



HOOPERS SCHOOL BELL #7

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

March 2024

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March Principal's Message:

Setting Goals, Sharing Learning, Working Together

It is hard to believe that we are nearing two thirds of our way through the school year. March marks the time when we share student progress, growth and achievements. This process is complex, detailed and looks a little different in each classroom; however, there are some common practices that we all share:

- **Assessment FOR Learning:** Teachers spend the majority of their time engaging students in this process. *Assessment for Learning* is the ongoing practice of:
 - Helping children understand what it is they are going to be learning. Teachers take the Alberta Education Outcomes and put them into language that we can all understand.
 - Ex: Understand stories read (gr.1)
 - Ex: Solve math problems using a variety of strategies (gr. 4)
 - Coaching students in their learning:
 - Helping students set goals
 - Giving feedback to your child
 - Allowing your child to learn from his/her mistakes
 - Creating opportunities to practice and improve
 - Talking to your child about the next steps in learning
 - Adapting teaching to meet the learning needs of students
 - Revising student goals as they move forward in their learning
- **Assessment OF Learning:** When teachers pause in the learning process to share your child's progress, this is called *Assessment of Learning*. Teachers use the following to identify where your child is performing:
 - Products: These are the samples of student work and assessments that show you what your child is working on and what they have learned;
 - Observations: Teachers observe your child each day in all of the different tasks and activities they are involved in; and
 - Conversations: Teachers listen and ask guiding questions to help your child share what they know and are able to do.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** This is the time when we invite you in to formally share the work your child has been involved in and your child's progress. Teachers provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback with both your child and your child's teacher.

We would like to thank all of you for your support and look forward to seeing you at our Parent/Teacher Conferences later this month.

Alanna Sampson, Principal

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

8:42am O'Canada

10:10am-10:23am Recess for all grades

11:55am-12:25pm Lunch for all grades

12:25pm-12:50pm Recess for all grades

1:55pm-2:08pm Recess for all grades

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.

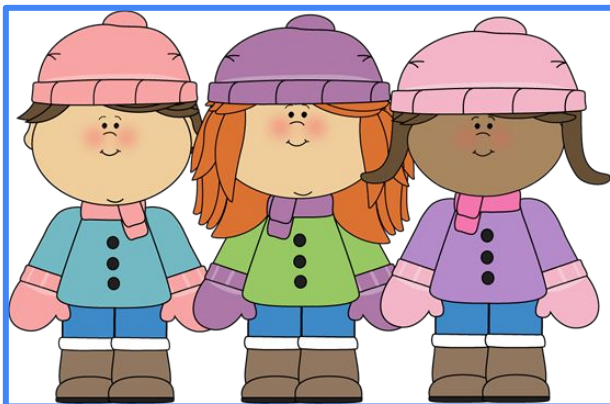
Signing up only takes a moment. Here is how it works:

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. 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 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.



Winter is still here. Please, please, please dress your student appropriately: snow pants, winter coat, toque, mitts, scarf and boots.
Thank you!

Physical Education - Update March 2024

Mr. Kish

The Month of March will be a busy month as we wind down from Winter and look to the Spring.

Swimming - Olds Aquatic Center



All students grades 1-4 take swimming lessons as part of their Physical Education Curriculum. At Olds Elementary we believe swimming is a Life Skill and a necessary skill for Safety. Students are bussed from OES to The Olds Aquatic Center every Tuesday and Thursday during their scheduled times. Parents are welcome to watch! Please follow Olds Aquatic Guidelines for spectating. Teachers will be requesting any prior Swim Lesson Information you may have kept for the Pool Instructors to use when they set up groupings for instruction. Students will receive 6 lessons. The following timelines for swimming are;

Grade 4 - February 27 to March 14

Grade 3 - March 19 to April 4

Grade 2 - April 23 to May 9

Grade 1 - May 14 to May 30



Curriculum Focus

In March students will explore Ball Skills and Fitness.

For Basketball - It is really important that children learn how to play with a ball as the skills transfer to many other activities in life. We work hard to learn the elements of ball control through dribbling drills both stationary and by moving with it under control with good technique. The elements of shooting properly using a technique that is appropriate for each ability level is explored and practiced. We end our basketball training with class shooting championships.

Grade 4 Floor Hockey - Play-Offs are Coming!



In March we will complete our Play-Off Rounds for the Boys and Girls Divisions of our Floor Hockey League. All Teams have battled hard this winter in their League games and I have seen tremendous growth in skills and play! Players have all shown good Sportsmanship for which I am equally proud!

The Champions of each Division get to play the Staff in a Floor Hockey Exhibition in front of the school and parents. I will send notice home when these big events get closer!



Something Special

On February 28 the Olds RCMP and Olds Fire Department came to Olds Elementary to play a Fun Floor Hockey Game against some grade 4 students and a crowd of about 150 supporters. The gym was packed to capacity and the excitement of the event was contagious! The game was full of spectacular plays as the two teams battled back and forth! Neither team was able to stretch out a lead as the score seesawed back and forth. The game ended in a tie which forced; "Sudden Death Overtime" or "Next Goal Wins" !!! After a furious start and some amazing breakaway saves by both goalies there was a scramble of players in front of the Visitors goal and with great effort the Kids were able to score The Golden Goal and win the game 5-4. The RCMP and OLDS FIRE DEPARTMENT were such great sports! There was a halftime break where the members were able to meet the kids in the crowd and make lots of kids smile. We want to send a special Thank You to Mitch Price RCMP who organized this fun game. Besides his normal duties as an RCMP Officer. Mitch works tirelessly in our community doing great work with kids and community organizations!



From the Music Room for March: Mrs. Koch

In February the music room was full of great fun and frivolity. We sang songs about friendship, kindness and reminded each other that the more we get together, the happier we'll be.

For any families who are curious about the bits and pieces of songs being sung by kids at home, feel free to access the website <https://musicplayonline.com/> login as a student and enter the code: a005729.

There are hundreds of songs and dozens of games to explore.

In March we'll be learning new rhythms, songs and games. We'll be playing instruments and experiencing all the ways that music enriches our lives and strengthens our minds.

The Kiwanis Music Festival is held during the month of March and I encourage you to take in the Grand Concert on Tuesday April 2 at the Fine Arts Building at 7:00 pm or the Kiwanis Benefit Concert on Thursday April 4 at the Fine Arts Building at 7:00 pm. Students from all over our area will be performing and sharing their musical talents and hard work. These shows are always magnificent and I encourage you to go if you are able.

Annual Sugar Shack Winter Festival March 24th from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

The Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is excited to announce the second annual Sugar Shack Winter Festival scheduled for Sunday March 24th from 1-3 pm at Centennial Park in Olds. Maple Taffy on snow will take center stage along with French Canadian family activities, dance, music and crafts. All are welcome!



School Council

It's March and Spring is right around the corner!

The year has moved along quickly and we are so happy with all the Parent Council events we've been able to put on so far, but there is still more to come!

Our next Event:



Silent Service Auction - March 25 - 28, 2024

The EOES Parent Council is planning a Silent Service Auction during parent-teacher interviews this month. We kindly ask for your help in making it a success. We're seeking donations of services or gift certificates for our auction. Whether it's a music lesson, a spa day, or a meal at a local restaurant, every contribution makes a difference. If you own a business, know a friend who runs a business who would donate, or have a gift certificate you won't be using - any option would be great!

Please have all donations emailed to chair@eoesparentcouncil.com or dropped off to the office by Thursday, March 21st at 3pm.

The auction will happen through an online site with Chromebooks available on-site during interview week for bidding convenience. Your generosity will directly benefit our school and its programs. Please consider donating a service, bidding on an item during the event, or spreading the word about our auction. Thank you for your support!



FUN LUNCH

The ordering period for April Fun Lunch opens Monday, March 11 and closes Monday, March 25. Order online @ <https://oldselementary.hotlunches.net/>. Please pay attention to the Fridays your kindergarten student is and is NOT at school as no refunds can be offered.

March Fun Lunch dates are:

March 1 - Panago

March 15 - Beef Burritos

March 22 - A&J Family Restaurant - Chinese Food

Do you have a suggestion for an event, fundraiser or fun lunch vendor? Attend a meeting and let us know! Our next meetings are:

Parent Council - Wednesday, March 6, at 12:00pm virtually
Fundraising Society - Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00pm virtually

Please email chair@eoesparencouncil.com if you'd like the link to join. Everyone is welcome to attend both meetings. Just to listen in or help plan an event or fundraiser!

Special Upcoming Meeting for Elections of Board Members

Positions at all levels will be open to nominations - Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7:00pm, virtually and in person at EOES library



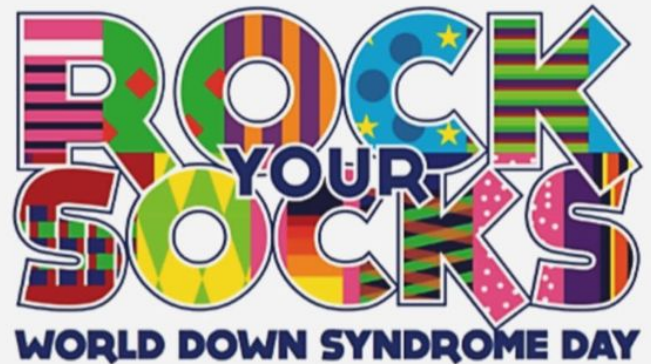
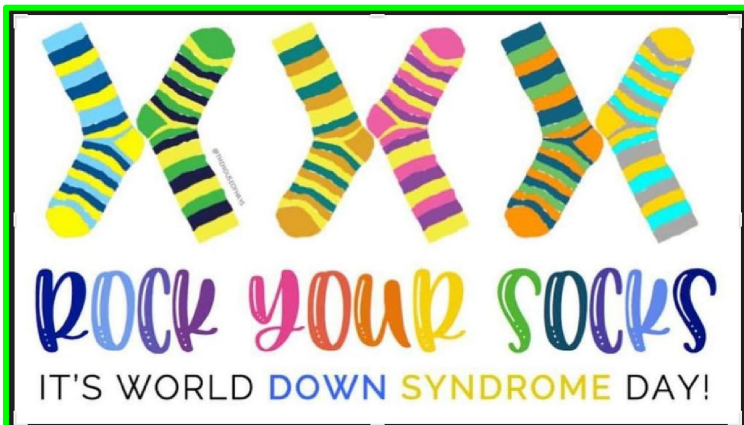
Thank you,
Brandy Thompson
EOES Chair

March 21st

Help raise awareness for Down Syndrome by ordering bright colorful socks. Just click the following link to order:

<https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks-campaign>

Or choose the brightest and craziest socks you have and mismatch them up.



3.21 IS WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY!

World Down Syndrome Day is an annual, global awareness day advocating for the rights, inclusion and well-being of people who have Down syndrome. Why 3/21? Because people who have Down syndrome have 3 copies of the 21st chromosome!

WAYS TO CELEBRATE

>>>> **ROCK YOUR SOCKS! WEAR YOUR MOST COLORFUL OR MISMATCHED SOCKS!**

>>>> **WEAR BLUE AND YELLOW - THESE ARE THE COLORS USED TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR DOWN SYNDROME!**

>>>> **REMEMBER, WE ARE MORE ALIKE THAN DIFFERENT! PEOPLE WHO HAVE DOWN SYNDROME CAN AND WILL DO ALL THE SAME THINGS YOU DO, IT MAY JUST TAKE A LITTLE MORE TIME.**

>>>> **BE KIND. BE INCLUSIVE.**

Parents & Guardians,
THANK YOU!

We would like to give a HUGE shout out to our Parents and Guardians of EOES students. Your support is so greatly appreciated...snacks for students; extra clothing for students; treats for our staff members; donations for various projects; helping out in classrooms and just the kind words and smiles that we receive every day. You help make our school a great place to be.





Are you looking for a part time job that doesn't involve weekends or summers?
Would you like to have a positive influence on our school aged youth?

We're looking for dedicated individuals to join our team as School Bus Drivers!

What You'll Do:

- Safely transport students to and from school
- Follow designated routes and schedules while adhering to all traffic laws and safety regulations.
- Conduct pre-trip and post-trip inspections to ensure the bus is in optimal condition.
- Provide exceptional customer service to students, parents, and school staff.

What We're Looking For:

- Valid Driver's License (minimum Class 5 - non GDL)
- Strong communication skills and ability to interact professionally with peers, students and staff.
- Commitment to safety and reliability.

Why Join Us:

- Competitive pay and benefits package.
- Comprehensive paid training and ongoing support.
- Flexible schedules to accommodate your lifestyle.
- Be part of a supportive team dedicated to the safety and well-being of our community's children.

APPLY TODAY:

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Careers/Support
Staff/Spare Bus
Drivers

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					1 Pre-Paid Hot Lunch: Panago	2
3	4	5	6 Parent Council: 12:00 Virtually Fundraising Society: 7:00pm Virtually	7	8 No School	9
10 	11	12	13	14	15 Pre-Paid Hot Lunch: Beef Burrito	16
17  St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20	21 World Down Syndrome Day: Rock Your Socks and wear mismatched socks	22 Pre-Paid Hot Lunch: A&J Chinese Put Winter to Bed: Wear your PJ's	23
24 Sugar Shack 1:00 - 3:00 31	25	26	27 Kindergarten Interviews: No School for Kinder Students	28	29 Good Friday	30
Gr 1 to Gr 4 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Book on-line when the link gets emailed to you)						