



HOOPERS SCHOOL BELL #10

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

June 2023

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FROM THE DESK OF:
MARGO NYGARD, Principal

I waited until the last possible minute to share this month's newsletter as it is with mixed emotions that I write my final message as the principal of École Olds Elementary School. I am sad to leave this great school community, but am filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and appreciation for the incredible journey we have shared. While I know that things will continue to move forward, and that the staff, students and school community are being left in good hands, it is incredibly difficult to say goodbye, so I won't. Instead, I will say thank you and see you soon.

Over the past years, we have built a strong and vibrant school community, one that thrives on collaboration, dedication, and a shared commitment to the success and well-being of our students. Together, we have fostered an environment that embraces diversity, encourages creativity, and promotes lifelong learning. Whether it be a simple good morning at the crosswalk, a meeting to resolve a concern, or collaboration during an event such as the pandemic, there is no other community I would rather be on the journey with.

To the exceptional teachers, educational assistants and support staff members of École Olds Elementary School, I extend my heartfelt appreciation. Your unwavering dedication to our students' growth and development is truly inspiring. You have gone above and beyond to create engaging, caring and inclusive classrooms, nurturing the potential in each and every child. Your passion and tireless efforts have made a profound impact on the lives of our students. Thank you for sharing your trust, your heads and your hearts. I truly hope that someday each of you will see yourself the way my eyes and heart see you.

I would also like to acknowledge the incredible current and former students of École Olds Elementary School. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and eagerness to learn have made every day a joy. It has been a privilege to witness your growth, resilience, and accomplishments. You have continually amazed me with your talents, kindness, and the unique perspectives each of you bring to our school community. I have loved watching you grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for sharing your hugs, your smiles, and your energy. I hope you are as proud of yourselves as I am of you! I cannot wait to see what amazing things are in store for your futures - Let your greatness shine!

To the parents, guardians, and families, thank you for entrusting me with the education and well-being of your children. Your support, involvement, and partnership have been invaluable. Together, we have created a strong foundation for students' success, both academically and personally. Thank you for sharing your most loved people and allowing us to love them too. Please know that the memories created with your children will forever hold a special place in my heart. I am immensely grateful for the trust you have placed in me and for the privilege of being a small part of their educational journey.

I would also like to share my gratitude with the extended École Olds Elementary School community - local businesses, organizations, volunteers, and community leaders. Your generous contributions and unwavering support have enhanced our students' educational experiences and created countless opportunities for growth. Thank you for always having our students in mind, and for the opportunities to be part of this great community.

As I move on to a new chapter in my journey, I leave knowing that ÉOES will continue to flourish under the guidance of our exceptional staff and the support of our dedicated community. The spirit of collaboration and commitment to excellence that defines Chinook's Edge School Division and École Olds Elementary School will undoubtedly lead to even greater achievements in the future.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as the principal of École Olds Elementary School for the past six years. The memories we have created together will forever hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for the cherished moments, the laughter, and the shared successes.

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all of you for a restful and joyful summer. May it be filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments with your loved ones. I have every confidence that the upcoming school year will bring new opportunities for growth and success.

Thank you once again for being an integral part of my remarkable journey and allowing me to be a small part of yours.

See you soon ♥.

Margo Nygard, Principal



Thank You!



You will be missed Ms. Nygard, Margo, co-worker, Principal and friend. Thank you for the years of dedication and leadership you have given to Ecole Olds Elementary School. Wishing you all the very best with your new position and good luck on your new journey.

Celebrating strong satisfaction survey results

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Chinook's Edge survey results 2023

Satisfaction with support for students to be academically successful at school

- Parents - 93%
- Students - 83%
- Staff - 96%

Learning environment is welcoming, caring, respectful, & safe

- Parents - 91%
- Students - 83%
- Staff - 96%

Each student connected to at least one adult in school

- Parents - 88%
- Students - 80%
- Staff - 98%

Satisfaction with level of parent involvement in child's education

- Parents - 93%
- Students - 88%
- Staff - 86%

Opportunities to explore post-secondary education and career pathways

- Parents - 64%
- Students - 72%
- Staff - 80%

Level of student engagement at school

- Parents - 91%
- Students - 84%
- Staff - 96%

76% of parents said student attendance is not an issue. Of the 24% who listed it, 84% pointed to anxiety as a concern.

84%

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Chinook's Edge is committed to ensuring students have a good experience at school, and we are intentional about understanding what that experience is and how we can improve it. We are pleased to share that we've seen some growth in key areas, according to our latest survey results.

Chinook's Edge recently surveyed parents, staff and students in grades 4 to 12. A summary of the results are in the graphic on the left.

We are especially pleased to see that satisfaction with the level of parent involvement in their child's education was at 93% for parents. That represents more than a 10 percent increase from last year's survey.

Our schools and our staff were intentional about welcoming families into schools this year. We are grateful for that work because we know it impacts student success. Also, thank you to you as parents for responding and for engaging with your child's education.

We have also taken note of what we heard in the survey about attendance. While a majority of parents do not believe attendance is an issue, one in four parents are concerned about it. The survey results point to anxiety as the major consideration impacting student attendance. Chinook's Edge will continue to focus on what we can do to help families and, in particular, our students. We know that when students are in the classroom and ready to learn, their engagement in their learning and their long-term success increases significantly. Thank you for doing all that you can do as parents to ensure that your child attends regularly..

Thank you to parents, students and staff who participated in the survey. Your feedback is incredibly important as we strive to ensure a positive experience for students at school.

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. **This is the last month to do so. All unpaid fees will go to collections.**

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: June 2023

In May our students enjoyed three amazing performances. The **Sturgeon Composite High School Band** did a wonderful job of performing their songs and showing us their instruments. They also had a small but talented choir and an incredible drum line which was very loud but so impressive! The Kiwanis Performing Arts Society brought Duffle Bag Theatre to us and they performed **Peter Pan**. Three of our students and one staff member also showed us their fabulous acting skills as they were called up on stage to become a part of the show. This program was very fun to watch and we hope to have this group return to our school in the future. Finally, our own grade 4 students also dazzled us with their presentation of "**Why We Sing**". They did a fantastic job of their singing and instrument playing to show us what excellent musicians they have become.

Some of you may already know that there will be some changes in the music room. Next year I will be taking a leave of absence and Mrs. Koch will be the music teacher at Olds Elementary. Mrs. Koch is very excited to be coming into this position and we know that she will do a terrific job of continuing the fine music program at our school.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer!



School Council

We are just one week away from the tally of our Quarter Mile Challenge! Funds raised through this fundraiser will go towards playground upgrades. Please bring in your quarters by June 8!

SPORTS DAY is Thursday, June 8!

Parent Council is running the infamous Face Painting Station this year and we will need parent volunteers! The more volunteers, the quicker the line up will go and then the kids can get to more stations! We have stencils and easy directions so anyone can be a face painter!!

Please contact us to sign up. It is such a fun day for the kids and they'll love seeing you there!



FUN LUNCH

Thank you to our fun lunch volunteers in May!

We are looking forward to all of our Hot Lunches coming up in June:

Chubb's Eats	June 2nd
Beef Burritos	June 9th
Dairy Queen - Burgers	June 16th
Boston Pizza - Pizza or Pasta	June 23rd



We are already looking towards and planning exciting events for the next school year. We are currently looking for a Treasurer to help on the board and we are always welcoming general board members. Please contact

chair@eoesparentcouncil.com for more information or to get involved!

The last Parent Council / Fundraising Society Meeting for this school year is being held virtually on Wednesday, June 7 at noon. Please email chair@eoesparentcouncil.com for the link to join!

We would like to thank each and every volunteer who helped with our fundraisers and events this school year. We couldn't have done it without you.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we will see you in September!

Brandy Thompson, Chair

April Mattson, Co-Chair



Ecole Olds Elementary School

QUARTER MILE CHALLENGE

OUR GOAL: To collect enough quarters to stretch the length of a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile by June 8, 2023 to fund playground upgrades!



Quarters can be sent with your child, given to their teacher or dropped off directly into the Drop Box at the office! As quarters are brought in and counted, join us in following Hooper on his journey around the track on the tally board at the main entrance!

EVERY QUARTER COUNTS!



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

May is for Mountainview Lacrosse!
It's our annual battery core fundraiser
helping kids 16-21 play lacrosse!
We will be collecting cores for them for the
whole month of May. If you need some
picked up, give us a call!



Mountainview Elite Lacrosse





Spring/Summer 2023

**'Friday off', 'After School' and
Homeschooling programs'**
Bowden + Olds, Alberta.
'Horse Inspired'

Self-Discovery'

Equine Facilitated Wellness presents, "**Leadership through horses**" sessions...

-Locations- 10 min. north of Olds or at the Bowden Anchor B Arena-



'We are also eligible for child/youth funding through the Jumpstart Program'

"EARN 17 High School credits through the Olds College, Green Certificate available!"

Looking to improve your communication skills and find your voice, increase social connections, confidence and self-awareness by partnering with horses?

Curious about enhancing personal insights, managing stress, setting S.M.A.R.T. Goals?

Seeking positive changes in your daily habits and are drawn to nature and animals?

Consider... **'Horse Inspired Self-Discovery'** for **2 hours, once a week/month or a 2-3 day Workshop, Retreat or Camp!**

I am deeply passionate about developing opportunities for youth and adults to experience self-discovery, 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!

***Spring Workshop/ Retreat/Camps-** 3 half or full day programs from April- August 2023.

***EFW sessions run:** M-F 9:00-12:00 and 1- 4:30. Saturday/Sunday 11:00- 5:00 pm.

***Spring 2023-** Individual sessions (2-3 hours) or small groups of 4 available.

***New Friday off, Home School, After School program sessions-** M-F 9-12, 1-4 + 3:30- 5:30



A great 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!

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 and personal 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 at Horizon Equine- EFW, **403-556-5504**
RR#3, Site 12, Box 26, Olds, Alberta

Check out our website at: (www.horzonequineefw.com/ OR info@horzonequineefw.com)
GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE



Getting Ready for Grade One Are Your Child's Immunizations Up to Date?

If your child is in kindergarten and has not received their preschool immunization after the age of four, they are due now.


Immunizations provided for the preschool booster consists of the fifth dose of Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, and a second dose of Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.

Additional information on immunization can be found at
[AHS Immunization | Immunization \(immunizealberta.ca\)](https://immunizealberta.ca)


If you have questions or would like to make an appointment, call Olds Campus Community Health Centre at 403-559-2150.

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HAPPY
summer



Thank you to all staff, students and parents for a wonderful school year. We want to wish all of you a beautiful summer with lots of fun, rest and time with family and friends. See you in September 2023.



IMPORTANT

Chinook's Edge Staff are planning ahead for the upcoming year:

In Mid August Chinook's Edge will be sending home your Annual Demographic Update which will be called "Annual Re Enrollment and Consents" for the 2023-2024 year. The form will need to be completed and submitted prior to the start of the school year.

The form will ensure your registration and certain consents for the upcoming school year

We have combined forms together into one to make the start of the school year a little easier for you.

The form contains a Walking field trip, Technology, Media and FOIP consents that has to be completed every year before your child can participate in these activities,





We are wanting parents and guardians to ensure that they can sign into their PowerSchool parent portal account before the end of the year. If you are having troubles with your username or password, please contact your school before the end of May to get help.

This is for all Kindergarten to grade 12 students

If you have verified that you can signed in, please disregard this message

[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

June 2023

SUNDAY/ DIMANCHE	MONDAY/ LUNDI	TUESDAY/ MARDI	WEDNESDAY / MERCREDI	THURSDAY/ JEUDI	FRIDAY/ VENDRED	SATURDAY/ SAMEDI
				1	2 Pre-Ordered Chubb's Eats	3
4	5	6	7 Parent Council Virtual Meeting 12:00pm	8 Sports Day Cotton Candy \$2.00	9 Pre-ordered Beef Burritos	10 
11	12	13	14 Grade 4-5 Transition Meeting for Parents at Deer Meadow School: 6:00pm	15	16 Pre-Ordered DQ Burgers	17
18 	19	20	21	22	23 Pre-Ordered Boston Pizza	24
25	26	27 Students Last Day: 12:00pm Dismissal	28	29 	30	Sept 5 Student's First Day of School