

HOOPERS SCHOOL BELL#5

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

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FROM THE DESK OF:
MARGO NYGARD, Principal

Welcome to 2023! A new year brings with it reminiscing about the past year and reflection on goals for 2023. As we embrace the new year and look forward to upcoming events and challenges, we are reminded of the importance that a healthy balanced lifestyle plays in all of our lives. Here at École Olds Elementary School, we work together to provide different opportunities for students to focus on mental and physical health and wellness.

- We are very fortunate to be able to provide a full-time physical education teacher for our ÉOES students. The quality of Mr. Kish's program is exceptional. He combines his knowledge of skills and abilities at the various age groups with his experience and energy. Mr. Kish's focus on fun and relationships is the reason why student-athletes of all ages and abilities persevere and tackle obstacles with enthusiasm. Students of all grades look forward to the many events hosted by Mr Kish. Ask your child about their favourite PE activity!
- Recess time provides students with a chance to play on and around our wonderful playground structures. At any given time you will find children on the swings, slides, playing soccer, sliding on the hill, skipping, shooting hoops or running the track. Recess is also an opportunity for students to stretch their mental muscles when they use their imaginations to create various games and play environments. I am often amazed at the background stories and rules of the imaginative play of students. Recess also helps students build confidence, collaboration and conflict resolution skills that are important far beyond the walls of our school.
- Teachers schedule opportunities for students to engage in Daily Physical Activity on days when they do not have the gym. Some of these activities make great use of internet resources like gonoodle.com and take place right in the classroom while in better weather, teachers make use of our track or playground area. As well, our classrooms engage in conversations and activities that focus on health and wellness. As a parent, you might already subscribe to the many free online newsletter subscriptions that provide tips for healthy lunches and activities that kids can participate in on their own time. Check out the [What's For Lunch](#) resource from Alberta Health for tasty recipes and tips.
- While healthy bodies are a focus, healthy minds are an equally important part of our Chinook's Edge school communities. Classroom teachings, Hooper's Code, and like programs, allow exploration of strategies that enhance our safe and caring school cultures and keep us mentally well.
 - Our family wellness worker, Ms. Lynne Lafreniere, offers a confidential environment with a focus on mental wellness and learning strategies for both our students and families. Ms. Lafreniere works alongside individual students and families to address many complex issues and serves as an advocate and connection to various support structures throughout central Alberta.
 - Through CESD's Youth Empowerment & Support (YES) program, we are fortunate to have Shereen Williams as part of our EOES staff. Shereen engages students through targeted group work and whole class learning by designing programs that encourage positive self-esteem, confidence and coping skills.

On behalf of the staff at École Olds Elementary, I would like to wish you a year filled with health, laughter and happiness.

Happy New Year and all the best for 2023!

Chinook's Edge School Division



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Happy
New Year!

Division News

... for parents and guardians

January 2023



Our commitment to health and wellness

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

In Chinook's Edge, we know that ensuring a healthy environment in our schools will positively impact the achievement and well-being of both students and staff. Supporting a culture of emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual well-being in our division helps our students and staff achieve success.

Our focus on student wellness has led to the development of a new made-in-Chinook's Edge course for all high school students. The Social Emotional Well-being ([SEW 15](#)) course empowers young people with the skills to grow as individuals, and allows all students to learn together and reach their full potential.

Among many supports for our staff is our [Staff Health and Wellness](#) initiative, which empowers staff to thrive as compassionate, healthy and well balanced individuals.

Chinook's Edge is pleased to be partners in creating solutions that support the health and wellness of our students, staff and families. Doing so ensures our students are ready to succeed in learning and in life.

I wish everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities a healthy and happy new year!

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!

Attendance Matters

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS read well by the end of the first grade.	MIDDLE SCHOOLERS pass important courses.	HIGH SCHOOLERS stay on track for graduation.	UNIVERSITY/ COLLEGE STUDENTS earn their degrees.	WORKERS succeed in their jobs.
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Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep us from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

In Chinook's Edge, we share your priority to ensure the best learning experience each day for your child. Let's work together to help your child achieve success! Make attendance a priority in your home and help your child succeed. Read more [here](#).

Weekdays 'til 6



Weekdays 'til 6 is a practice in Chinook's Edge which means all non-emergency emails and texts will be sent prior to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays.

This is meant to honour the individual personal time of our parents, families, students and staff. Our hope is that everyone in our Chinook's Edge community enjoys a healthy work/life balance! Please read more about Weekdays 'til 6 [at this link](#), and thank you for honouring this approach. We are convinced Weekdays 'til 6 is in the best interest of the students we serve.

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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 area.
- If you will be later than 8:35am, please have your child use the front entrance, as all other doors will be locked.

After School Pick Up

- All student will be dismissed at 3:10pm. Students will exit 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:

8:35am Start of Class

10:10am-10:23am All grades go out

11:40am-12:10pm Lunch recess for Gr. 3-4

12:20pm-12:50pm Lunch recess for Gr. K-2

1:55pm-2:08pm All grades go out

3:10pm Dismissal



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



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 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.

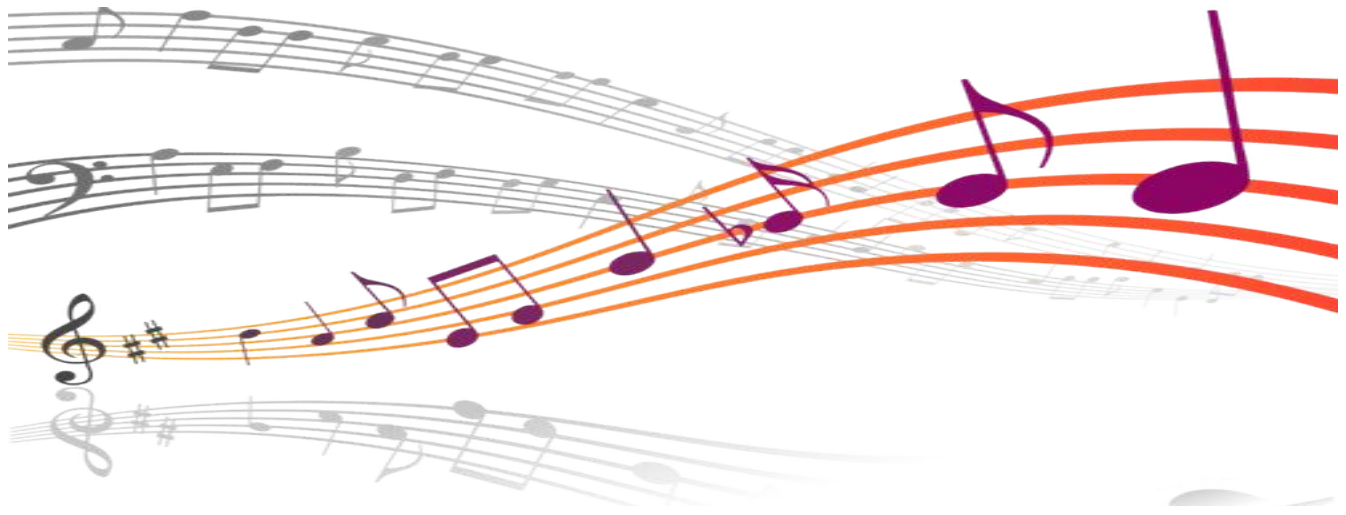
Thank You!

THANK-YOU!!!

A **HUGE** thank-you to our Parent Council and all the parents, who helped with the Little Shoppers.

It was such a fun time for all of our students to have the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their parents/guardians. We look forward to next year of keeping this tradition alive.

Parent Council was also able to help support our grade 3 field trip to the movie theatre in December. Thank-you for all the hard work you put into helping support our school with many different activities.



Ms. Munchinsky: January 2023

Although the weather in December was ridiculously cold, we were so thankful that the grade one students were still able to perform their show for the school and for many parents who were able to attend at the rescheduled performance time. The grade one classes did a wonderful job of their program: **The Littlest Christmas Tree**. We also want to say a special thank you to Andrew Kincade-Proctor who did a great job of being Santa Claus for our show.

The grade 3 classes are also working hard to prepare for their assembly on Wednesday, February 15. They will be presenting "**On With the Snow**". This musical reminds us that although snow can be nasty and cold, if we have warm hearts of love and friendship then we can endure any weather that winter might bring.

You are also welcome to join us at 2:00 pm on Friday, February 3, when the school will have **Steve Harmer** present his program called **Kindness and Gratitude: Your Superpowers**. Using several magic tricks, Steve will show us that kindness shares love, shines light and spreads joy. In addition to that, gratitude changes hearts, creates peace and celebrates what we have. This show will certainly be both entertaining and educational for children and adults alike!

School Council

Welcome to 2023!

Thank you for all of your support of our events in December. We are also so very thankful for our volunteers who have helped make all of these events such successes. We were thrilled with the success of the Little Shoppers Event and Purdy's fundraiser. All funds raised go to directly support classroom and student needs.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Larry and Tammy Nielsen of Napa Olds and Nu2U for their generous donations to our Little Shoppers Event.



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Nu2U Thrift Store



Please
Note

This week, we are accepting donations of Christmas bags and tissue for next year's Little Shoppers Store. Please drop off at the office – thank you!

FUN LUNCH:



Ordering for Fun Lunch for the New Year is now closed and we will begin this Friday!
Fun Lunch Dates are January 13th Edo; January 20th Boston Pizza; January 27th Extreme Pita.

Upcoming Events:

Craft Night: Cardmaking!

Due to a scheduling conflict, this event will be moved from in-person crafting to a "Made to Order" version instead.

For \$20 you will receive a set of four handmade greeting cards with envelopes. You can order as many sets as you'd like and pick-up will be from the school towards the end of January. \$10 from each set is being donated to Parent Council - how amazing!

Simply email chair@eoesparentcouncil.com to order!

Craft Night: Paint Night!

Please watch for further details about this event - it is tentatively scheduled for February 4, 2023.

Our next virtual meeting is Wednesday, January 11 at noon.
Please e-mail chair@eoesparentcouncil.com for the virtual link to join - we'd love to have you!

**Thank you,
Brandy Thompson
EOES Chair**





We are currently looking for School bus drivers in all areas. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver please apply online at www.cesd73.ca under Careers/ Casual Support Staff, by email at transportation@cesd73.ca or by calling our office at 403-227-7072

Chinook's Edge is one of the largest school divisions in the province, serving over 11,000 students in 43 Central Alberta schools between Calgary and Red Deer. Our schools are located in 13 small communities that sprawl east and west from the Highway 2 corridor, conveniently providing Chinook's Edge staff and families with the best of both worlds



Ready, Set, Go!
Welcome to Kindergarten


**Online Kindergarten
Registration for the
2023-2024 school year
begins on January 9!**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STAFF AT
ECOLE OLDS ELEMENTARY**



JANUARY 2023

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1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3	4	5	6	7
						
8	9 Students Return	10	11 Virtual Parent Council Meeting at 12:00pm	12	13 Pre-ordered Fun Lunch: Edo Japan	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Pre-ordered Fun Lunch: Boston Pizza	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Pre-ordered Fun Lunch: Extreme Pita	28
29	30 No School for Students Staff Organization Day	31	1(Feb)	2	3 Report Card #1	4