fabulous. They were previously scheduled to be at our school in October, but they just got invited to perform in Korea so their concert at our school had to be moved to another date. We are thrilled that they will still be able to come and play for us.



SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKES

If your child was absent for the original portraits, or if you have chosen not to order from the first previews, you will have a second opportunity to have your child's portrait taken on **Wednesday, November 2nd**.



LIBRARY - Ms. Leydon

This year's Scholastic Book Fair is arriving EARLY!

The dates are: **October 18, 19, and 20th**

Hours are: 8:30 am till 6:30 pm.

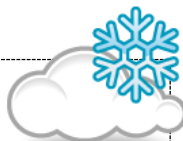
A great selection of titles will be available for the whole family. Students may come with their class as well as with their family.

Volunteer parents are needed to make this fundraising event a success. Contact Ms. Leydon at the school (403-556-8477) or email: sleydon@chinooksedge.ab.ca

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



IMPORTANT NOTICE



On October 17th Shunda Consulting and Construction will be beginning repairs on our N.E. Brick Wall. These repairs will take approximately 8 weeks to complete. During this time the area will be fenced off. There will be no access to the Kindergarten doors. All students who would normally use this boot room will now enter through the centre doors on the east side of the school. In keeping with our commitment to student safety, we ask that all staff, students, parents and community members comply with construction personnel and please stay clear of this area. We thank you for your patience as we work together to complete these necessary repairs.

EOES SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting for this school year will be held on **Monday, October 17th 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.

REMINDER

PREORDERED FUN LUNCH DAYS

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

Quiznos Subs

Friday, October 7th

(Includes Sub, Drink and Snack)



Canadian Pizza

Friday, October 21

(Includes Pizza, Drink and Granola Bar)



Dairy Queen Hot Dogs

Friday, November 4th

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



Extreme Pita

Friday, November 18th

(Includes Pita, Drink and Pudding)

Achieving success in our safe and caring schools

A Message from the Superintendent

Knowing that a school is safe is a key foundation for a quality learning environment. Chinook's Edge works very hard to create and maintain a variety of safety initiatives. For example, our Safety Manager has regular site visits at each of our schools to ensure staff, structures and processes meet the highest standards. Our staff are trained and comfortable with the division's Violence Threat Risk Assessment protocols, our Emergency Response Plan, and our procedures for dealing with a variety of emergent situations.

Our commitment to ensuring that safety is everybody's business has helped to create a culture of caring and trust in our schools. Our most recent data shows that 92 percent of our students feel welcome at school, 89 percent state they are encouraged to do their best at school, 87 percent feel the school staff cares about them and 86 percent feel safe at school.

From breakfast programs to athletic leagues, and exciting clubs to engaging classrooms, our students are well cared for from the time they arrive to school to the time they go home each day. Everyone at Chinook's Edge is working to bring our Mission and Vision to life by ensuring we are a school division full of safe, happy, healthy students and staff.

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.

"ME TO WE" ÉOES CARE CLUB

Once again CARE Club will be offered as an after school club open to all EOES students in Grades 2-4. Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Martens, Mrs. Unger and Mrs. Schatz will continue leading CARE Club. We will meet on Thursdays from 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. We will have our first meeting on Thursday, November 3rd.

What do we do at CARE Club?

First and foremost, we have a lot of fun! Our CARE Club has three main goals:

1. To learn about other people and cultures around the world.

We accomplish this by bringing in guest speakers from other countries who are immigrants to Central Alberta. They share their culture with us through various multi-media and personal life stories. Previous guests have included immigrants from India, Africa, Chile, Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq.

2. To continue to work with FREE THE CHILDREN and to monitor the building of the school in India as well as choose new projects for this year. We will continue to host events throughout the year and hold various fundraisers which students will be actively involved in.

The CARE Club is partnered with FREE THE CHILDREN which was started by Craig Keilburger (a twelve year old at the time) sixteen years ago. Today Free the Children is the largest organization of children helping children in the world. (www.freethechildren.com) We will be following the building of our school in Bagad, India as it is being built this year with the \$20,000.00 we raised during the

past year. This money is building one school, is funding an alternate income project, and putting in a water source.

3. To give back to our community.

The CARE Club is also about giving back to our own community of Olds. We will be doing various things in and around the town to help others in our own community.

Participation in CARE CLUB represents a YEAR LONG commitment. We understand that from time to time a conflict may arise that limits your child's attendance. However, we expect all participants to be committed and attend each week.

Please fill out the attached parental permission form if your child is interested in becoming a part of the CARE CLUB and return to the office by Tuesday, October 11th. Thank you for your support. We look forward to helping inspire and empower your child to realize that they are not helpless or voiceless and that their actions can have an impact on the world around them.

Mrs. Unger, Mrs. Schatz, Mrs. Martens and Mrs. Fisher

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CARE CLUB PERMISSION FORM

Student's Name: _____

Grade and Teacher: _____

*I give my child _____ permission

to attend and be involved in the EOES CARE Club.

*I understand this is a YEAR LONG commitment.

Student's Signature: _____

*I will pick up my child or make arrangements for them to be picked up at the front office doors each Thursday at 4:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, November 3rd.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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

lorosehill@hotmail.com

True Form's Drew Taddia would like to welcome you to join our *Body Fit* classes that take place Mon, Wed, Fri @ 3:45pm at your OES. They are for all ages and fitness levels. We're only a month 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 Outdoor Classes at Deer Meadow School at 7:00 pm, Mon, Wed, Friday. Once the weather turns we will continue classes relocated indoors. Location TBD.

Drew can be contacted at 403-510-4915, drewtaddia@gmail.com or for more information visit www.trueformlife.com.

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 Piller at the Town office

(403) 507-4811 or via email lpiller@olds.ca or olds-fas@olds.ca

Or

Contact any of the following:

Festival of Trees - Bonnie Giles 556-8498 or via email 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

Trial for Futsal at the Olds High School on

Sunday, October 16th from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Ages U8 – to U18

All you need is your indoor runners and your energy!!!
Come Play and have fun. See you there.



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 October 20th. 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.



October 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4 Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1 Pre-ordered HOT LUNCH DAY (Quiznos Subs)	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day 	11 Day 2 Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	12 Day 3	13 Day 4	14 Day 5	15
16	17 Day 6 Parent Council Meeting in Art Room at 12:00 p.m. Hooper's Hoops Basketball starts for Monday Class 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	18 Day 1 <u>Scholastic Book Fair</u> 8:30 am–6:30 pm Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	19 Day 2 <u>Scholastic Book Fair</u> 8:30 am–6:30 pm Hooper's Hoops Basketball starts for Wednesday Class 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	20 Day 3 <u>Scholastic Book Fair</u> 8:30 am–6:30 pm	21 Day 4 Pre-ordered HOT LUNCH DAY (Canadian Pizza)	22
23	24 Day 5	25 Day 6 Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	26 Day 1	27 Day 2	28 NO SCHOOL	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL 	1 Day 3	2 Day 4 Picture Retakes 9:00 a.m.	3 Day 5	4 Day 6 Keister Family Fiddlers Performs at OES @ 2:00 p.m. Pre-ordered HOT LUNCH DAY (D.Q. Hot Dogs)	5