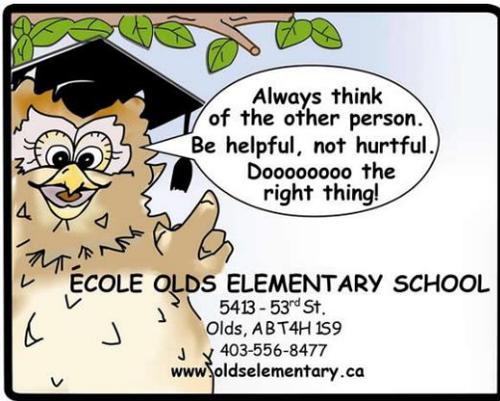


# HOOPER'S SCHOOL BELL # 2

ÉOES - A Happy Place to Live, to Learn, to Grow  
Tuesday, October 5, 2021



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## École Olds Elementary School

### A Safe and Caring School

With all the 'what ifs' to start our year, I can confidently say we have enjoyed welcoming our students back and getting to know our new families. A lot of the 'what ifs' and 'how will we' have subsided as our students have acclimated to the changes with willingness and smiles.

September is just days behind us and we are hoping that the snow and cold stay away as we are enjoying a beautiful fall! Sadly, listening to the forecast reminds me that we need to start dressing for the weather. The weather has to be fairly drastic before we call an inside recess!

This month our theme is centered around a safe and caring school. We recognize that as parents, this is as essential for you as it is for us. As a school, we spend the first few weeks creating a safe and caring community within our classrooms and throughout the school. This sense of community establishes the foundation that enables and supports our Chinook's Edge School Division mission to engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them. We also know a safe and caring school environment will enable our students to be better learners and help them become productive and responsible citizens in the future.

We continue to nurture this throughout the year in various capacities. ÉOES has many examples of how our students, parents, community and staff come together to create a safe and caring environment.

- Hooper is our school mascot and his code reminds us to always "Be helpful not hurtful!". Ask your child about Hooper's code and what it means to them and to our school.
- A dedicated group of parent volunteer to sit on our School Council and on the Canadian Parents for French Olds chapter. These groups spend countless hours assisting the school and fundraising to support classroom trips, playground equipment and supplies. Last year our classrooms were gifted \$13 000 in wish list goodies!

- Along with a commitment to supervision at the crosswalk, busses and playground, we have a safety and security plan and practice drills in order to prepare students and staff in the event of an emergency.
- If students encounter challenging social interactions and conflicts, we have processes in place to assist in working through understanding and dealing with rude, mean or bullying behaviors.
- Our connections with families, such as positive phone calls home, and parent/student/teacher conferences, share and celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our students.
- In our division, we have monthly safety focuses and inspections throughout the year.

We feel very fortunate to be a part of your child's life and to partner with you on their school journey. Thank you for working so closely with us each day to bring your child success.

### Ready to learn in our safe and caring schools

A Message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge School Division, we take pride in building meaningful relationships and trust with our students. This is a critically important foundation for creating a safe and caring environment in our schools. I want you to know that our caring staff are as committed to developing your child's well-being as they are to ensuring they learn at the highest levels possible, even in difficult times.

Throughout the pandemic it has been a struggle for all of us at different times along the way. Safety is always on our minds as we work hard to consistently follow the guidelines from Alberta Health. We are very proud of our staff for all that they continue to do to support your child in finding success in spite of what is taking place all around us.

In the days ahead we want to not only be safe during the pandemic, but to also be prepared for the hazards of

winter weather. We know from previous years that winter weather can fall upon us at any time. Please make yourself and your child aware of our inclement weather procedures so that no one is caught off guard by an interruption in busing service or a brief school closure. Please take a moment to visit our [Inclement Weather procedures](#) and ensure that your child is dressed for winter weather when they either ride one of our buses or walk to school on a cold day.

For Trustee updates and to read the latest **Board eNews**, please visit [our website](#).

**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 passionate 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](http://www.oldselementary.ca).

Hard copies will also available at the office.

**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 Gr. K, 1, 2 Recess

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

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

1:55 -2:08 Gr. 3-4 Recess

3:10 Dismissal

**Please remember that all students need to be picked up at 3:10.**

## MUSIC NEWS

Lois Munchinsky

In the music room, the first month of school has been wonderful! Students are engaging in a wide variety of musical activities and reviewing the basics of beat, rhythm, and melody. There is lots of learning happening and the benefits and joy of music are so evident in every class. I wish you a fabulous fall and a happy Thanksgiving!

### Physical Education Update – Oct. 2021 From Mr. Kish

We have been enjoying another great fall season! The weather is so fantastic we have been able to have most gym classes outside where we have been exploring running techniques, soccer, and our annual running challenges.

We have been able to accomplish all of our Running Curriculum Objectives outside. Students have all had the chance to perform their best in a 50 meter dash (timed) as a way to learn sprinting technique. The fastest runners can run 50 meters in 8 or 9 seconds. Congratulations to all our speedy sprinters! Grades 2,3 and 4 participated in a 10 minute Run Challenge around our Kilometer Club Track. It is amazing how many terrific runners we have!

The younger grades have been outside as well learning how to race and run! We have walked the Cross Country Run Course and will run a modified race. We have also enjoyed learning how to play soccer. The Grade 1's had to complete a one lap race around the Kilometer Club Track to prepare them for next year's 10 minute challenge.

Our Cross Country Running Challenge Course is approximately 1.5 km long set up along the perimeter of the entire green space. All students in Olds Elementary must walk or run the course as part of their Gym Class. The tradition of racing the course will continue as always. After the races I will report on the winners and their race times. Cross Country Running (or walking) is a wonderful lifelong healthy habit that we encourage.

The 4x100 Meter relay is always a popular event which challenges runners to work together to carry the Baton 400 meters in 4 stages by taking turns (100 meters each). We have an Annual Challenge where students (grades 3,4 only) can make their own team to race against teams from other classes of the same grade. At the time of this news release we have not had the big showdown but anticipation is building! I will update the results in next month's news.

TERRY FOX UPDATE - Thank You to all parents who used the Olds Elementary link I sent to make a donation on behalf of our school to the Terry Fox Foundation. ALL students at OES ran the Terry Fox Run with their

teachers. If you would still like to make a donation and see our school's total please use the following link;

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

I will be taking classes back into the gym soon when it gets too severe to be outside.

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

R Kish



Smile!  
**PORTRAIT DAY IS COMING**

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

**NOTE: CHANGE IN DAYS FOR GRADES** Individual photos will be taken on **Tuesday, October 12th** for Pre-Kindergarten AM and PM, Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2, and **Wednesday, October 13th** for Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten and Grades 3 and 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

The Admazing Coupon Book fundraiser is still happening. The deadline to order a coupon book is Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Keep an eye out for our Purdy's chocolate fundraiser, which will start sometime in November. Be watchful for information in the November newsletter.



A HUGE thank-you to our Parent Council for donating \$13,000.00 to the school in order for us to purchase some much needed equipment and resources for classrooms. The money was raised through Parent Council's fundraising efforts with a thank-you going out to all parents, community and staff, who helped support those fundraisers.



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Just a friendly reminder to all parents of bussing students to phone your bus driver or transportation to let them know if your child will **NOT** be riding the bus on any given day. Communication helps so much with the transition at the end of the day. Thank-you!



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## **MILK PROGRAM 2021-2022**

We are working on getting our milk program up and running. Unfortunately, we will have to wait until the new year, January 2022 to see if we can get the program going. Please stay tuned for information.

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 once our program commences.



# 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 or you can call Lisa Ormann at ÉOES.



# OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	9
10	11 <b>THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL</b> 	12  <b>PHOTO DAY</b> Pre-K am/pm Kinder Tues/Thurs Gr 1, Gr 2	13  <b>PHOTO DAY</b> Kinder Mon/Wed Gr 3, Gr 4	14	15	16
17	18 <b>PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS</b>	19 <b>PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS</b>	20 <b>PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS</b>	21	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	23
24 	25	26	27	28	29 <b>HALLOWEEN DRESS UP</b> 	30 <b>NOTE:</b> Photo Retakes are November 2nd