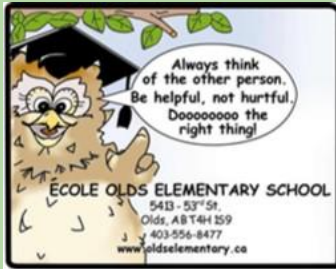


# The Hooper Connect

*ÉOES - A Happy Place to Live, to Learn, to Grow*  
*October 2025*



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**Principal:**  
**Mr. Gregory Ferris**

**Vice Principal:**  
**Mrs. Stephanie Acreman**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

*We had a Stellar September!* What an amazing start-up we've had at École Olds Elementary! The halls have been buzzing with energy and excitement. Our focus for the month of September was on establishing strong routines and explicitly teaching expected behaviours in every area of the school. By clearly setting and practicing these expectations, we are creating a predictable, positive, and productive learning environment for all our students.

**Hooper's Code and Hoot Tickets: Celebrating Great Choices!** - We're all learning and living by Hooper's Code - our school-wide positive behaviour matrix!

- Hooper's Code was discussed with all students at the Spirit Assembly on Thursday, September 18.
- Every staff member has a copy of Hooper's Code for their classroom, and it will soon be displayed in the hallways for all students and staff to reference.
- Hooper's Code highlights expected behaviours like being **H**elpful, **O**rganized, **O**n-Task, **P**ositive Attitude, **E**ngaged Learner, and **R**espectful.

To celebrate students who exhibit these expected behaviours, we will be handing out Hooper's Hoot Tickets! Each week, we will draw one student's name from each class, and they will get to pick a prize from Hooper's Nest of Treasures. Parents/guardians will receive a copy of Hooper's Code via School Messenger and it will be posted on our school website. We ask that parents/guardians review Hooper's Code at home to help us as we work to build skill around expected behaviours at ÉOES. Keep up the great work everyone!

**A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Amazing Staff** - We want to take a moment to shine a spotlight on the incredible people who make ÉOES a fantastic place to learn. We are celebrating:

- Educational Assistant (EA) Appreciation Day on September 29
- Custodian Appreciation Day on October 2
- World Teachers Day on October 3

Whether they are supporting students in the classroom, keeping our school safe and spotless, or delivering engaging lessons, our Educational Assistants, Custodial Staff, and Teachers are here for our kids and consistently go above and beyond. Please join us in thanking these dedicated professionals for their tireless work and commitment to our students.

**Early Years Assessment Update** - In line with Alberta Education's requirements, our Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are completing the Early Years Assessments throughout the 2025-2026 school year. For the first round, all testing for Grades 1-3 will be completed by October 3. Our teachers have been provided with release time to administer these assessments. A special thank you to our Learning Support Interventionist who has been instrumental in coordinating and supporting all our teachers with the administration of these assessments.

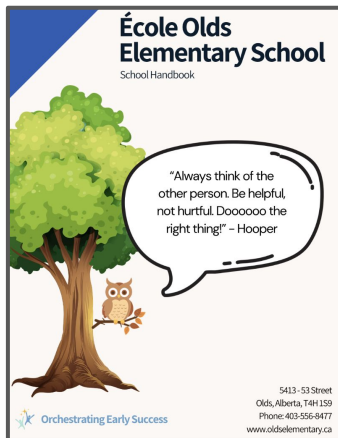
**Halloween Happenings** - Get ready for some fun! Our school Halloween Party and Parade will be held on Friday, October 31 at 1:00 p.m. We understand that some of our younger students might need a little extra assistance, so those students are welcome to wear their costumes to school in the morning so that parents/guardians can support getting them ready before coming to school. We ask that students do not wear masks during the regular school day. Masks should only be worn during our Halloween Party and Parade in the afternoon. Our older students will have an opportunity to get into their costumes after our lunch recess. Please keep an eye out for October Newsletters coming home from your child's teacher, which will have more specific information about class celebrations.

**Scholastics Book Fair and Parent-Teacher Interviews** - We are excited to announce our dates for our first round of Parent-Teacher Interviews. To align with the division office's timeframe and our school events, our Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on November 17 and 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This coincides with our Scholastics Book Fair, which is scheduled to run from November 17 - 21. More information on both interviews and the Book Fair will be shared with families soon!

**Potential Strike Action** - On the evening of September 29, the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) announced that members voted 89.5% to reject the agreement with the Teachers' Employee Bargaining Association (TEBA). This vote allows teachers to begin strike action as of Monday, October 6. While it is still possible for the ATA and TEBA to reach a resolution before this date, should a strike occur, teaching and learning will not continue, and schools will be closed as of October 6. Extracurricular activities, field trips, and other school events would also be suspended. We strongly encourage parents to make childcare arrangements beginning on October 6 as schools will not be open should labour action occur. Chinook's Edge School Division respects the provincial bargaining process and will continue to communicate more information about next steps in this process. Please continue to watch the CESD website for the most up-to-date information.

*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](#)

## 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*

Kati Cavan, *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*



## 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*



## 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](http://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

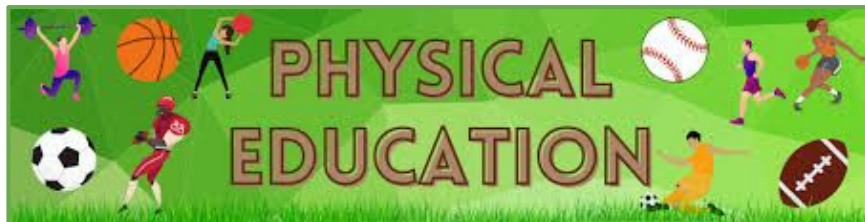
If you are having technical issues with your parent account please email [feesupport@cesd73.ca](mailto:feesupport@cesd73.ca) for assistance.

The fee schedule can be found on the Chinook's Edge website, [www.cesd73.ca](http://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 October 2025

Mr. Kish



## Curriculum Update:

The month of October is another busy month as we continue to get outside as much as possible for the final days before the colder weather arrives. We have enjoyed many nice days outside challenging ourselves with different Running Activities. Running is an exhilarating activity for some because it comes naturally while others are not as thrilled. Some students love competition while others approach running as a social activity. I plan a variety of running activities so that all students can have some success, enjoyment and hopefully go on to enjoying running later on in life.

For example; some kids can really sprint fast for short distances but might not be able to run long distances due to a medical condition like asthma or injury. Some students like to run alone and others enjoy a team opportunity. And so I offer SHORT and LONG events and also INDIVIDUAL and TEAM events.

The Kilometer Club Recess Golden Shoe Challenge is an opportunity for students to run or walk alone or with friends. It can be competitive as in a Class Challenge or can be just for the fun of running and getting fresh air.

When we are inside, many of our games and sports involve running.

Grade 2,3,4 classes have played the Terry Fox Crossing Canada Game to learn about Terry's Journey. Students learn the Geography of Canada and play on a Team from NFLD or BC to get across Canada. The game requires strategy and teamwork and has become a favorite to play every year in September.

Grade 1's have been "Racing for Terry Fox Money" which is a Team Relay for "money" which then involves counting by "ones" and grouping by "fives". The game teaches students to take turns and work together to fill their "piggy bank" with Loonies for Terry Fox.

Kinders have had extra practice learning how to listen to instructions, play together at 5 different activity stations, and clean up for the end of class dismissal. They have just begun learning how to play a Tag Game. We have also begun outside classes for a Playground Tour and Kilometer Track Run.

Please prepare for those cooler mornings as we head into fall darkness and cold North winds!

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## Outside - Running Challenges we are working on this Month

1. 50 meter Dash Timed "Race the Clock"
2. 10 Minute Timed Run on Kilometer Track
3. Cross Country Racing
4. 4 Person Team Relay
5. Kilometer Club Lunch Recess Golden Shoe Challenge

- All running challenges are modified for Kinders



## Cross Country Run Thursday, October 9 ( all day )

We will continue the tradition of having our Annual Cross Country Run for all students at OES. We believe competition is healthy. A competitive Run helps teach perseverance and emotional strength which is so critical for social / emotional growth. It's an easy way to test our grit. When we Win we learn to be gracious and when we Lose we learn to be a good sport.

## October 9th 2025 - Cross Country Race Day Details

### Schedule:

#### MORNING

10:30 am

11:00 am

11:30 am

#### SET UP

Kinder Boys, Kinder Girls

Grade 1 Boys, Grade 1 Girls

Grade 2 Boys, Grade 2 Girls

#### LUNCH BREAK and RECESS

1:15 pm

2:15 pm

2:40 pm

Grade 3 Boys, Grade 3 Girls

Grade 4 Boys, Grade 4 Girls

Clean Up

Parents and friends are welcome!!!

## Terry Fox - Update

It was another wonderful month of learning about Terry Fox. Students have done a fabulous job of decorating school walls with their "Shoe prints". I hope you were able to come in and see some of the displays! Thank you for talking about Terry Fox at home and for donating to our fundraising campaign in September. We held our Assembly and Terry Fox Run on September 18th. It was a wonderful day. We enjoyed having visitors join us from Deer Meadow School, Olds College Athletics and of course our parents and friends! Our Fundraising Goal of \$1000 was smashed and we raised \$1,548.75!!! **WAY TO GO ÉOES!**





## From the Music Room - October 2025

Mrs. Koch



We have been off to a beautiful start this fall. In the music room we have been enjoying the beautiful weather, playing games and singing songs outside. We've also been playing instruments and learning all kinds of musical words. This month we've talked about beat, rhythm, dynamics, tempo and form.

We are looking forward to all the wonderful performances and activities coming up later this year so stay tuned for more exciting details.

Thank you all for supporting our music program. If you have any questions for me please feel free to reach out via email at [akoch@cesd73.ca](mailto:akoch@cesd73.ca)

**Wishing you all a beautiful fall.**

**Mrs. Amanda Koch**







The Youth Empowerment & Support (YES) Program is a fun, engaging initiative that supports the social-emotional well-being of all Olds Elementary students. Across the year, we offer every class health curriculum-aligned SEL lessons, with additional fun groups and activities throughout the day and after school.

We're excited to welcome our Success Coach, Emilie Webb, who will work in classrooms, at lunch, and after school to help students learn, connect with peers, and practice strategies that strengthen mental health and overall well-being. Emilie will visit every class multiple times throughout the year and connect with students on the following programs.

Kindergarten (Kimochois), playful characters help children name “hard-to-have” feelings and choose kind actions, building empathy, inclusion, and the link between feelings and behaviour.

Grade 1 (My Dragon) uses stories and activities to develop positive habits and fair play, understanding choices and consequences, practicing friendship skills, following instructions, and building a positive attitude.

Grade 2 (Super Friends) strengthens friendship skills with a focus on kindness, calming-down tools, listening, conflict resolution, and including others.

Grade 3 (Mindful Me) introduces mindfulness and stress-management so students can notice worry in their minds and bodies, use calming strategies, solve problems, practice gratitude, and lean into personal strengths.

Grade 4 (Second Step) focuses on communication and peer-relationship skills—empathy and respect, effective listening, emotion management, perspective-taking, healthy compromise, and disagreeing respectfully.

Emilie will also offer fun lunch-hour and after-school opportunities, with sign-ups shared through classroom newsletters and school messages as they're available. We're excited for a year of learning, connection, and growth with your children!

Thanks so much,  
Emilie





# 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](mailto: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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Ecole Olds Elementary School

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**Pre-CanSkate – perfect for your child's first step on the ice!**

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- ✓ Gliding
- ✓ Backward skating
- ✓ Making snow (learning to stop)

With certified coaches and a high-energy, supportive environment, kids stay active, engaged, and excited to skate.

When they're ready, skaters can move on to CanSkate

## Register today at

<https://www.oldsskatingclub.ca/registration/>



# PowerSkating with OFSC!



Build a Strong Foundation. Elevate Your Game.

Our PowerSkating program helps hockey and ringette players take their skills to the next level. Skaters will develop stronger technique, speed, and power, while also working on puck/ring control.

Program Details:

For U7–U11 players

1-hour ice sessions

Focus: skating technique, speed, and power for existing hockey players

Required equipment: hockey skates, helmet, stick, gloves, and prior skating experience

Fees: \$270 for 9 sessions

(Times vary slightly—see website for details)

Registration Opens: September 16, 2025 @ 12:00 AM

Registration Closes: October 31, 2025 @ 12:00 AM

## Register today at

<https://www.oldsskatingclub.ca/registration/>





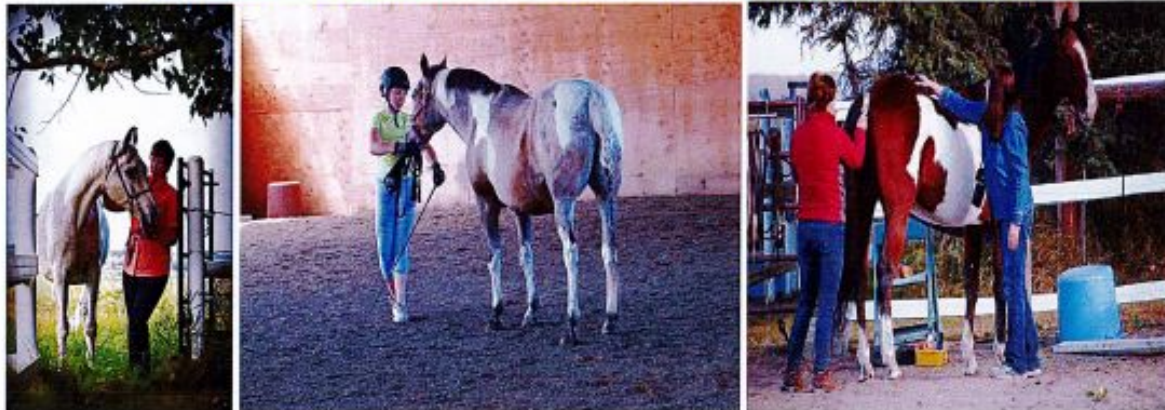
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I am deeply passionate about developing opportunities for youth and adults to experience personal empowerment, promoting wellness and enriching our learning through partnering with horses and nature! Working and living in a 'life coaching' and horse leadership role for over 40 years with youth and adults has led me to further pursue my certification in....

**Professional Equine Facilitated Wellness- Canada!** I am grateful to share this opportunity to develop our goal-achieving strengths in our... "Leadership through Horses" sessions!

\* Retreats/Camps- half or full day programs spring/summer 2024.

\* EFW sessions run: M-F 9:00-12:00 and 1- 4:30. Saturday/Sunday 9:00- 5:00 pm.

Individual sessions (2-3 hours) or small groups of 4 available.

\* No school days. Home School/After School program sessions- M-F 9-12, 1-4 + 3:30- 5:30





**A powerful introduction to the 'intuitive power' of horses...** By participating in **dismounted** equine activities we can delve into fun and challenging exercises that blend **learning and wellness sessions with youth, adults or families** in 1:1 or small group configurations (max. of 4 participants). We explore and practice key elements of **developing healthy 'Horse Herd' relationships and brave boundaries** with our equine companions while **building confidence, mindfulness and positive emotional connections** that relate to all areas of our school, work, social and family lives! Great way to become confident and connected for riding lessons too!

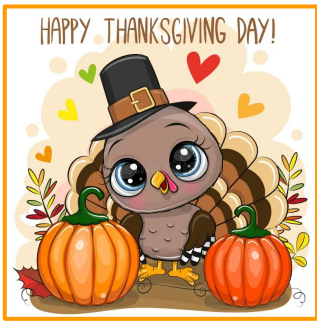
**Horizon Equine EFW also can be a great introduction if you are wanting to learn how to ride horses through building your confidence and personal awareness.** We offer individual/group sessions or a series of weekly, 2-3 hour themed E.F.W. sessions and retreats that include; learning **horse safety, herd behaviour/dynamics, leadership development, healthy and respectful relationships, communication styles and body language, social connectedness, decision making and problem solving, stress and anxiety management, empathy, goal setting, team building, personal boundaries and empowerment!**

**All of these qualities are within us and developed through the horses!** Partnering with horses and a trained facilitator builds on our self-awareness, confidence and character through the development of open communication skills, mindfulness and focus, the importance of appropriate body language and the expression of honest and authentic emotions. Join me in our **"Horse Leadership "sessions** for an experiential (hands on), and enriching learning environment with calming grounding exercises, stimulating cooperative games, and inspiring horse connections that will leave you with an unforgettable personal experience!

**Contact:** Colleen Herzog, Owner/Lead Facilitator at Horizon Equine- EFW, RR#3, Site 12, Box 26, Olds, Alberta. [403-556-5504](tel:403-556-5504)

Check out our website at; [www.horzonequineefw.com/](http://www.horzonequineefw.com/) OR [info@horzonequineefw.com](mailto:info@horzonequineefw.com))  
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# October 2025



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			1 Picture Day: M/W Kinder, Grades 3 & 4	2 Picture Day: T/Th Kinder Grades 1 & 2, Pre-K Mlle Tulloch	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Cross Country Run	10 No School	11
12	13 Thanksgiving 	14	15	16	17	18 
19 	20 PD Learning No School	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 	29	30 	31  Halloween Parade 1:00	