



HOOPER'S SCHOOL BELL # 3

ÉOES - A Happy Place to Live, to Learn, to Grow
Thursday, Nov. 8th, 2018



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OES – Orchestrating Early Success

We had many new families join our school community this fall, and one of the many things I love is the shock when we tell them how many staff and students we are fortunate to have at our school. The shock is always followed by the compliment that our school “does not feel like a school that big”. This is something I believe we can all take great pride in because it tells me that our ÉOES family is warm and inviting and that our staff, students and parents do a tremendous job in living Hooper’s code.

It is an amazing experience to feel the energy of students and adults excited about learning each and every day as it permeates throughout our building. In our school motto, we use the word “orchestrating” because student success relies on many people working together in harmony – just like the sections of a concert band or orchestra. Over the past few months we invited families to join us for Meet the Teacher and Parent Interviews to learn about one another and to discuss the academic, social, and emotional achievement and progress of your children. These conferences are vital in “orchestrating early success” as the home-school team plays an important role in the success of each of our students.

It is during these times that, as parents, we sometimes ask the question, “What can we do at home to help our children succeed at school?” Here are four very easy, but effective ways to support your child’s learning.

- **Reading at home:** Research clearly shows reading to very young children is the foundation for later success at school as it introduces them to the “culture of books”. If you haven’t read to your child it is never too late to begin. If your child is already an avid reader, their skills can be enhanced by taking an active interest in what the child is reading. Also, establishing a daily reading time is essential.
- **Getting lots of sleep & having healthy snacks & lunches:** One of the most important things parents can do for their children’s education is to send them to school with a good night’s rest. A minimum of nine hours of sleep is required for

good school performance. This is especially important after a long weekend when sleep routines may have been disrupted. During our day, we have a nutrition break around 10:00am (where students choose a healthy snack from their lunch) and a lunch break. Sending your child with a nutritious lunch helps fuel their bodies and keep them at their optimal level throughout the day.

- **Talking about school:** Children whose parents talk to them regularly about their learning perform better academically than students whose parents rarely do so. General questions like “How was school?” are usually not enough as they encourage one word answers like “Good”, “Fine” or “Great”. We encourage parents to ask more specific questions about a particular class, subject, activity, or project. Challenge your child’s thinking by asking them what they struggled with today that helped their mind grow!
- **Have fun!!** School and the idea of homework should not be a stressful part of your home life. Encourage a routine for homework and to spread things out over the course of the week. Take time to have fun with your child and to play a game, create a silly story with spelling words or read a funny book that you can all enjoy! Learning is lifelong and needs to be fun!

On behalf of our staff, I’d like to thank all of our parents, grandparents and community members for the important role you play in our ÉOES Orchestra and in helping all our students succeed!!



The ÉOES Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on **Wednesday November 7th at 10:30**

a.m. in the Gym. Parents are welcome to attend. If your son or daughter belongs to Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Guides, Cadets or other activity with a uniform, they are welcome to wear their uniform

and join the colour parade. Poppies will be available at the school; a small donation for the poppies is appreciated.



MUSIC NEWS

Lois Munchinsky

This month, you will have your first opportunity to hear the ÉOES students perform at an assembly. On Wednesday, November 7 at 10:30 a.m. 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 27th and 28th, 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.

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



Achieving Excellence in Chinook's Edge

A Message from the Superintendent

Our division's outstanding achievements are a testament to the hard work and clear priorities of the entire Chinook's Edge team. Results from the most recent Accountability Pillar and satisfaction survey results show an all-time high for Chinook's Edge in a number of measures across the board. Our division is above provincial average in the Acceptable Standard for both Diploma Exams and Provincial Achievement tests, and the measures of Excellence on these exams continues to rise. We are also proud of our all-time high graduation rates, as well as the increasing number of students who transition into post-secondary learning.

Chinook's Edge has identified four divisional strategic goals for student success: literacy, academic achievement, career connections and social emotional learning. This focus is impacting students at every grade level in our division, which makes us extremely proud. We are equally pleased with the high level of satisfaction that our students, parents and staff are reporting. Chinook's Edge works to ensure our schools are positive and welcoming places for students, families and staff. That strong foundation of caring is resulting in success for everyone in our school communities, and is creating levels of excellence among the students we serve.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

CARE CLUB NEWS

THANK YOU so much for your support and generosity for our October projects!

**Olds Elementary School family
raised over 1200 pounds of food for the
Food Bank and
\$1000.00 to help Carter Pusey's family in
their fight against cancer.**

Tuesday, November 27th is Jersey Day!

Show your team spirit!

Wear a sports jersey, team hoodie or something from a club you are part of!

- Nov. 12 - Presentation for Care Club Students only at 9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 15 - no Care club
- Nov. 22 - Care Club
- Nov. 27 - Jersey Day
- Nov. 29 - Care Club

OES PARENT COUNCIL & FUNDRAISING SOCIETY

Hello, and welcome to the section of Hooper's School Bell for Parent Council and the OES Fundraising Society. This new section of the newsletter will keep you up-to-date with the happenings of these two very important aspects of our school.

2018-2019 Parent Council & Fundraising Society Members

Chair: Jolene Miller
Vice Chair: to be filled
Treasurer: Christine Rosenberger
Secretary: Haley Mountstephen

Fun Lunch Coordinators

Stephanie Symes
Holly Mackwood

** Did you know that Fun Lunch is a fundraiser for our school?

Meetings:

When: First Tuesday of every month (November 6 is the next meeting)
Time: 12:10 pm
Where: Art Room (moving to conference room as of December)

FUNDRAISING

Every year we contribute to help our school. This year on top of our typical contributions, we require funds for:

- New playground (\$15,064.00)
- Protector Canvas for new wood gym floor
- Consumables for the STEAM Carts the school hope to get this year
- Additional funding (above our typical contributions) as bussing costs have increased substantially and our kids will lose field trip opportunities if funding is not found.
- Repairs to the depression / drainage issue that is a safety hazard for our kids on the east side of the school.

Watch for a goal thermometer in the next newsletter so you can watch the progress.



Current Fundraisers:

Boston Pizza Operation Education – submit your Boston Pizza receipts (dated between September 1 and December 31) to the office by January 7 (the first day back after Christmas holidays) so that we can submit them to Boston Pizza to obtain the funds.

Look for another fundraiser coming soon.

Follow us on Facebook for updates between newsletters!
École Olds Elementary School Parents.

Questions and/or concerns can be emailed to:
oldselementaryparents@gmail.com

ÉOES PRE-ORDERED UPCOMING FUN LUNCH DAYS

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING ON-LINE
For NOV./DEC. HOT LUNCHES was OCT. 21st, 2018
(sorry, no exceptions)

NOTE: If you're having trouble with the on-line ordering you can access the walk-thru guide on the ÉOES Website

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, November 16TH

PIZZA HUT
Friday, November 30TH

BOSTON PIZZA
(Pasta)
Friday, December 14th

Physical Education Update Randy Kish – November 2018

Good Morning Basketball Starting November 12th – “ 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 8:35 am. Anyone is 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!

Grade 4 Floor Hockey Intramurals

The annual grade 4 Floor Hockey League for boys and girls will begin this month! Games are scheduled during the lunch recess, we play each Tuesdays and Thursdays if parents are wanting to come and watch. Each teacher has a schedule for the games. 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 will begin on November 14th for the grade 4 classes. 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!

Kilometer Club Track

The Kilometer Club noon recess running will be taking a winter break soon. The last day for running will be determined by the weather and snow....Usually by the end of November. We will resume again in the Spring!

Hooper's Hoops 2018 - Grades 3 & 4

The Hooper's Hoops Basketball Club will begin again on November 12th ! The Fall session of Hooper's Hoops is for Olds Elementary Grade 3 and Grade 4 students. The club focus is on skill development, fitness and friendship. We would like to offer this as a fun introduction to basketball especially for students who are not able to be involved in other sports such as hockey, lacrosse, dance, gymnastics etc. Registration will be capped at 40 students from grades 3 and 4 only. Students will receive 6 basketball sessions each Monday and Wednesday after school on the following dates and times;

All sessions are from 3:30 TO 4:30 PM in the Olds Elementary Gym. Registration Forms will be given to interested students at school. Contact myself or Mrs. Schatz if you would like your child in the Basketball Club and a form has not made it home.





Library
Sara Leydon

Many thanks to the volunteers and supporters of our Scholastic Book Fair. Our school library received \$2000 in cash rewards and \$800 in book product. Special thanks to: Lori Malmo, Rhonda Richards, Sheila Briggs, Cheri Lipiec, Jennifer Alcock-Boyd, Jennifer Boehler, Claire Smallwood, Elena Reynolds and Miss Stella Brown.



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 7th in the morning only in the Library.

Olds & District Christmas Angels Society

It is that time of the year again and the Olds & District Angels are requesting the assistance of the citizens of Olds and area in helping families that will experience difficult times during the Christmas holiday season. Our mandate is to provide a hamper containing treats and gifts for the children and requested essentials for members of the household. In meeting our diverse cultural groups and family circumstances the Christmas Angels purchase food certificates from local grocery stores. Last year we supplied 199 hampers and we expect to have an increase in requests this year.

Once again we are requesting assistance with the following:

- Donation of gift certificates, toys or monetary contribution certificates. Tax deductible receipts will be issued for monetary donations.
- Referrals of families and/or individuals who may require the assistance of our program.
- Collection of donations (barrel/box or Angel cash box in your place of business, or fundraising event.
- Commitment as a volunteer, to assist the Christmas Angels in delivering the hampers on December 19, 2018.

Any questions that you may have may be directed to 403-415-9627, our mailing address of Box 3967, Olds, AB T4H 1P7, email to oldsanddistrictchristmasangels@gmail.com



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, send a note to your child's teacher. Your child will then be given a box and a pamphlet containing information on what you can include in the box. Please include \$10.00 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 13th.** Please keep in mind that participation in Operation Christmas Child is completely optional.

NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Day 3	2 Day 4	3
4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6 School Council Meeting @ 12:10 pm in the Art Room	7 Day 1 Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:30 am NOTE: Retakes are Nov. 7th AM only 	8 NO SCHOOL Fall Break	9 NO SCHOOL Fall Break	10
11  REMEMBRANCE DAY <i>Left No Forget</i>	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5 NO CARE CLUB	16 Day 6 Hot Lunch Extreme Pita	17
18	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21 Day 3 Kinder Parent Teacher Interviews	22 Day 4 Kinder Parent Teacher Interviews Care Club	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 Day 5 Report Card Day	27 Day 6 Wear Your Jersey "Show Your Team Spirit!"	28 Day 1	29 Day 2 Care Club	30 Day 3 Hot Lunch Pizza Hut	1
2	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7 NO SCHOOL	8