



Hooper's School Bell #1



ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Thursday, September 8th, 2011

Principal: Mrs. Debbie Thompson

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Vice Principal: Mr. Kory Sholdice

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Debbie Thompson**

Orchestrating Early Success

We would like to welcome all students and families to École Olds Elementary School (ÉOES). ÉOES is a safe and caring school dedicated to academic achievement and the positive personal development of children. We are staffed by a group of caring and compassionate people who love kids. Throughout our school there is an atmosphere of energy and enthusiasm that reminds us that learning is fun!

Our school motto, "Orchestrating Early Success" reminds us daily of the importance of many players working together to ensure that our children are happy, healthy, safe, and successful.

In addition to the monthly school and classroom newsletters that are available, we provide our families with 24-hour online access to newsletters, forms, special event information, calendars, and handbooks via the website at www.oldselementary.ca. *This year, we would like to try and decrease our 'footprint' on the environment by offering our newsletter in digital format. At the back of this newsletter you will find a form that gives you the option of receiving our newsletter digitally by e-mail or accessing it directly from the website. If you don't return the form, we will continue to send a paper copy home with your youngest or only child.*

We encourage open lines of communication. If you have a concern, please let your child's teacher know. We sincerely want to know what is going on in our students' lives. By working together, we are able to come up with a solution that's right for your child.

We place great importance in our children learning to be thoughtful and caring of others. Mr. Sholdice and I are visiting each classroom in the school to talk to students

about Hooper's Code – Be Helpful, Not Hurtful. By teaching our children to think of the other person, they learn how to deal with the little frustrations and conflicts that are inevitable in life. This is our Responsibility Plan – a plan to "grow" responsible children.

On behalf of all of us here at ÉOES, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a wonderful year everyone!

Debbie Thompson

Principal, École Olds Elementary School

Student Drop Off and Parking at ÉOES

Parking continues to challenge us during our busy before and after school times at ÉOES. We are working with Chinook's Edge to build an additional parking lot directly South of our Staff Parking Lot. Until we are able to complete this project we would like to thank you for your patience and share a few parking pointers:

- Mr. Sholdice is on bus supervision each morning and after school. Please avoid parking in the bus lane during this time (area between the crosswalk and the large concrete barricade)
- Mrs. Thompson is on crosswalk supervision. As we continue to teach our children safe practices, please use the crosswalk with your child when crossing the street. We encourage you to utilize the parking on the streets surrounding this area (we thank you for not parking in front of our neighbour's driveways).
- The gates to the front parking lot of the school are closed during our busy before and after school times in order to allow children to use this area as a walk-through to get to their doors. Please park in an alternate area if you are needing to move your vehicle between 8:20 – 8:45am and 3:00 – 3:30pm.



OES FAMILY, SCHOOL, WELLNESS PROGRAM

Lynne LaFreniere

- The East Staff Parking lot is not designed to be a student drop off area. Please do not pull in to this parking lot to drop off or pick up your child. If parking is available after staff have arrived (8:35 am), you are welcome to park here and walk your child in to the school. For the safety of your child, we ask that children do not walk unassisted in this area.

We thank you as we continue to work together to create a safe place for all our ÉOES children.

Hello everyone and welcome back to another year at Olds Elementary School (É.O.E.S.). We are all looking forward to yet another year filled with learning, fun and fellowship.

One of the programs available through O.E.S is the Family School Wellness Program. This program is a confidential, voluntary, preventative service offered to children, youth and families. Family School wellness is available year round and is FREE of charge. Services can be offered at the school, your home and/ or in the community.

Family School Wellness Workers are qualified to provide support services to families and children facing social, emotional or family challenges. Such as: separation, divorce, parenting support, grief and loss and skill building around obstacles such as emotions, social skills and stress. In addition, workers will help individuals and families connect with appropriate supports in their community via a referral process. Finally, the Family School Wellness Worker works in collaboration with community agencies to provide preventative programming within the schools and communities.

Please join us for Session #1 of our Resiliency Matters parenting series. These sessions will focus on building resiliency in your children and coping with common parenting challenges. Our first session on Oct. 11th will address developing skills related to stress and anxiety. In addition, I wish to take this opportunity to hear from you what your areas of interest and/or concerns are so we can focus our following sessions appropriately.

I look forward to working with the students and families this year at O.E.S so please stop in and say hello or call me if there is anything I can do to be of assistance to you or your family.

Have a terrific year everyone.

Sincerely,

Lynne LaFreniere
Family School Wellness Worker
École Olds Elementary School
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Welcome Back Barbeque and Meet Your Teacher Night

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Thursday, September 15th

(\$2.00 per person)

Welcome Back Barbeque (outside).....	6pm to 7pm
Meet Your Teacher Night..... (in the classroom)	6pm to 7pm

MUSIC NEWS

Lois Munchinsky

As always, École Olds Elementary School is filled with many musically talented children. I hope that you will be able to join us through the year as each grade presents their performance assembly. These are always an excellent way for the students to celebrate what they are learning both in music and in their other subject areas. Check the ÉOES calendar on the website or in the newsletter to find out the exact performance dates so you won't miss any of these great events!

Again this year, the grade 3 and 4 **choir** will be practicing on Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:00 with the first rehearsal on September 20. Throughout the year, we will keep you informed of all performance dates so that even if your child isn't in choir, you can still come and hear this wonderful group. Also, at the moment the choir is without an accompanist for this year. If you know of a parent, high school student or someone in the community who plays the piano well and is able to be at our practices, please call Miss Munchinsky at the school so that she can contact them. Thanks so much!





SCHOOL PHOTOS

**Smile!
PORTRAIT DAY IS COMING**

This year we will have a new company taking our school photos, Lifetouch Photography in coordination with Olds High School and Deer Meadow School.

Individual and class photos will be taken on **Tuesday, September 27th** for Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten and Grades 1–2 and **Wednesday, September 28th** for Pre-Kindergarten, Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten and for Grades 3-4. A teacher schedule will be sent home closer to those dates.

RETAKES

If your child will be 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**.

Beginnings

A Message from the Superintendent

Welcome to another wonderful year in Chinook's Edge!

Over this past year, we have worked very hard to revisit our motto, our mission statement, and our vision for the future. I am proud to say that our motto, Where Students Come First, was strongly affirmed as the way we will continue to make decisions in this school division. Our mission and vision statements were reworded to reflect new research and to honour the priorities of the many people we engaged across Chinook's Edge. Our vision statement is designed to stretch all of us over the next few years to achieve student success that goes above and beyond anything we have accomplished in the past.

To achieve this, we need to not only support our teachers in their professional learning, but we also need to support our school based administrators as they focus on enhancing their instructional leadership skills. To this end, we are very fortunate to have Dr. David Townsend and Dr. Pamela Adams from the University of Lethbridge who will be working with all of our school based administrators and our central office leaders as we commit to a year-long focus on instructional leadership. Dr. Townsend and Dr. Adams are very highly regarded across Alberta for their expertise as educational leaders and researchers.

Ultimately, we are striving to provide learning opportunities that are designed to set our students up for a lifetime of success. We want all our students to feel safe at school, to be engaged in their learning, and to arrive each day looking forward to the time they will spend with their caring and committed teachers.

We wish everyone a meaningful year of growing and achieving in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

**Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools**



LIBRARY
Ms. Leydon

HEADS UP!

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



MILK PROGRAM

Milk tickets are available at the office. Cost for 8 milk or yogurt is \$5.00. Unfortunately we are unable to sell milk or yogurt individually so we encourage students to buy a ticket.

EOES SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our organizational meeting for this school year will be held on **Monday, September 19th at 12:00 p.m.** in the Art Room. Check our school council link on our OES 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Resiliency Speaker Series for Parents

Please join the Family Wellness Program and the Youth Empowerment and Support Program the third Thursday of each month for some important topics related to your child's health and safety. Presentation will be offered at the CLC from 7pm -8:30pm Pre-registration is not required, but appreciated. If you would like more information or to register please contact any of the following staff members; Lynne Lafreniere at Olds Elementary School 556-8477, Tracy Laut from Deer Meadow Middle School 556-1003, Tane Skotheim at the High School at 556-3391 or Raelynn Notley from the YES! Program at 559-8016. We hope that you are able to join us for these informative sessions!

September 15th, 2010 Cyber Bullying - What Happens When YOUTH Press Send

In this session learn about what the internet is, and how it can be used in negative and positive ways. Parents require information about internet safety and what boundaries need to be enforced so their children can remain safe online. Learn more about online sexual exploitation, common websites and information about safe and unsafe cell phone practices.

October 20th, 2010 Understanding the World of Video Games

The video game world is a very important world to youth, and one that parents will have a hard time avoiding. The intent of this workshop is to help parents become more aware of the popular and controversial games on the market. You will have

a better understanding of the themes in the games, the emerging trends and why they are designed the way they are. We will further discuss the potential concerns that these game can have on children if not used appropriately. This workshop is not an anti-video game presentation, but a chance to help parents be more knowledgeable and to help them ensure that their child can exist in the video game world, without causing them harm. This is an informal workshop with lots of opportunity for discussion about this controversial subject. This workshop uses video clips from games on the market; some of these images may be disturbing to some people. This is an adult's only presentation

November 17th 2010 Helping Teens with Healthy Relationships and Sexuality

What messages are our children/teens receiving about relationships and sexuality? Media pressure is extreme and unavoidable. How can we give guidance and support despite perceived generational differences? Is it a different world for our children or are there similarities on which we can build conversation? Join us for a session on today's sexual beliefs and practises of our youth. Practical suggestions to foster communication on dating, relationships and sex will be offered.

Resiliency Matters

Please join Family Wellness Worker Lynne Lafreniere and YES! Program Coordinator Raelynn Notley for an ongoing parenting series focusing on building resiliency in your children and coping with common parenting challenges. We know that parenting can be tough, and through the support and guidance of this series we hope to provide you with helpful information that will increase your awareness about topics regarding your child's emotional, mental and physical health needs. To reduce barriers sessions will be offered in the morning, and in the evening to accommodate different schedules. They will be held the second Tuesday of the month, October 11th, November 8th, and December 13th. Morning sessions will occur from 8:45-10:30am at Granny Jacks and evening sessions will occur from 7-8:15pm at the Olds Elementary School. Should you require childcare for the evening sessions please contact Raelynn at 559-8016 in advance and arrangements can be made through the YES! Program. Pre-registration is not required, and drop ins are welcome.

Dear Friends,

Break of Day – a practical break for the single parent family

Break of Day
Practical Break for the Single Parent Family
Come Dine for free and Network with the Community
Would your child appreciate some enthusiastic Homework Help after dinner?

Third Wednesday of Every Month
This Month: September 21st, 2011
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
5005 - 53rd Avenue
Olds, AB.
West Entrance preferably
Call Cindy at (403) 556-6847 to RSVP for the cook



SCHOOL CALENDARS

Our ÉOES Calendar For Parents for 2011-12 and Monthly Newsletters are available on our website at www.oldselementary.ca.

Hard copies are also available at the office.

Parents and Families

Internationally acclaimed illusionist Lou Leventhal will present his fun and highly entertaining program, **ILLUSIONS & REALITY**, on **10, September** at **1:30** at the **Ralph Kien Centre Gym/Olds High School Gym**.

Unbelievable stage illusions, live animals, audience participation, original music, infectious humor and inspiring truths are orchestrated into an exciting and fast-paced show that you won't want to miss. This extremely popular program has captivated audiences on stages including Sea World, Six Flags over Texas, Magic Mountain in California, international corporations, national conferences, the World EXPO in Vancouver, major universities, theaters and auditoriums in North America, South America, Europe and Asia. Standing ovations are a frequent occurrence at the conclusion of each show. **ILLUSIONS & REALITY** is being sponsored by First Baptist Church.

Date: Saturday, Sept 10, 2011

Cost: **10/person or \$20.00 for family** for rush seating.

Time: The show begins at 1:30 with doors opening at 1:00.

There is a free Hot Dog lunch being served at 12:00.

Tickets can be purchased at Rexall Drugs or First Baptist Church.

ILLUSIONS & REALITY is a family oriented program for children age six through adult. It's an entertainment experience that you won't want to miss!

ILLUSIONS & REALITY is a program that's designed to be remembered. Leventhal builds a strong rapport with his audience using the fascinating art of illusion. Every member of the audience feels as though they were a part of the show. Many of the large-scale illusions in this programs have been seen on television and stages around the world.



OLDS RAPIDS SWIM CLUB



FRIENDS FUN FITNESS

Registration Information call 556-6137

Out of the Olds Aquatic Center, the Olds Rapids Winter Swim Club offers competitive and recreational swimming to children aged 6 years old and up. Various skill levels of instruction are available to the swimmer by a certified coach.

Try It Week (3 nights) September 12, 14, 16
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

This week long camp allows children aged 6-18 an opportunity to experience swim club prior to committing to a full session. The cost is \$25.00. Please bring goggles.



BOOTCAMP

Looking to change your lifestyle? Looking to become active? Looking for healthy/active living? Olds Boot Camp is going strong. The Fall classes **will be starting very soon**. See oldsbootcamp.ca for more information on Olds Boot Camp. In the Fall there will be 42 classes for the price of 35 classes. It is Mon/Tues/Thurs evening at 6:00 pm from September 19 until December 22, 2011. That is right 42 classes for \$199.00. Drop in option available. Please email oldsbootcamp@gmail.com with any questions.

Young Naturalists Club

The first event is on September 25 from 1-4pm at Mackenzie Trails. We will be doing Dip Netting and a scavenger hunt. Please bring a magnifying glass, rubber boots and an ice cream pail. Please contact Amanda Lasiuta-Rinas at alasiuta@yahoo.com for more information.

Sign Me Up: Newsletter in Digital Format



Please return this form to your child's classroom teacher.

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September 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Day 1 First Day of School	2 Day 2	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9 Day 6 First School Walk/Run 2:00 p.m.	10
11	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 Welcome Back to School BBQ and Meet the Teacher Night 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	16 Day 5	17
18	19 Day 6 Parent Council Meeting in Art Room (Elections) at 12:00 p.m.	20 Day 1 Choir Practice Starts 3:15-4:00 p.m.	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 Day 4	27 Day 5 Photo Day T/TH Kindergarten & Grades 1-2 Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	28 Day 6 Photo Day Pre-Kindergarten M/W Kindergarten & Grades 3-4 Terry Fox National School Run Day 2:00 p.m.	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	1