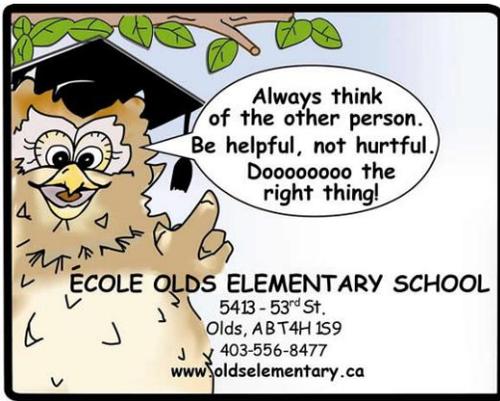


# HOOPER'S SCHOOL BELL # 3

ÉOES - A Happy Place to Live, to Learn, to Grow  
Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that we have already approached November. We have had an exciting two months of school with students settling into the routines in the classroom and engaging in some fantastic learning experiences. During this time of the year, we look forward to sharing with our families a 'snapshot' of their child's learning. The time we spend with you helps to build communication and partnership that is vital in "Orchestrating Early Success" for our students.

With the recognition of how busy family life is outside of the school day, we thought we would include a few simple but important ideas to help foster a healthy learning environment:

**Reading at Home:** Creating a culture of reading and a love of books is one of the most important things you can do to set a healthy foundation for later success at school. It is never too late to read to your child and take an active interest in what they are reading. Establishing a daily reading time is a wonderful way to bring this essential component in to your home.

**Sharing School Experiences:** We encourage you to ask your child questions about their learning experiences. Having them share specific details about different subjects, activities or projects is a great way to be involved and show interest in their learning. Research shows that children whose parents talk to them regularly about their learning perform better academically than students whose parents rarely do so.

**Lots of Sleep & Healthy Lunches:** One of the most important things parents can do for their child's learning is to send them to school

well rested. A minimum of nine hours of sleep are required for good school performance. As well, sending your child with a nutritious morning snack and lunch helps fuel their bodies and keep them at their optimal level throughout the day.

As a school, we would like to thank all of our families for their partnership in creating the very best learning opportunities for our students.

Dear Parents,

Chinook's Edge School Division is in the initial stages of creating a common report card for grades 1-8 with an immediate focus on grades 5-8. Before we begin development, we would like your input. Please take a moment to answer the following questions.

Recognizing that report cards vary from school to school and you may have children attending more than one of our schools please feel free to fill out a survey for each of the schools your children attend.

- *The most useful way of receiving information about my child's learning is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.*
- *What features of your school's report card are most helpful?*
- *What are some suggestions you have for improving your school's report card?*
- *What are the most important things for you to know about your child's learning and development?*
- *What three wishes do you have for a system that communicates student learning?*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CESDReportCardParents>

## Achieving success in Chinook's Edge

A message from the Superintendent

The work underway in schools across our division is creating a positive impact for students, according to the most current Accountability Pillar report from Alberta Education. We are extremely focused on maintaining our high levels of achievement, and the latest results show continued excellence in school improvement, citizenship, education quality, and safe and caring schools. The number of Chinook's Edge students who are completing high school is already above provincial average and continues to rise.

We have also established a number of strategies to create upward momentum in certain areas to achieve higher results, as well. We are continuing to focus our efforts and attention on post-secondary transition rates, academic excellence and careers work, and social and emotional outcomes, as we prepare each of our students for lifelong learning and the world of work. We are diligently tracking results and survey data, which involves students, parents and staff, to ensure our work is setting our students up for a lifetime of success.

**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.

### **Reading With Dogs!**

Dogs and owners interested in listening to a child read can be a part of this great motivating program encouraging reading. It is set up for 12:45-1:15ish on most school days. Dogs need to be calm and able to sit/lay near a student and "listen." Volunteers are required to give a copy of a recent criminal record check. For more info. Please contact Carrie Krause at 403-556-8477.



## **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.

If you are interested in filling a box, please have your child stop by the office. Your child will then be given a box and a pamphlet containing information on what you can include. **Please include \$7.00 to help cover shipping costs.** 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. More information about Operation Christmas Child can be found on their website (<http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/occ>). **All boxes must be returned to the school by Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.** Please keep in mind that participation in Operation Christmas Child is completely optional.



## **Physical Education – November 2016**

**Mr. Kish**

**Good Morning Basketball – Starts on November 16 (after the November break..)**

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. 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 and prepares kids for learning! 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!

### **Hooper's Hoops Basketball**

**Grade 3 and grade 4 Program starts November 21.**  
**(Grades 1 and 2 Program starts next March).**

The Hooper Hoops Basketball Club is an after school club for students grades 3-4 who are interested in learning basketball skills. Players work in small groups with the assistance of Student Helpers from Deer Meadow and Olds High Schools. Activities include skill stations, basketball challenges, group fitness, and an introduction to game play. The cost for joining is \$10 (extra \$15 for the T-Shirt) This year the programs will offer 6 afternoons of instruction and practise on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15pm to 4:30pm . Notices will be sent home to students prior to the start. Hooper's Hoops Basketball is another popular extracurricular activity for Olds Elementary students!

### **Grade 4 Floor Hockey Intramurals**

The grade 4 Floor Hockey League for boys and girls will begin by the end of November. It 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. I will post a schedule for the games once we have signed up all the students for their teams. The format of the league is round robin play followed by play-offs. 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!

### **Skating Curriculum**

All students in EOES skate! Skating has begun for the grade 3 classes each Wednesday at the Arena. Grade 4 classes will begin in December. Students work on their skating abilities as part of their Physical Education Curriculum. All students 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! This year the Olds College Broncos Ladies Team will be joining some of the sessions to introduce hockey skills and we will also be joined by players from the Olds Grizzly Hockey Team! Lots to look forward to!

Students who do not have skates or a helmet may borrow equipment from the school by contacting your child's teacher. The equipment has been generously donated by parents and community members over the years. A big THANK YOU to all parents and friends who have donated skates or helmets to the program. After ten years we now have a pretty decent selection of good quality skates and helmets... And also THANK YOU to those parent helpers and friends who meet us at the arena to prepare the kids for the ice! Parents are welcome to skate on the ice with us anytime, just come out on the ice and get a great workout!

### **SKATE SHARPENING IN OLDS!!**

**For all your hockey gear including Skate Sharpening visit the NEW DIGGER SPORTS ( North of the UFA)**

### **Kilometer Club Track**

The Kilometer Club noon recess running will take a winter break. The last day for running on the track will be November 9<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all the students and teachers who have been walking and jogging on the track at lunch recess. It has been a great way to get fresh air, exercise, and enjoy our friends. Healthy Kids Grow Up Into Healthy Adults!

## **MUSIC NEWS** **Lois Munchinsky**

This month, you will have your first opportunity to hear the EOES students perform at an assembly. On Wednesday, November 9 at 10:45am 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.

On November 16th and 17th, 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.





## Scholastic Book Fair

Thanks to our great parent volunteers who helped to make this past Book Fair one of the most successful fairs we have ever held. Our profit was over \$2000, as well as more than \$1600 in books for our school library. Thanks to Jennifer A.Boyd, Pat Christofilakis, Kim Kultgen, Maranda Watson, Jessica Livingstone, Franshesca Hildebrand, Maxine Schneidmiller, Michelle Thompson, Averley Van Orman, Tammy Petersen, and Cheri Lipiec!

## EOES SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting for this school year will held on **Tuesday, December 6th 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)

### ÉOES PRE-ORDERED ON-LINE 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.**



### 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*



Chicken Ceasar Wrap  
(Prepared by Parent Council )  
**Friday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**

D.Q. Hamburgers  
**Friday, Nov. 18th**



Hot Dogs  
(Prepared by Parent Council )  
**Friday, Dec. 2nd**



Extreme Pita  
**Friday, Dec. 16th**



Boston Pizza  
**Friday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**



### MILK PROGRAM REMINDER

Milk tickets are available on line through the student Quick-Pay (On-line Fee Payment where you pay your school fees ) or at the office.

The cost for 10 milk or yogurt is \$10.00. Unfortunately we are unable to sell milk or yogurt individually so we encourage students to buy a ticket.

### SCHOOL CALENDARS

Our ÉOES Calendar For Parents for 2016-17 is available on our website at [www.oldselementary.ca](http://www.oldselementary.ca).

Hard copies will also available at the office.

# NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <small>Day 3</small>	2 <small>Day 4</small>	3 <small>Day 5</small>	4 <small>Day 6</small>	5
		Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.		Picture Retakes	Pre-Ordered Hot Lunch Day Chicken Ceasar Wrap	
6	7 <small>Day 1</small>	8 <small>Day 2</small>	9 <small>Day 3</small>	<b>NO SCHOOL Fall Break</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL Fall Break</b>	12
		Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45 a.m. in the Gym		Remembrance Day	
13	<b>NO SCHOOL Fall Break</b>	15 <small>Day 4</small>	16 <small>Day 5</small>	17 <small>Day 6</small>	18 <small>Day 1</small>	19
		Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due  Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.	<b>Good Morning Basketball</b> Starts today 8:20 – 8:35 am each morning.  ABC Music Night for Kindergarten	ABC Music Night for Kindergarten	Pre-Ordered Hot Lunch Day D.Q. Burgers	
20	21 <small>Day 2</small>	22 <small>Day 3</small>	23 <small>Day 4</small>	24 <small>Day 5</small>	25	26
	<b>Hooper's Hoops</b> Starts today for Grades 3&4 only	Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.		Report Card Day	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
27	28 <small>Day 6</small>	29 <small>Day 1</small>	30 <small>Day 2</small>	1 <small>Day 3</small>	2 <small>Day 4</small>	3
	← Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences ~ Gr.1-4 →				Pre-Ordered Hot Lunch Day Hot Dogs	
		Choir Practice 3:15-4:00 p.m.		Kindergarten Conferences No Classes	Kindergarten Conferences No Classes	