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ÉOES - A Happy Place to Live, to Learn, to Grow
September 2025



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Mr. Gregory Ferris

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at École Olds Elementary School (ÉOES)! On behalf of our entire staff, we are so happy to have all of our students and families back with us.

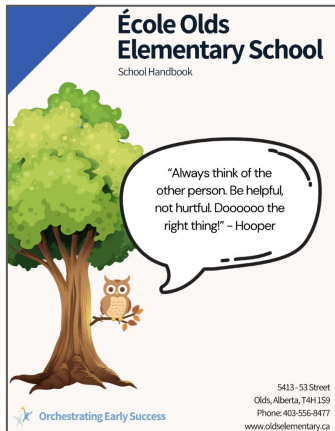
At ÉOES, we pride ourselves on providing a safe, welcoming, and caring learning environment where academic success and the social-emotional growth of every child are our top priorities. This year, we are thrilled to introduce you to some new faces joining our team of compassionate and enthusiastic educators. Our dedicated team of teachers, educational assistants, administrative support, service providers, and custodians genuinely love working with children, and there's a vibrant energy throughout our school that reflects our belief that learning should be fun!

We are also proud to offer a wide range of high-quality opportunities to enrich your child's educational experience, including:

- Access to Music and Physical Education Specialists
- Early Learning Programs such as Pre-Kindergarten
- French Immersion in Grades 1-4
- A Learning Commons with over 15,000 titles
- Access to a Family School Wellness Worker and YES Success Coach to support universal and targeted social-emotional learning
- Extensive supports for students with inclusive education needs, such as alternative spaces for regulation, sensory and big movement
- Access to a Student Support Lead who provides programming support for students with diverse, complex, and specialized learning needs
- 15 amazing educational assistants who provide direct support to students with diverse and complex needs
- Targeted academic intervention and English Language Learning (ELL) support guided by a Learning Support Interventionist
- Indigenous learning for all students

We believe that strong home-school connections and partnerships are essential, and we are deeply committed to working in partnership with you to help each student reach their full potential, both academically and socially-emotionally. We invite you to visit our website regularly at www.oldselementary.ca for updates, newsletters, and other important information. We're excited about the year ahead and look forward to making it a fantastic one together!

Gregory Ferris , Principal



ÉOES School Handbook

Parents and guardians are asked to review *École Old's Elementary's School Handbook* for important information. Please check out our School Handbook located on our school website:

[EOES Parent Handbook](#)

Teaching Sensitive Topics

There are changes to the way we engage with parents when sensitive topics are taught in classrooms

Starting in September 2025, Alberta Education is requiring that all school divisions including Chinook's Edge School Division notify parents about instruction related to subject matter dealing primarily or explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality.

You can expect that your child's school will provide you with a form appropriate to your child's grade level. This notification provides parents with the option to 'opt in' their child for instruction related to the subject matter.

Please visit the Chinook's Edge website, [here](#), to see the grade level and curricular topics that require you to "opt in".

2025-2026 ÉOES Staff

Gregory Ferris, *Principal*
Stephanie Acreman, *Vice-Principal*
Lisa Hallett, *Administrative Support*
Lisa Ormann, *Administrative Support*

Kristin Chernesky, *Pre-Kindergarten*
Lorraine Ellis, *Kindergarten*
Krystal Hodge, *Kindergarten*
Denise Hodgson, *Kindergarten*

Karen Bouliane, *Grade 1*
Lisa Hanna, *Grade 1*
Jamie Nisbet, *Grade 1*
Jaynee West, *Grade 1*

Robin Rasmussen, *Grade 2*
Heather Lightbown, *Grade 2*
Natalie St. Dennis, *Grade 2*
Stacey Prohl, *Grade 2*
Noel West, *Grade 2*

2025 - 2026 ÉOES Staff (continued)

Sylvia Martens, *Grade 3*
Jesse Klinck, *Grade 3*
Kelly Latimer, *Grade 3*
Courtney Kohut, *Grade 3*
Hillary Warner, *Grade 3/4*

Joy Schochenmaier, *Grade 4*
Gary Turnbull, *Grade 4*
Reanne Windsor, *Grade 4*

Elise Payne, *Grade 1 French Immersion*
Janis Tulloch, *Grade 2/3 French Immersion*
Lorraine Adams, *Grade 3/4 French Immersion*

Tammy Petersen, *Gr. 4 Intervention*
Tracy Beemer, *Learning Support*
Rebecca Vey, *Student Support Lead*
Randy Kish, *Physical Education*
Amanda Koch, *Music*
Chris Clifford, *Learning Commons*
Lynne Lafreniere, *FSW*
Emilie Webb, *YES Coach*

Bev Krause, *Educational Assistant*
Lisa Gardner, *Educational Assistant*
Tamara Tabor, *Educational Assistant*
Danielle Webb, *Educational Assistant*
Michelle Johnson, *Educational Assistant*
Lori Ross, *Educational Assistant*
Jennifer Rabchak, *Educational Assistant*
Rhonda Richards, *Educational Assistant*
Margo Klymchuk, *Educational Assistant*
Deanna Cavanaugh, *Educational Assistant*
Rachelle Martinez, *Educational Assistant*
Carrie Notely, *Educational Assistant*
Aimee Kowaliuk, *Educational Assistant*
Leona McEwen, *Educational Assistant*
Gina Belcastro, *Educational Assistant*

Michelle Guhl, *LANTech*

Rubin Adonis, *Custodian*
Lisette Larouche, *Custodian*
Jade Watson, *Custodian*



Meet Our New Teachers at ÉOES



Natalie St. Dennis
Grade 2

I am from Okotoks and completed my Education degree at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. My teaching journey has included Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2/3. I recently moved to Olds and am looking forward to building strong relationships, sparking curiosity, and creating a classroom where every child feels supported and excited to learn.



Heather Lightbown
Grade 2

I am excited to be joining the team at Olds Elementary. I have experience teaching Kindergarten through Grade 5, including a year of teaching in Mexico. I am passionate about creating a positive and engaging learning environment where students feel supported and encouraged to grow. Outside of school, I enjoy traveling, spending time with family and friends, and caring for my cat, Koko.



Elise Payne
Grade 1 French Immersion

I am from Montreal but have been a happy Albertan for over 30 years. I love to cook, play games and visit with family. I am very excited to be teaching my favorite grade this year.



Hillary Warner
Grade 3/4

I am so excited to be teaching at ÉOES! This will be my 10th year teaching this grade level. I moved to Olds in 2023 from British Columbia. I love being a teacher because I enjoy making learning fun!



Noel West
Grade 2

I am a passionate educator who is thrilled to be teaching Grade 2 at ÉOES. I live in Olds with my wife and two children. I love spending time with family, going to the Calgary Zoo, and walking or biking along the river pathways. I am an active hiker, mountain climber and biker.



Emilie Webb
YES Success Coach

I am so excited to be joining ÉOES as the YES Success Coach! I recently graduated with my Social Work Diploma and have been working in the community for several years supporting children, youth and families through my role as a Family Violence Outreach Coordinator. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with family and exploring the outdoors.

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 entry doors.
- If you will be later than 8:35am, please have your child use the front entrance, as all other doors will be locked and have him/her sign in.

After School Pick Up

- All students will be dismissed at 3:10pm. Students will exit from their class doors to their predetermined meeting spots, buses or walk home.

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:

***8:25am Doors open to students

8:35am Start of Class

8:35am O'Canada

10:05am-10:20am Recess for all
grades

11:55am-12:10pm Lunch for all grades

12:10pm-12:40pm Recess for all grades

1:50pm-2:05pm Recess for all grades

3:10pm Dismissal

Please remember that all students need to be picked up at 3:10pm. Thank you!



SCHOOL FEES:

Here at ÉOES we try to make things easier for families. So we pre-order ALL of the school supplies so you can enjoy every minute of your summer, without worrying about purchasing supplies. School fees can now be accessed through our Student Quick Pay. Please note that swim lesson fees (for Gr. 1-4) will be added in the new year, when they begin the lessons. There will be field trip fees added as classes go on field trips.



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) if you haven't already.
3. Review and pay your child's fees using direct online payment. You can also set up monthly payments - please call Lisa Ormann at the school

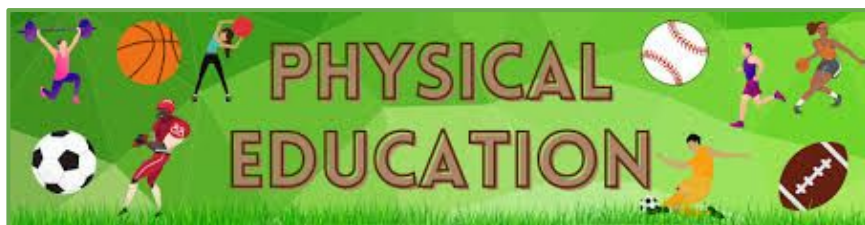
If you are having technical issues with your parent account please email feesupport@cesd73.ca for assistance.

The fee schedule can be found on the Chinook's 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 Chinook's Edge website, under Menu, Students and Parents, then on the left, click on the arrow beside School Fees.

Physical Education for September 2025

Mr. Kish



Welcome Back! It is wonderful to be back in school again after a nice summer break! We are excited to begin another year of gym classes, sports challenges, and fun events.

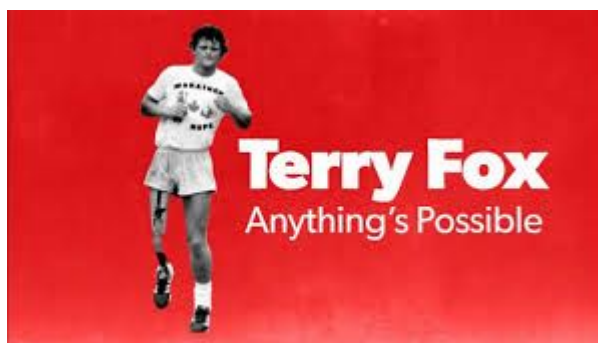
September is all about learning and relearning GYM ROUTINES, HOOPERS CODE EXPECTATIONS and how to be a POLITE LISTENER. We will experience various RUNNING CHALLENGES, and play some COOPERATION GAMES. It's a time to get to know our classmates with some fun activities in the gym and also outside on the playground. We will learn how to be a HELPFUL STUDENT by thinking of others around us as we participate and play with each other. The important things we learn at the beginning of the year really make a difference for your child's success over the next ten months. We want all students to achieve success and have a positive, fun, and exciting school year.

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. All students have the opportunity to compete in a Cross Country Running Challenge in October to show off our running skills and/or make it to the Finish Line! We will also learn how to run in a Team Relay and can be part of a friendly competition for each of those events.

I will update you every month so that all students and parents feel informed and prepared for gym time and school special events. Your child's Classroom Teacher has the schedule for gym classes. If there are any questions about your child's Physical Education Program please feel free to contact me or the school office. If your child is requiring special assistance in any way let's connect and discuss strategies for success.

In order to have the best possible gym experience Please ensure your child has the right footwear for activities inside and out. Shoes that stay on the feet are important, crocks, sandals, and flip flops are not appropriate for gym classes.

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TERRY FOX RUN - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th (10:45 am - 11:45 am) Our School Terry Fox Run 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! Anyone may come and run or walk with us on our Terry Fox Day. Please feel WELCOME!

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 link 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 or other merchandise items it will COUNT as part of our School Total!

If you would prefer to send a Looney or Toonie donation with your child to class we will add up all the coins and put the total towards our school goal! To Donate on behalf of our school please use this link:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/OldsElementary>

ALL students at ÉOES will **RUN** or **WALK** the Terry Fox Run as we always do! This year it will be held on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th** from (10:45 am to 11:45 am) out on our Track behind the school. Everyone is WELCOME!

I look forward to seeing you all on occasion throughout the school year, I am always available if you need to discuss anything.



Mr. Kish.....



Music for September 2025

Mrs. Koch

Happy Back to School!!!



I am so excited to be teaching music again this year. Some things we're looking forward to are our Terry Fox Run and assembly, the Halloween costume parade, our Remembrance Day tribute, our Christmas concert, the Kiwanis Music Festival, our choir performing at grad and our grade four farewell.

I have heard from many excited students ready to get singing. Grade three and four students who are interested in joining me for some extra musical adventures can stay tuned after Halloween to sign up for choir.

Please look for the dates and times of our school activities in our school newsletter and on our website so you don't miss out on any of the fun.

Hope your September ROCKS!



Library News - Mrs. Clifford



Hello! My name is Chris Clifford, and I'm the librarian at École Olds Elementary School. I'm so excited to welcome your children to the library each week—it's always a joy to see them discover new stories and reconnect with old favorites.

To help us keep our library books in great shape for everyone to enjoy, please encourage your child to:

- Always use the plastic ziplock bag (provided by their teacher) when transporting books to and from school. This helps protect books from water, food, and dirt.
- Avoid drawing or coloring in the books.
- Keep food and drinks away from books.
- Store books in a safe spot at home, away from pets and younger siblings.
- Return books on their library day so they can check out new ones.

If a book does happen to get damaged, please let me know—I can often repair it, and if not, we'll find a way to replace it.

Thank you so much for your support in helping your children develop a love of reading. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year of stories, learning, and imagination in our library!



Parent Council



PARENT COUNCIL AND FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETINGS HOT LUNCH FRIDAYS

All parents/guardians are welcome!

Please reach out if you are interested in joining the board for the 2025-2026 school year.
PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email chair@eoesparentcouncil.com if you would like the virtual meeting link.



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY:

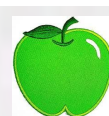
October 1st: M/W Kindergarten, Grades 3 & 4

October 2nd: T/Th Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2, Pre-K,
Mile Tulloch

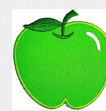
November 3rd: Retakes



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7	8  Milk Sales Begin: \$10.00 for 8	9	10  World Suicide Prevention Day	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Terry Fox Run 10:45-11:45 Bring a Loonie or Toonie	19 No School	20
21	22  You Matter Day	23	24	25	26	27
28  Orange Shirt Day	29	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation No School	Oct 1 Picture Day: M/W Kinder, Grades 3 & 4	2 Picture Day: T/Th Kinder Grades 1 & 2, Pre-K Mile Tulloch	3	4 