

HOOPERS SCHOOL BELL #1

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

Friday, September 9, 2022

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Division News

... for parents and guardians

September 2022



Believing in every student - A message from the Superintendent

Students, staff and families across Chinook's Edge are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us, and I extend a warm welcome on behalf our Board of Education and Central Office Leadership Team.

We are so excited to welcome our students and staff back to school! Our schools share a focus on key divisional goals: Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being and Career Connections. We believe this strong foundation will allow our students to achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. Our schools are filled with enthusiasm as this year gets underway.

Our staff have worked hard to ensure a clear path ahead for our students, including a focused collaboration to support the new K-3 curriculum (more information below). We work to build welcoming school cultures and believe each day is filled with learning opportunities for every student in our care, which is why we are launching our Attendance Matters initiative.

We are excited to welcome our students and staff back to school and wish everyone a tremendous year ahead!

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent Kurt Sacher

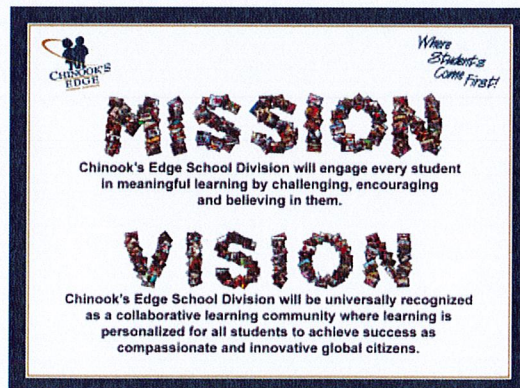
Welcome letter from The Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education: [click here](#)

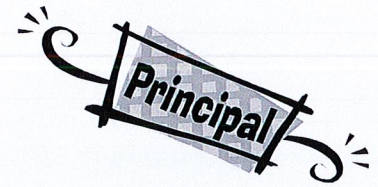
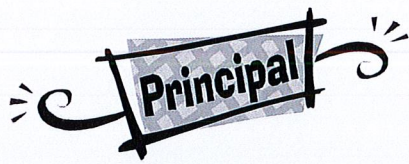
Ready to go with new provincial curriculum



Twenty-five Kindergarten to Grade 3 teachers from schools across the division worked in grade teams to collaboratively create resources to support implementation of the K-3 curriculum. They found that, while there are some new or refreshed initiatives, the curriculum has clear connections to the three division goals in Chinook's Edge:

Academic Excellence
Social Emotional Well-being
Career Connections





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 Beemer (gr 1), Mrs Friske (gr 3), Mrs Adams (FI 3/4), Mrs Vey (gr 3), and Mrs Clark (office) 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 alongside a new curriculum. 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 newsletters and communication from the classroom, 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!*

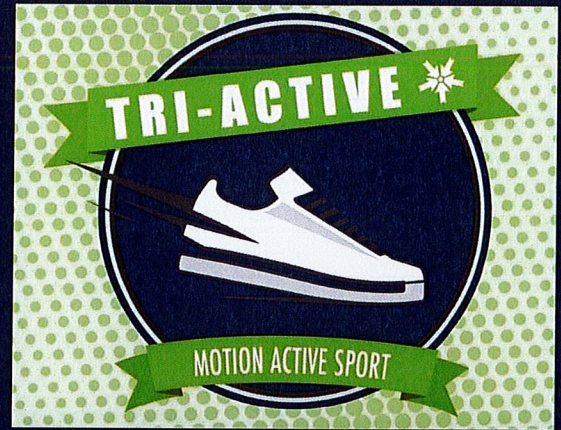
You may have noticed a lot of owls around the school and heard about our mascot Hooper. At ÉOES we place great importance on our children learning to be thoughtful and caring of others and teach our students about "Hooper's Code" - *Always think of the other person. Be helpful, not hurtful. Dooooo the 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!

From Principal Ms. Margo Nygard

TRI-ACTIVE

Program participants will have the opportunity to learn fundamental movement while taking part in traditional and no-traditional sports and activities that are accessible, affordable, and offered in a fun and safe environment!



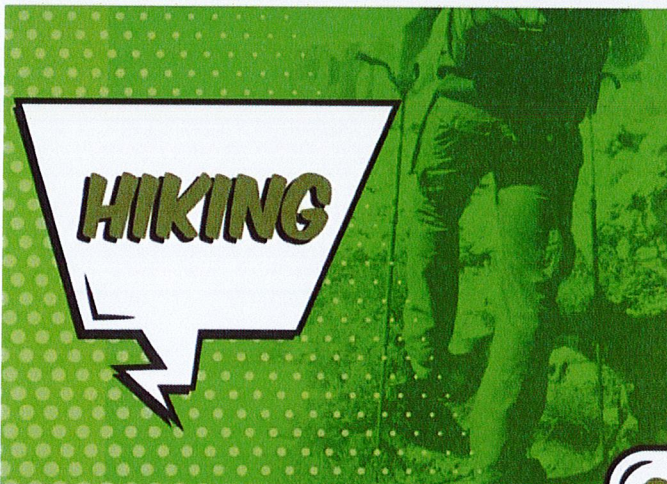
LOCATION: EOES Gymnasium

GRADES: 1-4 & 5-8

DATES: Tuesdays (10 Weeks)

TIME: 3:10-5:00pm (Pickup 5:00-5:15pm)

SESSION: September 27- November 29th, 2022



**SWIMMING, ARCHERY TAG,
HIKING, SNOWSHOEING,
POUND, HIP HOP, YOGA,
SOCCER & MUCH MORE!**

**COURT
SPORTS**

SWIMMING

FEES: \$90/SESSION

(Open to ALL students!!!)

TO REGISTER:

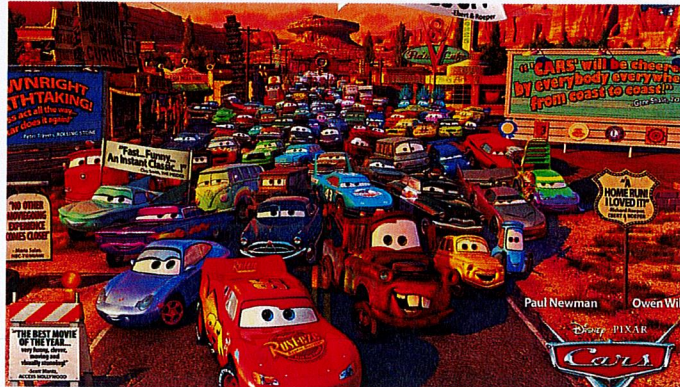
communitylearningcampus.ca/recreation/camps



For More Information:
clcrecreation@oldscollege.ca

Student Drop Off and Parking at ÉOES

Until the end of September, the construction on 52nd street will cause a bit of a hiccup in our drop off and pick up plans. Vehicles will have to merge to one lane of traffic and exit through the open fence indicated by the detour signs. Please be patient, and create an alternate plan for meeting when possible.



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 through this parking lot.
- 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.

Physical Education - Update September 2022

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! The Back To School Season traditionally involves lots of running activities indoors and out. Please ensure your child has the right footwear for these activities. We do want to be outside as much as possible before the weather gets too cold or wet, especially for those morning gym classes out on the field.

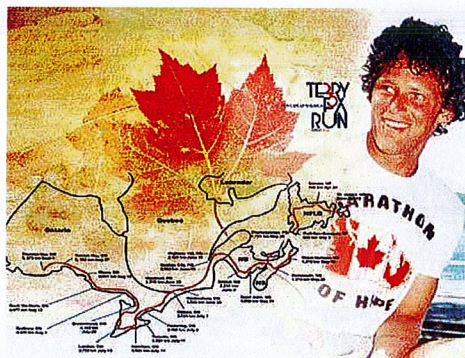


TERRY FOX RUN - It is a wonderful tradition that keeps on going! Telling The Terry Fox Story is one of my favorite parts of the year. There are so many important life lessons that can be drawn from it and the students respond so genuinely even after all these years!

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>

ALL students at OES will RUN or WALK the Terry Fox Run as we always do! Terry Fox Run will be on September 22.



September Physical Education Curriculum Update

September is all about **ROUTINES, 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 learn how to be a helpful student. The important things we learn at the beginning of the year really make a difference. 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 our Annual Cross Country Running Challenges to see who can run the distance faster than anyone else. 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. 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

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.



**CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION**

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.



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.

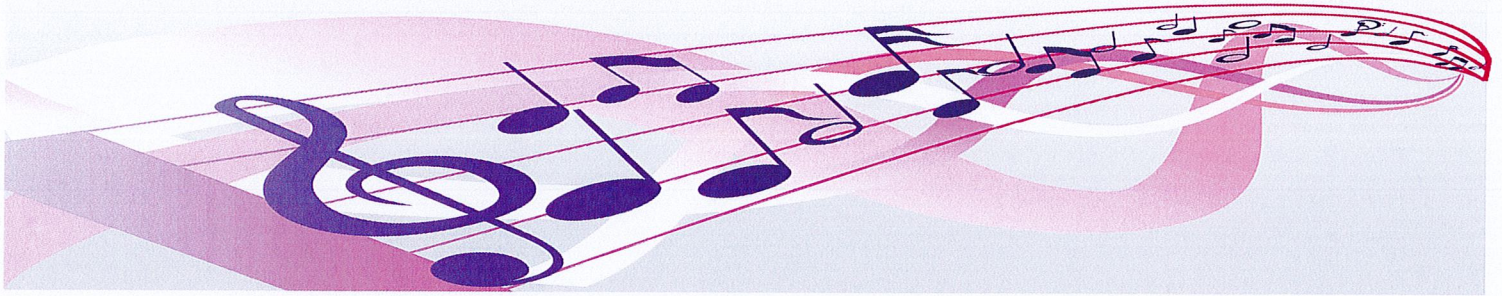
Signing up only takes a moment. Here is how it works:

1. Go to 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.



Welcome back to school! It's time to make music together again!

This year we are planning to have live student performances once again. We would also like to bring in some performers for our students to enjoy together in the gym. Each month you can check the EOES calendar on the website or in the newsletter to find out the exact performance dates so you won't miss any of these great events!

As always, we thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you again in our wonderful Olds Elementary School.

Lois Munchinsky



The parent council would like to welcome everyone back to EOES for the 2022/23 year. We are very excited for the year to come.

The parent council fundraises to provide additional resources that are needed in the school. We hold fundraisers throughout the year, as well as provide the fun lunch program. The parent council is comprised of volunteers who give their time to help make our school great!

This year we are looking for volunteers to join our board. There are many positions available. A one hour meeting per month is required as well as time to support our fundraising. If you are interested please contact chair@eoesparentcouncil.com. We are also looking for parent volunteers who would like to volunteer here and there to support our fundraising events.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

April Mattson/Co-Chair

Don't let your child miss a day of learning opportunities unnecessarily!

Chinook's Edge strives to provide a warm welcome in each of our safe and caring schools.

As part of the Chinook's Edge school community, your child has access each day to:

- Quality Learning Environments
- Social Emotional Wellness
- Engaging curriculum
- Positive relationships
- Connection to peers
- Enrichment activities and clubs
- Culture and tradition

Chinook's Edge also provides a continuum of supports for students when needed, including breakfast and nutritious snack programs, access to Family School Wellness and Inclusive Education professionals, and flexible Alternative Learning programs.



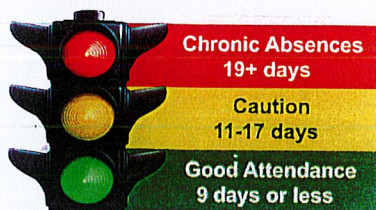
TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Prioritize school!
- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance.
- Have regular evening and homework routines.
- Schedule family events with our school calendar in mind.
- Try to make appointments during non-school hours when possible.
- Reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns about attendance.

We understand your child will be away at times because of illness and other reasons.

Our priority is to eliminate unnecessary absences so that your child can learn, connect and succeed in school!

Attend today,
Achieve tomorrow



Regular school attendance is *critical* for student success. Good attendance is important for a child's ability to learn, grow and develop social skills. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about themselves and school.

We share your priority to ensure the best learning experience each day for your child.

If your child's attendance is becoming a concern, please contact your child's teacher. They are your partner in helping your child succeed in school!

When absences become a concern

If your child is experiencing attendance concerns, as a parent you can expect:

- 1) Your child's teacher will reach out to you to explore ideas that may help your child attend (ie. new seating arrangement in the classroom);
- 2) If attendance concerns continue, your child's Principal or Vice Principal will work with you to determine supports that may be helpful at the school level (ie. adjustments in your child's schedule, etc);
- 3) For continued attendance concerns, the Principal of Alternative Learning will connect with you to explore supports at the division level (ie. exploring Alternative Learning, etc).

We want to work together, so your child can succeed in learning and in life



DID YOU KNOW?

Research shows that missing 10% of school negatively affects a student's academic performance.

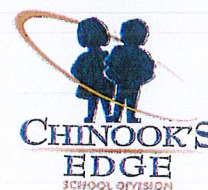
Attendance in school is compulsory in Alberta for everyone between the ages of 6 and 16.

Students who attend school regularly have the opportunity to participate more fully in learning activities which increases the likelihood of successfully completing high school.

Missing 2 days of school each month or 20 days each year starting in Grade 1 is equivalent to missing a full year of schooling by grade 10.

Find out more at our [Chinook's Edge website](#)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



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September 2022

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4	5—Labour Day NO SCHOOL	6	7 <i>Parent Council</i> 12-1 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21—Meet the teacher night 6-7 pm	22—Terry Fox Run— 	23—Focused PD day NO SCHOOL	24
25	26	27	28	29—Orange shirt day— 	30—National day for Truth & Reconciliation NO SCHOOL	