

HOOPERS SCHOOL BELL#4

ÉOES - A Happy Place to Live, to Learn, to Grow

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... for parents and guardians

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Modeling what great citizenship truly means

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

I believe that positive energy is present in Chinook's Edge whenever people from our school communities gather, and this fall there has been a renewed sense of gratitude for our time together in school each day. We know the holiday season ignites an even greater sense of compassion and goodwill in our schools, as students and staff answer the call to be good global citizens. They are sharing our caring culture by ensuring the shelves are well stocked at area Food Banks, filling hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, performing seasonal concerts at seniors' homes, and gathering warm mittens for those less fortunate.

Our students model what great citizenship truly means. In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. At a time when lessons in the importance of being a good neighbour, a helpful friend and a respectful citizen are needed, we applaud our students and staff for the plentiful examples of their kindness.

Thank you to everyone who nurtures this generosity of spirit all year long in Chinook's Edge!

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2023 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2023. Online registration will begin on January 9, 2023. Please visit our website for [Kindergarten information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming!

Professional Learning Day November 25



These teachers and staff at Westglen School, as in schools throughout Chinook's Edge, have been engaged in high leverage strategies to support student progress during the division's Professional Learning Days.

Focused efforts on Professional Learning Days have improved student achievement results, and support for those having difficulty, so that high school graduation is a reality for everyone! Read more [at this link](#).

Responding to the rise of respiratory viruses



The chief medical officer of health, Dr. Mark Joffe, has issued a statement about the increase of respiratory viruses in Alberta. As always, Chinook's Edge takes its lead in these matters from the officials at Alberta Health Services, and share their priority to keep our school communities safe. The government's full statement can be read [at this link](#).

We appreciate your attention to the preventative measures Dr. Joffe outlines. Our efforts together make a huge impact in our safe and caring schools!

The provincial government invites YOU to have your say on career education programming!

Alberta Education has just launched a [Career Education Task Force](#). Chinook's Edge is pleased with this new provincial task force, as this work has been a key divisional Career Connections goal. The division's work around Dual Credit, Off Campus, RAP, career and post-secondary advising is highly developed, and the CESD Career Connections Team is very excited by the possibilities that could open through the new provincial initiative! Alberta Education is hosting several public engagement sessions to collect information to guide their next steps in this important work - one of these sessions is in Red Deer on December 5. Chinook's Edge representatives will be present to provide input, and all stakeholders (staff, students, parents, public) are encouraged to have your say!

Click [on this link](#) to:

- Register for an in-person event (nearest location is Red Deer on December 5th)
- Register for an online event (takes place November 22 and November 29)
- Take the survey.

Staff learning initiatives focus on Collaborative Response

Principal and Vice Principal teams from all Chinook's Edge schools took part in a special distance learning opportunity with Kurtis Hewson, award winning teacher and school administrator known for championing collaborative structures in schools to ensure success for all students. As well, Innisfail High Principal, Chris Adamson, led a 75 minute 'turn and talk' session at Teachers Matter last week to highlight the key structures of Collaborative Response. Teachers returned to their schools with ideas and energy to move this work forward!



[Professional Learning Day](#) - November 25:

Teachers and staff will be engaged in specific collaborative learning projects according to their grade levels this Friday.

Focused efforts on Professional Learning Days in Chinook's Edge is year have created:

- Improved student achievement results, and support for those having difficulty, so that high school graduation is a reality for everyone.
- High leverage strategies to support student progress in literacy, numeracy, social emotional learning and more.
- A comprehensive series of Google Classroom materials to benefit high school students and teachers throughout the division, with plans to involve all grades. Shared knowledge and a pooling of the best teaching resources available.
- Key time for staff to focus together on strategies and supports for each student as required, through the division's Collaborative Response process.

This week's Staff Health & Wellness profile is: [Debbie Czainski](#), Poplar Ridge School



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FROM THE DESK OF: MARGO NYGARD, Principal

At ÉOES we strive to be a place where students feel safe, cared for and connected to the adults in the building. It is when we have achieved this that we can begin to create an environment where children can flourish in their understanding of their ability to positively contribute to their classroom and school, their family, and community.

Through many experiences, students develop into thoughtful, caring, and compassionate citizens. In our Social Studies program, citizenship is one of the core concepts embedded into every grade level K to 12. In phys ed and health, we learn how to care for ourselves and each other. Through the stories we read and write, we learn about struggles and how to overcome them, and through classes like phys ed and activities during recess, students learn how to play, deal with conflict, and work as a team.

At ÉOES, we continue to provide opportunities for students to learn and contribute to our community and our world beyond the curriculum. Meaningful lessons, such as how to gracefully win or lose a game during our floor hockey tournament, or helping a fellow student score that basket, find their lost boots or make a new friend, take place each and every day. Through quiet acts of kindness, a smile, or a grand gesture, our students, staff, and parents are continually modelling the importance of positive citizenship in our ÉOES community.

Parental involvement is an important component of our school. Partnering and communicating with your teacher, contributing to our fundraisers or being part of the school council - we appreciate the time, effort and input into your child's education and how it positively impacts our school and ÉOES family. A huge thank you for joining us at Parent-Teacher Interviews! It was great to see so many students proudly showing their families around our school.

Hooper and the staff of ÉOES would like to thank all of you for your support and your generous contribution to our school and our community. May you enjoy a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

Parents of bus students: please contact your school to confirm if your child will be absent on Yellow Days. It is imperative that parents are familiar with our Inclement Weather protocols (which are available on our school website and the division website). To ensure the highest safety, parents are reminded that on a Yellow Day (meaning that buses are not running, but schools are open and classes are being held), our school still requires you to contact us if your child will be absent. Some parents may choose to drive their child into the school, while some parents will choose to keep their child at home that day – we can't make assumptions when safety is at stake.

THE COLD IS HERE

With the soon-to-be cold weather coming, it is very important that all children come appropriately dressed for the conditions. Please ensure students are arriving with winter boots, pants, jackets, hats and mitts to protect them from the cold.

Bus students - it is very important to have all winter gear when riding the bus. We want to ensure, in the event a bus breaks down and students must sit for any time without heat, all of our students are prepared for the weather. This winter gear includes winter boots, pants, jackets, hats and mitts as well.

Remember - we are outside at recess unless the ambient weather or windchill drops to below -21c! Thank you for helping us keep warm!

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.
- If you will be later than 8:40am, please have your child use the front entrance, as all other doors will be locked.

After School 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.

Thank
You

THANK-YOU!!!

A **HUGE** thank-you to the Town of Olds and the Kioti Curling Champions Cup for their generous donation of \$1,000 to be used for various activities at our school.

Another **HUGE** thank-you to the Grocery Foundation (Getting Food to Hungry Kids) and Sobeys for their generous donation of \$725 worth of Sobeys gift cards to be used towards our student nutrition program.



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.

The fee schedule can be found on the Chinooks Edge website, www.cesd73.ca, Menu, Students and Parents, School Fees. Scroll down to Olds, and find École Olds Elementary School.

If you have any questions please call the school. Fee waivers are also found on the Chinooks Edge website, under Menu, Students and Parents, then on the left, click on the arrow beside School Fees.



Music News from Ms. Munchinsky: December 2022

In November we had our first two assemblies. Our staff were all so proud of our students as they were so respectful, quiet and well-behaved during the **Remembrance Day assembly**. The grade 4 classes also did an amazing job of their poem and song. It was truly a beautiful ceremony to honor our veterans.

Our school was also able to enjoy a wonderful production of **Jack and the Beanstalk** performed by the Alberta Musical Theatre Company. After the show, all of the grade 1 to 4 students drew a picture of their favorite part and these have all been sent to the cast and crew of the show.

In December we will have two more assemblies in the gym. The first one will be on Tuesday, December 20 when we will see the grade 1 students perform "**The Littlest Christmas Tree**". You can come and watch their show at 1:15 or at 6:00. This light-hearted performance will be sure to get you into the Christmas spirit! You are also invited to join the students at 2:30 on Friday, December 23 for a whole school **Christmas carol singalong**. We haven't been able to enjoy this festive tradition for the last several years so we are all really looking forward to singing together once again.



Curriculum - Physical Education Classes become more challenging this term as we focus on using objects (manipulatives) to learn new skills. The activities will help improve our coordination and physical literacy skills. We will also take our fitness challenges up a notch by trying more complex exercises and for longer durations.

Grades 2,3,4 - Sticks and ball skills. We have been learning how to control a hockey ball using stick handling techniques in a zone and also moving in the gym. Students have been practicing how to shoot a “snapshot” and “wrist shot” for accuracy. Players use the good sport “N-H-L” face-off and play keep away to demonstrate their skills. We are playing 4-goal hockey games and also full-on, full gym hockey with goalies and Teams.

Grade 4 - Floor Hockey Intramurals (It's a Tradition!!). Grade 4's that were interested in playing floor hockey against other grade 4 teams could sign up and be on a Team. We have 4 Boys Teams and 3 Girls Teams who will be playing games at Lunch Recess times for the next few months.

Grade 1 - Ball Skills and Stick Skills. We have been learning how to use a rubber ball safely in the gym. Skills include; bouncing (dribbling) in our own space and also moving around the gym, throwing the ball against the wall and catching it, and shooting the ball into the basketball hoops for a score. We have also been learning how to use a floor hockey stick with a soft ball. Running safely with a stick, and using it properly to stick handle and shoot is a key requirement in order to play a floor hockey game.

Grade 1 - Fitness. Students have been challenging themselves to complete an exercise video which focuses on strength, balance, coordination, and cardiovascular fitness.

Kindergarten - Ball Skills. We have been learning how to use a rubber ball safely in the gym. Students have been practicing with their ball to learn the difference between Drop and catch, Bounce and catch, and Throw and catch. We are also doing one-minute concentration challenges to see if we can sustain one minute of practice without getting distracted or start talking to each other.

Kindergarten Fitness. We have been enjoying a fun follow along exercise video at the start of every class to warm us up and practice coordination, stretching, and balance.

Proper Gym Footwear

Please ensure your child can participate in our Gym Activities by following a few basic rules about the Footwear you provide;

1. Fancy Boots (especially with high heels) are not appropriate
2. Slippers are not for the Gym
3. Shoes should be proper size and STAY on the FEET
4. If your child cannot tie laces then please use velcro shoes or teach your child to tie laces

Would parents please consider checking in with your child about their shoes and if necessary having your child bring home their Indoor Shoes for an inspection. You might be surprised how they are “wearing or not wearing their shoes”...?

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

Joyeux Noël, Frohe Weinachte, Feliz Navidad, Buon Natale, Feliz Natal, Vrolijk kerstfeest, Crăciun fericit, Wesolych świąt Bożego Narodzenia, God Jul, Veselé Vánoce,

Welcome to December! Parent Council is looking forward to all of the festivities and fundraising to come this month.

Our Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser was an amazing success - thank you!! It is these great successes that allow Parent Council to purchase items for the school, teachers and students that they may otherwise go without.

Purdy's Orders can be picked up from the school on December 14 from 3:30-5:00p.m.

If you are available to volunteer to help sort orders prior to the delivery date, please email chair@eoesparencouncil.com to sign up!

LITTLE SHOPPERS: December 13 and 14



Little Shoppers is a temporary Christmas store set up at the school for students to come and purchase gifts for their parents/guardians. We are hoping to have enough that each student can buy two gifts.

All gifts will be \$2. If we have extra donations, then we will increase the number of gifts they can purchase - we are counting on you to help us make this a great event for the kids!

So, please, please send in your donations! We are accepting new or gently used items for the sale, as well as wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper and tape. You can send with your child marked "Little Shoppers" or deliver directly to the school office.

Some examples of items are:

- home decor, picture frames, candles
- unused bath products: soaps, scrubs, fragrances
- household gadgets
- non-sized clothing like scarves
- unopened fun food items like chocolate, coffee or tea samplers
- transferable jewelry like bracelets, rings, brooches
- stationery sets
- new or gently used tools
- kitchen gadgets, mugs, tumblers
- puzzles or games

Essentially anything new or gently used that you think someone might enjoy getting as a gift!

If you are available to volunteer for a morning or afternoon on December 13 or 14, please email chair@eoesparencoun



FUN LUNCH!

The last fun lunch dates for 2022 are:

December 2 (Boston Pizza), 16 (Pizza Hut) and 23 (DQ Burgers).

Ordering for January/February 2023 is now *OPEN*!

Please place your orders by December 22 at <https://oldselementary.hotlunches.net/>.

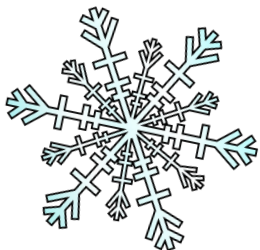
We are now preparing the spring calendar and are looking for parent input on what you would like to see offered in our fun lunch program. You can email chair@eoesparencouncil.com.

Did you know EOES Parent Council has our own Facebook Page? For the most up to date information about events, volunteering and fundraising, please follow us at www.facebook.com/eoesparentcouncil.

Our next online Parent Council Meeting is Wednesday, December 7 @ 12 p.m. Please email chair@eoesparencouncil.com for the link to join virtually.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in 2022, whether at Picture Day, Fun Lunch or setting out the Lost & Found!

**Happy Holidays,
Brandy Thompson, Chair
April Mattson, Co-Chair**





OLDS CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Refer-A-Family

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM

**LOOKING TO NOMINATE YOURSELF OR
ANOTHER FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?**

**PLEASE SCAN BELOW TO FILL OUT OUR
NEW ONLINE REFERRAL FORM.**



FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT US

www.oldschristmasangels.com

Hamper Delivery/Pick up Date: December 16th

Hampers provided to children and their families
attending school in Olds.

**Friday, December 2nd
MAD ABOUT PLAID DAY**



**Thursday, December 8th
CHRISTMAS HAT/WINTER
TOQUE DAY**



**Tuesday, December 13th
Wednesday, December 14th
LITTLE SHOPPERS DAY**



**Friday, December 16th
WEAR CHRISTMAS COLORS
DAY**



**Tuesday, December 20th
Wednesday, December 21st
CANDY CANE SALES
0.50¢**







**Tuesday, December 20th
GRADE 1 PERFORMANCE
ASSEMBLY
1:15pm and 6:00pm**



**Friday, December 23rd
PJ DAY
MOVIE IN am
CAROLING 2:30pm**



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				1	2 Hot lunch-pre orders only Mad About Plaid Day	3
4	5	6	7	8 Christmas Hat or Winter Toque Day	9 <u>Non-instructional day</u>	10
11	12	13 Little Shoppers Day	14 Little Shoppers Day Pick up Purdy's 3:30-5:00	15	16 Hot lunch-preorders only Wear Christmas Colors	17
18	19	20 Grade 1 Performance 1:15 pm and 6:00 pm Candy Cane Sales 0.50	21 First day of winter Candy Cane Sales 0.50	22	23 Hot lunch-preorders only PJ Day Movie am; Caroling 2:30	24 Christmas Break starts Dec 26
25 	26 Boxing Day 	Christmas Break Dec 26-Jan 6 Students return Jan 9, 2023				31 

Happy Holidays!

May the holiday season fill your
home with joy, your heart with love,
and your life with laughter.

