

HOOPERS SCHOOL BELL #6

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

February 2023

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FROM THE DESK OF:
MARGO NYGARD, Principal

When we think back to our schooling, the academics, while important, are usually not what we remember. What floods back are the feelings of school - both good and bad. It does not matter how old we are, or how long we have been out of school, our bodies do not forget the feelings associated with walking in the front door. One of the most important roles that a school system plays is that of caregiver. We want our children to feel a sense of belonging and hope - an understanding that they are safe and cared for during good and during difficult times. A student who does not feel safe, feel hope or feel cared for cannot learn.

Young children tend to be pretty positive beings. They usually come to school with a smile on their face and carry the smile home with them at the end of the day. But sometimes, just like adults, children experience unhappiness, frustration and loneliness. At school, these feelings tend to disappear following a heart-to-heart talk with an adult or a friend, some physical activity, a little fresh air, or simply a break from the daily routine. A lot of what we focus on is mindset. A fixed mindset leads us to believe that we were dealt a certain hand when we were born and that we have no perceived control in truly changing our character, intelligence, athleticism or creative abilities. For instance, a fixed mindset might believe we are either born with the ability to do things - such as math and sports - or we were born without them. We encourage students and adults to develop a growth mindset. A growth mindset thrives on challenges and sees our struggles and failures as opportunities for exploration and growth, not as a reason to stop working at something. Feeling proud of ourselves and in control of what we will become as contributing citizens in our world is empowering. Building the belief in oneself along with cultivating passions and lifelong learning will positively change our world.

When children or families look for additional support, Ms. Lynne Lafreniere, our Family School Wellness Worker is happy to help. Each day, Ms. Lafreniere helps children regain their sense of belonging and hope through a wide variety of hands-on strategies. In addition, ÉOES and CESD are proud to sponsor a unique initiative called the Youth Empowerment and Support (YES) program. This year we are fortunate to have YES mentor Shereen Williams with us at ÉOES! Under the direction of Raelynn Notley, The YES program provides ÉOES with a youth mentor who facilitates fun activities for kids while coaching children in the areas of decision-making and resiliency. We are so fortunate to have both family school wellness and YES mentors in our building.

Caring for our kids is also a community responsibility. Here at ÉOES we focus on **KINDNESS**, paying particular attention to our Hooper's code of being helpful, not hurtful and doing the right thing. Join the town of Olds for "**Random Acts of Kindness Week**" February 12-18 and help recognize, celebrate and encourage kindness throughout our school and community. Join us in support of spreading kindness in our world and helping all our children (and adults) feel safe and cared for every day.

Margo Nygard
Principal

Embracing Indigenous students and their families

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Acting in support of our commitment to our 900 Indigenous students and their families, and to embrace Indigenous Learning for all students and staff, we will be installing Treaty flags inside schools across our division as a sign of respect to Indigenous Peoples.

Recently, our Board of Trustees, Leadership Team, and School Administration Teams shared an important flag ceremony with Elders, Knowledge Keepers and special guests from Treaty 6, Treaty 7 and the Métis Nation.

It was a touching and historic moment for our school division. It fills us with tremendous pride as we continue to make authentic steps forward with respect to truth and reconciliation. It was a special day in our critically important journey.

I would like to thank our Indigenous Learning team for bringing us together with our honoured guests, and to all our administrators, staff and trustees for what they have all done to this point and for what they will continue to do.

The admin team from your child's school will provide further information on their own flag ceremony as their plans evolve, and we thank you for walking alongside us throughout this journey. In Chinook's Edge, our actions will always speak louder than our words.



Superintendent Kurt Sacher shared a warm greeting with honoured guests before addressing the audience, while students provided a spirited celebration in dance at the Indigenous Flag ceremony. Chinook's Edge is working to ensure our Indigenous students and families feel welcome, cared for and respected through our Indigenous Students Matter committee, our Indigenous Learning Team with reps in every school, and our heartfelt commitment. Please read more [here](#).

To read the latest Board eNews, please [click here](#).

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.

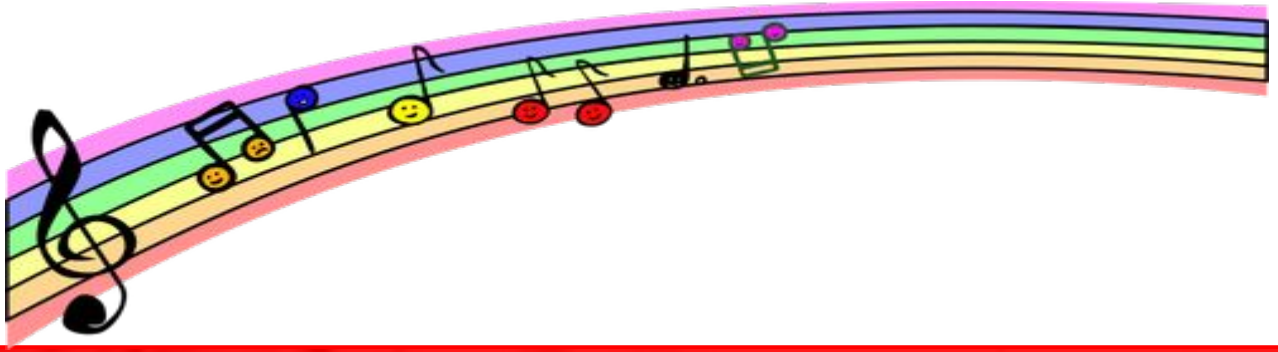
If you have any questions please call the school. Fee waivers are also found on the Chinook's Edge website, under Menu, Students and Parents, then on the left, click on the arrow beside School Fees.



Ready, Set, Go!
Welcome to Kindergarten

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





Ms. Munchinsky: February 2023

The grade 3 classes are just about ready for their performance assembly called on "**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. Please note that there will only be daytime performances (no evening show). You are welcome to come at **10:45am or 2:30pm on Wednesday, February 15** to enjoy the live performance. If you are unable to attend either of these, we will send a link to all grade 3 parents so that you can watch the video of the program.

We hope that you can also 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!



Curriculum Focus

Grade 2, 3 and 4 Students have been learning about Basketball Skills. We have been practicing how to do a basketball warm-up, dribbling techniques, and the elements of good shooting technique. We have been using the skills we learn to participate in friendly team table shooting challenges. Students will do a Basketball Shooting Challenge in class which will qualify them for the Annual Basketball Hot Shots Championships on February 16th. If your child qualifies for the Championship I will send notification in advance.

Grade 4 Floor Hockey League

The grade 4 Annual Floor Hockey Lunch League continues Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. There has been some exciting action during the games and students have displayed terrific Sportsmanship throughout! We will soon begin the Play-off Round which will eventually lead to the Championship games for the Boys and the Girls Leagues. Stay tuned for the update next month on who the Champions are.

Grade 4 Swimming Lessons

Heads Up! The grade 4 students will begin their swimming lessons at the end of February. The lessons are held at The Olds Aquatic Center. Students will be bussed and all CESD protocols must be followed for bus riding. The Red Cross Swim Program Report Cards that parents have been keeping each year need to come back to your child's teacher prior to the lessons. If you do not have the Red Cross Report Progress Card then you must complete the Olds Aquatic Form and return it to your teacher. Please contact your child's teacher or the Aquatic Center if you have any questions. Grade 3 students will do their swimming lessons starting at the end of March so there is plenty of time to dig out those swim progress reports which will be requested by the pool.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 Students have been learning about Ball Skills and how to do a Fitness Warm-up with a Video Follow-Along routine. We have been learning how to take turns while playing a fun Target Knock-Down game. We have been learning how to use a small ball to throw and catch off the wall with underhand and overhand technique. Soon we will explore Hula Hooping Skills! Great fun and challenging too! It is always awesome to see the look of JOY on a student's face when they figure out a new skill!!

Skill Stations for all students. I regularly set up the gym with Skill Stations for students to practice and play at their favorite things. The centers include floor hockey, soft ball soccer, volleyball, skipping, basketball shooting, gymnastics, climbing wall, scooters, and giant hopper balls. The Skill Stations are popular because students can focus on the choices of activities they want, they learn to play cooperatively and they learn to talk to each other meaningfully. Students usually find Station Day to be a favorite.

Parents are welcome to come watch the Basketball Shooting Championship on Thursday, February 16th.



School Council

FUN



LUNCH

The New Year has been busy with Fun Lunch resuming. We are so very thankful for our volunteers who help out to make Fun Lunch as smooth and successful as it is! If you missed ordering for this round, ordering will open again on Monday, February 6 for March/April. Order online at www.oldselementary.hotlunches.net. Ordering will close February 17.

February Fun Lunches are this Friday, February 3rd - Hot Dogs! And February 17 - Prairie Donair.

Craft Night - Paint Night!

A fun paint afternoon has been planned for this Saturday, February 4th at 1:00pm at the Olds Legion, with proceeds benefiting the Parent Council. If you missed signing up, please email chair@eoesparentcouncil.com ASAP to see if there are any extra spots. It is going to be a great afternoon of creativity!

Mom's Pantry Fundraiser!

Wow, what a great selection of items to choose from in this next fundraiser! Mom's Pantry offers over 200 items from spices, tea, and superfoods to cookie dough, frozen ready-to-bake treats and snacks! The full selection can be viewed at momspantry.ca.

Orders can be submitted online until February 28, 2023.

How to Order:

1. Go to www.momspantry.ca
2. Add items to your cart!
3. On checkout, enter the Order Number: 365576, Group Passcode: 28024 and Seller's Name: Ecole Olds Elementary School (most browsers will also let you search just by our name).
4. Complete your payment.
5. Wait for your goodies to arrive - approximately mid-March!

If you do not wish to submit your order online, a limited number of paper order forms and catalogues are available at the office.



Candy Candy Candy!

Parent Council will be selling candy bags for \$1 each on Monday, February 13 and Tuesday, February 14.
Limit of 2 bags per student or until we run out - I hope we made enough for all our candy lovers!

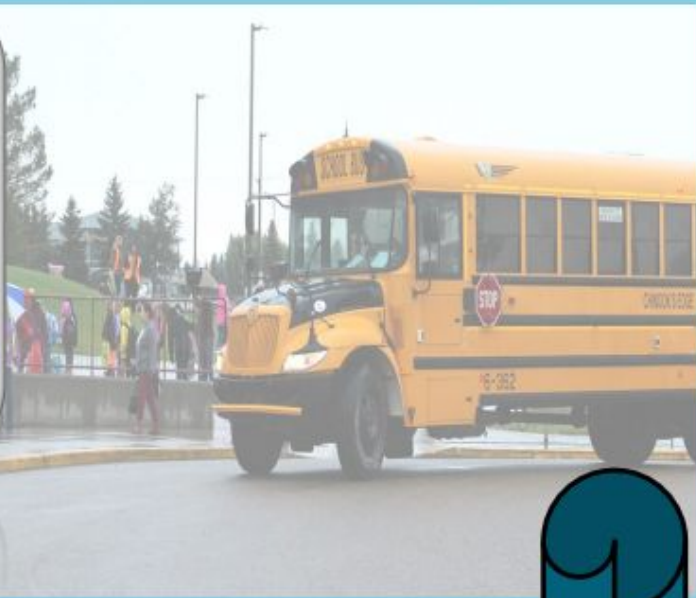


A big Thank You to the Olds McDonald's for donating 1000 ketchup packets to our Fun Lunch program! The kids sure love ketchup!

Our next virtual meeting is Wednesday, February 1 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



**Registration
opens Feb 1**

WWW.OLDSMINORSOCCER.CA

Olds Minor Soccer Registration Opens February 1!

Simply visit www.oldsminorsoccer.ca to sign up.

Registration will close April 1 with the season for U13 - U19 starting mid-April and U6 - U11 in late-April.

OMSC has planned an exciting fun-filled season that will guarantee every kid falls in love with the game!

February 2023

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			1 Parent Council Meeting 12:00	2	3 Fun Lunch: Hot Dogs School Wide Performance 2:00pm Report Card #1	4
5	6 Fun Lunch Ordering opens today for March/April Friday Lunches	7	8	9	10 No School	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day Pink Shirt Day	15 Grade 3 Performance 10:45 & 2:30	16 Basketball Shooting Championship	17 Pre-Ordered Fun Lunch: Prairie Donair Deadline to order new Fun Lunch	18
19	20 Family Day	21	22	23	24	25
WINTER BREAK						
26	27	28	1 (Mar)	2	3	4