

# HOOPER'S SCHOOL BELL # 5

ÉOES - A Happy Place to Live, to Learn, to Grow  
Thursday, January 7, 2016



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Health, Wellness and Physical Activity

Welcome to a new year! This is a perfect time to focus on health, wellness and physical activity. 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 many different opportunities for students to be active and continue their learning about 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. 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, Cross Country Running

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.

Teachers schedule opportunities for students to engage in Daily Physical Activity on days when they do not have gym. Some of these activities take place in the classroom and others take place on our track or in our playground area. As well, our classrooms engage in conversations and activities that focus around health and wellness. Many newsletters provide tips for healthy lunches and activities that kids can participate in on their own time.

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



### ÉOES SCIENCE FAIR 2016

**When:** École Olds Elementary School will be having its annual Science Fair on Tuesday, February 9.

**Who:** All students from Kindergarten to Grade Four are invited to prepare a project and take part. Science Fairs provide students with the opportunity to determine the topic of their own learning and complete a project using the same scientific method used by older students and scientists.

**How to get started:** If your child is interested, information packages can be picked up from the office now. It contains an entry form, as well as valuable information for parents interested in helping their child choose a topic. Cardboard tri-folds used for the project backdrop (48"Wx36"H") are available at the office at a cost of \$10.00. They can also be purchased at several retail locations or you can make your own cardboard version at home! Also, look for science projects from previous years on display in our school.

**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 February 9<sup>th</sup>, please fill out the volunteer form that will be sent home with your child next week.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Entry forms due:  
Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

ÉOES Science Fair:  
Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## 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: **'Twas the Night Before Christmas**. The **choir** also performed their festive songs for the school and for their family and friends. They will now be busy preparing their songs for the Olds Kiwanis Music Festival.

You are welcome to join us at 2:00 pm on Friday, January 22, when the school will have **Steve Harmer** present his program called Be a Bucket Filler. This show is filled with several incredible magic tricks and will be entertaining, inspiring and character building

## Physical Education Update – December Mr. Kish

### Grade 4 Floor Hockey Intramurals

The grade 4 Floor Hockey League for boys and girls is on! 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 twice 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!

### 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 75-100 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!

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!

## Pay School Fees Online



Chinook's Edge School Division is pleased to offer the opportunity to pay student fees electronically. The online payment program provides a convenient payment option that saves time. You can make secure online payments by credit or debit card any time and receive a receipt.

Safe. Secure. Simple.

Signing up only takes a moment. Here is how it works:

1. Go to <https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/> or find the link on the Chinook's Edge Website at [www.chinooksedge.ab.ca](http://www.chinooksedge.ab.ca)
2. Take a few minutes to register and create an account for your child(ren).
3. Review and pay your child's fees using direct online payment.

If you are having technical issues with your parent account please email [feesupport@cesd73.ca](mailto:feesupport@cesd73.ca) for assistance.

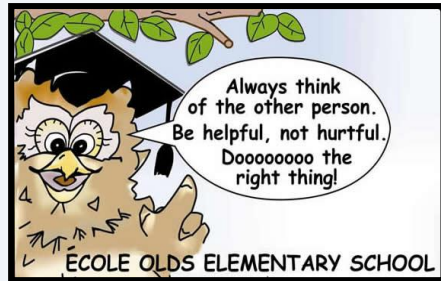


## Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, we will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2016-2017 school year. Children must be five years old by December 31, 2016, to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2016. If you are interested in information on Pre-Kindergarten programming, please contact us! There are no school fees for Kindergarten students in Chinook's Edge.

# École Olds Elementary School is now accepting registrations for 2016/2017

- ✓ Pre-Kindergarten (By referral only.)
- ✓ Kindergarten (Child must be 5 years of age on Dec 31/16)
- ✓ 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

♥ Interactive SMART Board Technology ♥ Before & After School Care

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

## Supporting health and wellness priorities in Chinook's Edge

A message from the Superintendent

The new year provides a perfect opportunity to re-energize the many efforts being made in our school division to support the health and well-being of our students, staff and families. We know that ensuring a healthy physical and social environment in our schools can positively impact student performance and academic achievement, and people in our schools work hard every day to help each of our students reach their full potential.

Wellness is a balanced state of emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual well-being, and students, staff and parents throughout Chinook's Edge are working together to encourage growth in each of these areas. Last year, we created our new 'Welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and inclusive schools' administrative procedure, to foster the sense of belonging and well-being we want for all members of our school community. This year, our Board is delving into that procedure further to establish clear protocols specific to supporting all sexual and gender minority staff, students, and their families in the division. This procedure is expected to be finalized early in the new year, to ensure we provide thorough and effective support for LGBTQ students and staff in Chinook's Edge.

I thank everyone whose efforts are supporting these priorities, and I wish all of our Chinook's Edge families a happy and healthy new year.

**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.

## Riding The Bus In Sub-Zero Temperatures

As the temperature drops well below zero and the snow starts to fall, it is important to remember that school buses are not impregnable. Sometimes they don't start. Sometimes they break down. Sometimes they get stuck. Bus students need to be prepared.

All children from Kindergarten to Grade 12 should be dressed appropriately — this may include gloves, a toque, winter jacket, snow pants if possible, and winter boots. This way, in the event of a breakdown or any other unforeseen delay, you can rest assured that your child will be safe and comfortable until the bus is on its way again.

How will you be notified if the bus is not running, or if it is going to be late? In the event that your bus is cancelled you will be contacted by our Power Announce System (text/email/phone call) or your driver may contact you by phone. Additionally, if all buses are cancelled the local radio stations will be contacted. Also, bus cancellations and delays are posted on our Chinook's Edge website at [www.chinooksedge.ab.ca/Transportation/Route Delays and Cancellations](http://www.chinooksedge.ab.ca/Transportation/Route_Delays_and_Cancellations). If your bus is running more than 15 minutes late you will be contacted by Power Announcement (text/email/phone call). Please ensure your contact information is up-to-date with the schools.

What should students do if the bus does not pick them up? Parents should ensure that their children have a plan in the event that the bus does not arrive to pick them up. Children must be aware of how long to wait at their stop before returning home or going to their alternate location. Having a plan in place is very important for safety when parents have to leave for work prior to the arrival of the school bus.

The same goes for the end of the day. It is important to make sure that students can get into their homes if parents are not there.

Thank you for taking a moment to talk with your children about the different possibilities involved in riding a school bus. Being prepared ensures everyone's safety.



ÉOES CARE CLUB Presents

MOVIE NIGHT

DATE: Thursday, January 28th

TIME: Show begins 6:30 p.m.

DOORS OPEN 5:45 p.m.

A \$1.00 Donation per person for the Movie is appreciated.

There will be a concession selling popcorn, drinks and candy bags for \$1.00 per item.

More information to follow from Care Club



## ÉOES SCHOOL COUNCIL

### ÉOES PRE-ORDERED FUN LUNCH DAYS

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

School Council Meetings will now be held on **Tuesdays**. Our next meeting for this school year will be held on **Tuesday, February 2nd at 12:00 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)

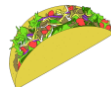
D.Q. Burgers  
**Friday, January 8th**  
(Includes 1 Hamburger and a snack)



Hot Dog  
**Friday, January 15th**  
(Includes one Hot Dog and snack)



Soft Beef Taco  
**Friday, January 22nd**  
(Includes 1 Soft Taco and a snack)



Subway  
**Friday, February 12th**  
(Includes 1 6" Sub and Cookie)



Panago Pizza  
**Friday, February 26th**  
(Includes 1 Slice of Pizza and snack)



# January 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 4</span> <b>School Resumes</b>	5 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 5</span> School Council Meeting at 12:00 noon in the Art Room  Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	6 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 6</span>	7 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 1</span>	8 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 2</span>  Pre-Ordered D.Q. HOT LUNCH DAY	9
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24	25 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 1</span>	26 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 2</span>  Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	27 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 3</span>	28 <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">Day 4</span> Movie Night 6:30-8:00 p.m.  Science Fair Entry Forms Due	29 <b>No School</b>	30
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