



# HOOPER'S SCHOOL BELL # 5

ÉOES - A Happy Place to Live, to Learn, to Grow  
Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Health, Wellness and Physical Activity

Welcome to 2018! A new year brings with it reminiscing about the past year and reflection on goals for 2018. Our first goal for this new year has been staying warm and surviving our days indoors! As we embrace the new year and look forward to upcoming events and challenges, we are reminded of the importance that a healthy balanced lifestyle plays in all of our lives. Here at École Olds Elementary School, we work together to provide different opportunities for students to focus on mental and physical health and wellness.

- We are very fortunate to be able to provide a full-time physical education teacher for our ÉOES students. The quality of Mr. Kish's program is exceptional. He combines his knowledge of skills and abilities at the various age groups with his experience and energy. Mr. Kish's focus on fun and relationships is the reason why student-athletes of all ages and abilities, persevere and tackle obstacles with enthusiasm. As well, we have many special events for students to participate in throughout the year: Kilometer Club, School Fun Runs/Walks, Good Morning Basketball, Hooper's Hoops, Floor Hockey Tournaments and Cross Country Running to name a few.
- Recess time provides students with a chance to play on and around our wonderful playground structures. At any given time you will find children on the swings, slides, playing soccer, skipping or shooting hoops. Recess is also an opportunity for students to stretch their mental muscles when they use their imaginations to create various games and play environments.
- Teachers schedule opportunities for students to engage in Daily Physical Activity on days when they do not have the gym. Some of these activities make great use of internet resources

like gonoodle.com and take place right in the classroom while in better weather, teachers make use of our track or playground area. As well, our classrooms engage in conversations and activities that focus on health and wellness. Many free online newsletter subscriptions provide tips for healthy lunches and activities that kids can participate in on their own time.

- While healthy bodies are a focus, healthy minds are an equally important part of our Chinook's Edge school communities. Our Steps classroom and our family wellness worker, Ms. Lafreniere, offer environments with a focus on mental wellness and learning strategies for both our students and families. Classroom teachings, Hooper's Code, and programs such as these, allow exploration of strategies that enhance our safe and caring school cultures and keep us mentally well.

On behalf of the staff here at École Olds Elementary, we wish you a year filled with health, laughter and happiness.

## ALBERTA EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR SURVEY

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

- In January, parents of students in **grade 4** will receive a survey from Alberta Education.
- In February, students in **grade 4** and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Dene, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2018, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

## **OUR COMMITMENT TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

A message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge, we know that ensuring a healthy environment in our schools will positively impact the achievement of our students and staff alike. Nurturing a culture of emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual well-being in our schools helps students reach their full potential, and we also care very deeply about this priority for our staff. We have created a new Staff Health and Wellness Committee to support these initiatives across our division. Doing so will ensure we are all ready to learn and ready to teach in every classroom across our division.

The new year provides a perfect opportunity to focus on the steps being taken in our schools to ensure the health and well-being of our students, staff and families. I thank everyone whose efforts are supporting these priorities, and I wish everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities a happy and healthy new year.

**Kurt Sacher**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

## **ÉOES SCIENCE FAIR 2018**

**When:** École Olds Elementary School will be having its annual Science Fair on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Who:** All students (Kindergarten to Gr. 4) are invited to prepare a project and take part. Science Fairs provide students with the opportunity to determine a topic of their own learning and complete a project using the scientific method.

**How to get started:** If your child is interested, information packages can be picked up from the office now. Packages contain an entry form, as well as valuable information for parents. A limited number of cardboard tri-folds used for the project backdrop (48"Wx36H") are available at the office at a cost of \$10.00. They can also be purchased at several retail locations, re-used from previous years, or you can make your own cardboard version at home.

**Volunteers Needed:** Each science project is judged several times in order to determine which projects will have the opportunity to continue on to the Mountainview Science and Technology Society Science Fair. We rely heavily on parent volunteers to assist us with this. If you are available on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, please fill out the volunteer form included on the registration form.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Entry forms due Monday, January 29, 2018  
ÉOES Science Fair Wednesday, February 7, 2018

### **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.

### **REMINDER: SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS 2018**

We do 10 newsletters/year, and each edition uses about 1500 pieces of paper. Hooper says that we need to be more environmentally conscious so starting this year, the ÉOES Newsletter will only be available by accessing our website [oldselementary.ca](http://oldselementary.ca) and subscribing to receive the newsletter in an electronic format which will automatically be emailed to the email address you provided. It will also be available on our website under the archived Newsletters.

Hooper wants to thank parents for adjusting to this change.

## MUSIC NEWS

### Lois Munchinsky

In December many of you had a chance to hear excellent musical performances from ÉOES students. The grade one classes did a great job of their program: **Melton, the Warm-Hearted Snowman**. A special thanks needs to be given to Taio Anderson, Ali Watkins, Autumn Lyle, Maryn Hildebrand and Sarah Pieper who did a fantastic job of their solo speaking parts. The **choir** also performed their festive songs for the school, and the residents of the Mt. View Lodge and the Olds Hospital. They will now be busy preparing their songs for the Olds Kiwanis Music Festival.

The grade 3 classes are also working hard to prepare for their assembly on Thursday, February 1 at 2:15 and 6:30. They will be presenting **"When I Grow Up!"** Using songs and lots of humour, the students will consider several different professions which they could choose to do when they grow up. We would love to have you join us for this fun and light-hearted assembly!

## Physical Education – December 2018

### Randy Kish

### Good Morning Basketball – A GREAT way to start the day!!

Good Morning Basketball is a drop-in gym program for students of all ages each morning to enjoy some casual basketball shooting or hanging out with their friends. Students are welcome to come in the school through the front entrance from 8:20am to 8:35am. Parents are welcome to stop by, hang out, and enjoy the kids! The students all get along and seem to enjoy interacting with peers of different ages. We average about 100-120 students dropping in each morning! Having the opportunity to come in and do something before school provides students with extra activity time and research shows that activity wakes up the brain! The most awesome part of the morning is watching how the students all get along and have some visiting time together! It's all positive for the kids!

### Skating Curriculum

All students in ÉOES skate! Students learn skating skills as part of their Physical Education Curriculum off-site programming. All classes receive 3 blocks of skating time at the arena. Students practice skills and drills to become better skaters and they play fun games on the ice to showcase their skills! Grade 2 classes are skating this month. The grade 1 classes begin in February. The ECS students participate in an annual skating tradition with buddy students from Olds High School in February also. THANK YOU to those parent helpers at the arena preparing the kids for the ice! A huge Thank You to our

Olds Grizzly Hockey Team and Olds College Broncos Hockey Team for dedicating time on the ice helping our skaters with skills and encouragement! Proving once again how much our local athletes put back into the community! Bravo!

Students who do not have skates or a helmet may borrow equipment from the school which has been generously donated by parents over the years. The skating equipment is stored each year in the school and brought out for students to use when we start skating. We have a pretty good selection of skates and helmets...but we can always take more so if you are cleaning out the garage keep us in mind!

### Grade 4 Floor Hockey Intramurals

The grade 4 Floor Hockey League for boys and girls continues! The League is a lunch hour intramural program lasting through the winter. There is a girls league and a boys league. Games are scheduled during the lunch recess, usually we can play 2-3 times each week. The format of the league is round robin play where all teams play each other followed by play-offs. Parents are welcome to come and watch the games. The winner of the League enjoys the much coveted privilege of playing in the annual student versus teacher floor hockey battle! Great tradition! Tons of Fun! The Floor Hockey League brings out the competitors in all of us!

### Curriculum Focus

January Curriculum will focus on Physical Literacy Skills and Hand-Eye Coordination Challenges. Students will be challenged to set their personal best for skipping a short rope as many times in a row as they can. Each Classroom will have a competition and the Qualifiers will get to compete in the Annual Skipping Championship (grade 3 and 4 only). We will also use paddles (ping pong) and lacrosse sticks to practise hand-eye coordination and other skill challenges. The Olds Stingers Lacrosse Team will assist with our own Lacrosse Skills Camps with students during the school day.

### COLD WEATHER REMINDER

***It's that time of the year that all children must be prepared for the cold weather. Please ensure they bring heavier coats, toques and mittens and boots every day. Your help with this is appreciated!***

*Thank you*





*École Olds Elementary grade two students and staff would like to thank the Olds Kiwanis Club for their generous donation of \$1000.00 for our Grade Two Author Celebration in May. The t-shirts the grade two students wear, and will be able to keep after our Author Celebration, is because of this generation donation.*

## School Council

Our second school council meeting was held on **Tuesday, January 9th at 12:10 p.m.** in the Art Room. Check our school council link on our ÉOES website for year at a glance. [www.oldselementary.ca](http://www.oldselementary.ca) Everyone welcome.

### ÉOES PRE-ORDERED JAN/FEB ON-LINE FUN LUNCH DAYS

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING FOR JAN./FEB. 2017 HOT LUNCHES WAS DEC. 22ND, 2017 (sorry, no exceptions)**

**Reminder: All students still need to bring a healthy snack for the a.m. recess break and a drink for their lunch.**

**Extreme Pita**  
Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>



**Edo Japan**  
Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>



**Pizza Hut**  
Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>



**Hot Dogs**  
Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>



## COMMUNITY

### PLAY BALL!!

**OLDS MINOR SOFTBALL**  
IS NOW ACCEPTING  
REGISTRATIONS



See website for information  
[www.oldsminorsoftball.com](http://www.oldsminorsoftball.com)

**Girls ages 6 and up welcome!**

Learn to play, competitive and recreational levels available

**FUN, FRIENDS, FITNESS  
& FRESH AIR!**

Registration open until  
February



# ÉCOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*is now accepting registrations for 2018/2019*

- ✓ Pre-Kindergarten (By referral only.)
- ✓ Kindergarten (Child **must** be 5 years of age on Dec 31/18)
- ✓ Grade 1 – 4 English and 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

♥ Cross Graded Opportunities ♥ Before & After School Care

*Stop by our school or visit us online at*  
[www.oldselementary.ca](http://www.oldselementary.ca) Phone 403-556-8477



# JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 1</span>	9 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 2</span> School Council Meeting @ 12:10 pm in the Art Room	10 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 3</span>	11 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 4</span>	12 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 5</span> Hot Lunch Extreme Pita	13
14	15 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 6</span>	16 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 1</span>	17 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 2</span>	18 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 3</span>	19 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 4</span> Hot Lunch Edo Japan	20
21	22 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 5</span>	23 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 6</span>	24 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 1</span>	25 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 2</span>	26 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 3</span> Hot Lunch Pizza Hut	27
28	29 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 4</span> Science Fair Entry forms due	30 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 5</span>	31 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	1 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 6</span> Grade Three Performance 2:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. "When I Grow Up"	2 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 1</span> Hot Lunch Hot Dogs	3