



HOOPER'S SCHOOL BELL # 1

ÉOES - A Happy Place to Live, to Learn, to Grow
Thursday, Sept. 2nd, 2021



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A WARM HOOPER HELLO FROM ÉOES!

Hooper and the staff at École Olds Elementary School (ÉOES) would like to welcome all of our new and returning students and families to an exciting new school year. At ÉOES we pride ourselves on being a safe and caring school dedicated to academic achievement and the positive social and emotional development of every child.

Please say hello to our new faces as we welcome Mrs. Hallett (admin support), Mrs. Sampson (vice-principal), Mrs. Koch (gr 3), Mr. Proctor (gr 4) and Mrs. Klymchuk (EA) to our ÉOES family.

We are staffed by a group of caring and compassionate people who love kids and always work to put our students first. Our front office ladies and support staff have been working diligently to ensure a smooth start-up for our families new and returning. Our custodians spent endless hours over the summer shining our hallways and cleaning every nook and cranny while teaching staff prepared lessons, resources, and activities that helped start our year off right. The first days of school have been full of smiles and an energy that cannot be recreated anywhere but in the shining hallways and playground of ÉOES. Our school motto, "Orchestrating Early Success" reminds us daily of the importance of the many players working together to ensure that our children are happy, healthy, safe, and successful.

Communication between home and school is important to our success. 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, and calendars, via the website at www.oldselementary.ca. *Please note, our newsletter is offered in digital form only.* 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 can come up with a solution that's right for your child with a focus on being solution-focused and proactive!

You may have noticed a lot of owls around the school and heard about our mascot Hooper. At ÉOES we place great importance on our children learning to be

thoughtful and caring of others and teach our students about "Hooper's Code" - *Always think of the other person. Be helpful, not hurtful. Dooooo the right thing.* By using this common language and teaching the importance of empathy, we learn how to deal with the little frustrations and conflicts that are inevitable in life. Ask your child about Hooper and what he means to our school community.

On behalf of Hooper and the staff of ÉOES, we would like to welcome you to a new school year and thank you for your continued support. We all look forward to a fantastic year!

Student Drop Off and Parking at ÉOES

Parking is a challenge during our busy before and after school times at ÉOES. We would like to thank you for your patience and share a few parking pointers:

- The school will open at 8:25 for students to enter. Please do not drop off your child before that time.
- Mrs Sampson is on bus supervision each morning and Ms Nygard after school. Please avoid parking in the bus lane during this time.
- Ms Nygard is on crosswalk supervision in the morning and Mrs Sampson after school. As we continue to teach our children safe practices, **please use the supervised 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.
- The East Staff Parking lot is not designed to be a student drop off area. Please do not pull into this parking lot to drop off or pick up your child.

For the safety of your child, we ask that children do **not** walk unassisted in this area.

- Our street is busy and our buses and angle parked vehicles have a hard time seeing our little people. Please use the crosswalks and **do not cross the street in front or between the buses or cars.**
- Please take notice of the dedicated disabled parking spaces in our front parking lot and at the start of the angled parking area. Please do not stop/park here without a placard at any time.
- School ends at 3:10

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW VICE PRINCIPAL:

My name is Alanna Sampson and I am proud to be your vice-principal starting this 2021/2022 school year. I live in Olds with my family and in my spare time, I love to swim, watch my children play sports, read and travel. At our school, we are dedicated to helping all students achieve early success. If you have any questions or would like to reach out to me at the school, please do not hesitate to do so. I am looking forward to our 2021/2022 school year!

Mrs. Alanna Sampson



Dropping off & Picking Up Your Child

Morning Drop Off

- Morning bell rings at 8:35am. Students can be dropped off at the school no earlier than 8:25am and head towards their classroom meeting area.
- Students will go to the outside of their classroom, where teachers will be waiting to greet them and then bring them inside
- If you will be later than 8:40am, please have your child use the front entrance as all other doors will be locked.

Afterschool Pick Up

- All students will be dismissed at 3:10pm. Students will exit to their predetermined meeting spots, buses, or walk home.
- Students cannot travel hallways to pick up siblings. These meetings will need to take place outside.

Our Bell Schedule

Sometimes it is hard to know when is best to pick your child up for an appointment so below, please find our current bell schedule.

8:35 Start of Class

10:10-10:23 Recess for all grades

11:40-12:10 Gr 3,4 Recess

12:20-12:50 Gr K, 1, 2 Recess

1:55 -2:08 Recess for all grades

3:10 Dismissal



Believing in every student

A Message from the Board of Trustees

After a summer of long-awaited visits and activities, we are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us. Although we still face challenges, we're able to look beyond and see the clearer pathway that is opening to us. We are all so very excited to welcome our students and staff back to school!

Our Central Office team, school administrators and many other staff have worked hard to take care of many details around safety protocols so that our students can enter into this school year full of enthusiasm. Safety is our top priority. Our schools are prepared and our staff are going out of their way to deliver a world of opportunity to our students. We look forward to engaging every student in meaningful learning, so they can achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. On behalf of the entire Board and Central Office Leadership Team, we wish everyone a tremendous year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

Holly Bilton, Chair
Board of Trustees

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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.

SCHOOL CALENDARS

FOR 2021-2022

Our ÉOES Calendars For Parents for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and all other Grades is now available on our website at www.oldselementary.ca.

Hard copies will also available at the office.

MUSIC NEWS

Lois Munchinsky

Welcome back to school! I am very excited to be back in the Olds Elementary music room. All of the instruments have been returned to the music room and I look forward to making music again with our fabulous students.

At the moment, we will not be starting choir but if that changes, we'll be sure to let you know. However, we are hoping to have grade level performances again this year. We haven't confirmed those dates yet, but we hope to do that once the fall routines are established and school programs are functioning smoothly.

As always, thank you for your support and patience and we hope that this year will be exciting and wonderful in its own unique way.



Physical Education Update – Sept. 2021 From Mr. Kish

Welcome Back Everyone!

It is so wonderful to be back in school again after a Glorious Hot Summer! The excitement level is high and the energy is so positive! We will be off to a great start with hopes of continuing our learning uninterrupted this year so let's enjoy the hustle and bustle of school!

The Back to School Season traditionally involves lots of running activities indoor and out. Please ensure on these beautiful fall season days (when your child has gym class) that they have the right footwear. We want to be outside as much as possible.

TERRY FOX RUN - It is a wonderful tradition that keeps on going! Telling The Terry Fox Story is one of my favorite parts of the year. There are so many important life lessons that can be drawn from it and the students respond so genuinely even after all these years! I encourage you to watch one of the Annual TV Specials about Terry Fox that usually happen in September. Maybe you even remember those moments when you were younger and Terry Fox was alive and running across Canada. I know it's as vivid for me every time I watch our school videos.

Every year Olds Elementary sets a FUNDRAISING GOAL of \$1000.00 dollars for the Terry Fox Foundation. It is so easy to continue Terry's Dream by simply going on the website I have included for you and making a donation. Just go to the link, select "Donate" and fill in the required information. * All information is confidential and is NOT shared in any way. The information is for a tax deductible receipt for your donation. You can even post messages of encouragement or share a story. Even more special, if you purchase any merchandise like a Terry Fox Cap or T-Shirt it COUNTS as part of our School Total!

<http://www.terryfox.ca/OldsElementary>

Thank You in advance to all parents who used the Olds Elementary link to make a donation on behalf of our school to the Terry Fox Foundation. ALL students at OES will RUN the Terry Fox Run as we always do! This month we are looking at THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd in the afternoon. Once again;
If you would like to make a donation on behalf of Olds Elementary or buy some The Terry Fox Swag please use the following link;

<http://www.terryfox.ca/OldsElementary>

September Physical Education Curriculum Update

September is all about RUNNING CHALLENGES and COOPERATION GAMES. It's a time to get to know our classmates with some fun activities in the gym and outside and burn off some energy. We always pride ourselves on our running excellence and this tradition will continue.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about Running Techniques and set a personal best time in a 50 Meter Dash and also challenge themselves in longer running challenges. We will also learn how to run in a Team Relay and can be part of a friendly competition for each of those events.

If there are any questions about your child's Physical Education Program please feel free to contact me or the school office. Here's to a Great Year!

R Kish



Smile! PORTRAIT DAY IS COMING

Lifetouch Photography will be doing our School Photos again this year.

Individual photos will be taken on **Tuesday, October 12th** for Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten and Grades 1–3, and **Wednesday, October 13th** for Pre-Kindergarten AM and PM Classes, Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten and Grades 4.

Teachers will send information home closer to the 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 **Tuesday, November 2nd** in the morning only in the Library.

School Council

Summer has flown by and we are looking forward to a fun filled September getting back into the swing of school! We are looking forward to volunteering alongside all you parents and having a fun, successful year supporting our school.

Our first Parent Council meeting is sneaking up quickly and we welcome all to attend! It is our Annual meeting and will be held over ZOOM. Among other Agenda items we will be deciding our Fun Lunch program and finalizing fall fundraisers to hopefully have them up and running before the end of the month, as we continue efforts to support some interior school improvements.

When: September 8
Time: 12:00 pm
Where: ZOOM - link on Facebook
Who can attend? Anybody and everyone.

In conjunction with the upcoming fundraisers we are looking forward to having ADmazing Savings back this year! \$10.50 from every book sold is returned to our School. Don't miss out on some great money saving opportunities!

If you would also like to help in any way we can always use an extra set of hands. Please contact us through Facebook or at chair@eoesparentcouncil.com.

Holly
Chair



MILK PROGRAM 2021-2022

We are working on getting our milk program up and running. We are hoping by the beginning of October. Please stay tuned for information. Milk tickets are a \$10.00 punch card for 10 milk or yogurt.

If your child had a **Milk ticket** that they were not able to use from a previous school year, they will be able to use it this school year.

Thank You.



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
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 for assistance.

September 2021

...at-a-glance information for staff and parents

- The **first day of school** for students is September 1.
 - Chinook's Edge is **following the [guidelines from Alberta Health Services \(AHS\)](#)** as it pertains to COVID-19 protocols. If the situation changes, we may revise our Chinook's Edge protocols either by school or across the division. Safety is our top priority.
 - **Masking** will not be mandatory in schools and classrooms, but masks are required for all students (K-12) and staff on school buses. We support students, staff and visitors who choose to wear a mask in our schools. If an outbreak occurs we may require masking if directed by AHS.
 - It continues to be important that students and staff **remain at home if they are sick**. If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. If they become sick at school, we will notify you to pick them up immediately. Please refer to this [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) to monitor your child for symptoms of COVID-19. Please let your child's teacher know of any pre-existing conditions your child may have, to ensure these won't be mistaken for COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Schools will continue to employ **good public health practices** to help reduce the risk of transmission of respiratory infections (including COVID-19, influenza and common colds) among students, staff and visitors. Details are available [here](#).
 - AHS will be notifying parents should an outbreak situation occur at a school. Chinook's Edge will report to Alberta Health Services if any of our schools experience a **10 percent or higher absenteeism rate**.
 - Chinook's Edge will expect all students and staff to follow [AHS Isolation and Quarantine requirements](#) when they receive a positive test or when they have symptoms.
- The front doors will be open at our schools, but **parents and visitors are asked to make a prior appointment** with the school office. As per our routine procedures, all visitors will be asked to use sign-in sheets.
 - There are no restrictions on **school activities** or classroom cohorting; however full school assemblies will be avoided whenever possible.
 - Any food brought from home for sharing must be distributed by school staff.
 - Sports, music and fine arts activities will be permitted.
 - Parents will be given the option of in-person or virtual Parent Teacher Interviews.
 - Community use of schools is permitted.
 - If schools choose to hold special events, they may adapt the format in order to limit the number of participants.
 - Chinook's Edge will continue to **clean and disinfect** high touch surfaces each day, and provide hand sanitizer in multiple areas throughout each school. Buses will continue to be sanitized after each route. Carpets may be used in classrooms; however, cloth furniture is not permitted due to difficulty in sanitizing.
 - Chinook's Edge **field trips** within the province of Alberta may resume effective September 9th.
 - AHS will be holding voluntary **COVID-19 vaccination clinics** in our schools for students and staff. Details on this AHS vaccination program will be sent to parents. Chinook's Edge is strongly recommending that our staff get vaccinated.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to change, Chinook's Edge will remain highly vigilant of safety protocols and will review these items on a regular basis. We are working to provide optimal safety for everyone in our school communities, as we focus on engaging every student in meaningful learning. We are aware that students will be needing reassurance as we move forward, and our teachers and staff will be highly attentive to the Social Emotional Well-being of everyone in our Chinook's Edge schools.

SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	2	3	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL LABOUR DAY	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 TERRY FOX RUN 	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29	30 Orange Shirt Day 	1	2 NOTE: School photos will be October 12th & 13th