

HOOPERS SCHOOL BELL #8

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

April 2024

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April Principal's Message:

As a school, we feel very fortunate to have such incredible support from our community. We see this each and every day with the number of people who volunteer to come in and spend time in our school. Our parents, grandparents and community members make such a difference in the lives of our students and the culture of our school. We would like to thank...

- all of the individuals who come into our classrooms and volunteer their precious time. Our children benefit from the opportunity to work with our volunteers and make connections outside the walls of the school.
- our school council volunteers for their time to organize and assist with many different areas: fundraising, field trips, school events, fun lunches, lost and found, school celebrations and their all around support and promotion of EOES as a vital part of our Olds community.
- all of the volunteers who help with various activities: Art, skating, Scholastic Book Fair, Christmas celebrations, and year end activities
- there are many community groups who support our school such as: Canadian Parents for French, Olds Grizzlys, Olds College Broncos, RCMP, Kiwanis, community recreational clubs and organizations, IODE, and Royal Canadian Legion.

We feel very fortunate to live in a community that gives itself so willingly and unselfishly to better the experiences of our children. Hooper and our EOES family would like to thank you for all you do. We couldn't do it without you!

Alanna Sampson, Principal



WE WANT

YOUR

FEEDBACK



Survey deadline: April 10, 2024

Watch your newsletter for the survey link

We would truly appreciate it if you could take some time to complete this survey about our school. Your input is valued! The survey will be open until

April 10th, 2024.

[Parent Survey](#)



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY - Tuesday, April 2nd



Help support Autism Awareness by wearing **BLUE**

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!



Spring is coming. Please send waterproof coats and rubber boots to school. The snow is melting and the playground is going to be very muddy and wet. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EXTRA SET OF CLOTHING IN EACH STUDENT'S BACKPACK. 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.

Physical Education Update From Mr. Kish - April 2024

The Month of April will be a busy month as we transition from Winter and move into Spring....

Parent Council Supports our Gym Program !!! - It's NEW! "9 Square In The Air"

OES has been blessed to have a very proactive Parent Council and our students will once again benefit from The PC with a NEW piece of equipment for the gym. There is an exciting game called "9 Square in The Air" that teaches volleyball skills for all ages. I learned about this game and played it last fall and am so excited our OES students are going to experience it! The game can be adjusted depending on age and skill level. It is a Cooperative Game for kids to learn volleyball skills and have fun doing it! I am looking forward to introducing the game this month to the students and showcasing it to parents before the end of year on Sports Day.

Once again, thank you to all Parent Council Members for your tireless support of our school programming!

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 Grade 4's have completed their lessons. The following timelines for grades 1,2,3 swimming are;

Grade 3 - March 19 to April 4

Grade 2 - April 23 to May 9

Grade 1 - May 14 to May 30



Basketball Skills and Shooting Competition

As part of our Phys Ed Curriculum for Ball Skills students in grades 2, 3, and 4 will participate in a Class Free Throw Shooting Competition. Grade 1 students do a Team Shooting Challenge in preparation for next year. I believe that competition is good for students, it builds resilience, grit, coping skills, and is a necessary part of growing up. The Basketball Shooting Competition has been a tradition for over 20 years fostering competitive spirit and good sportsmanship.

Curriculum - what's coming up

In April students will perfect their Skipping Skills with the Short Rope and learn how to do Team Long Rope Skipping. We will also explore Hula Hooping Skills and then we will pursue Lacrosse Skills. (Please note that OES does not allow Lacrosse Sticks on the Playground at this time). The month of May will have us outside again followed by the kids favorite Mission Impossible Challenge Course, Sports Day, and then Gymnastics and Soccer will round out the year. It goes fast!

Lunchtime Basketball and Activities (grade 3 and 4)



I have invited grade 3 and 4 students to the gym at lunch time for the next 4 weeks to enjoy some activities, make friends, and hang out since Spring just doesn't seem to want to arrive! The activities available include basketball, climbing, skipping, and hula hoops (in no particular order). Each grade group will get 2 weeks of drop in on a rotation. This week the grade 3's really seemed to enjoy their time together, next week the grade 4's will discover the fun of having the whole gym to hang with friends and socialize. Gym time is a good way to help kids learn social skills and make friends.

Grade 4 Floor Hockey - The Champions have been Crowned.



All grade 4 Floor Hockey Teams have battled hard this winter in their League games and the Top Teams made it to a Play-Off Round. The action was exciting and the competition was fierce. Players showed good Sportsmanship and battled hard each game. The goaltending was exceptional this year and it made for some exciting finishes. The Girls Championship Game was played on March 20th between The Aqua-Knights and The Grizz Girls. The battle was intense and the game swayed back and forth with great effort displayed by both teams. The game was deadlocked at 1-1 with goals by Louisa Wells for the Aqua Knights and Willow James for The Grizz Girls. Both goalies were making unbelievable saves making it difficult to score. Sensing that a Championship was at stake and that time was running out, The Aqua Knights powered up and began to put more pressure on the Grizz Girls which led to the breakout goal by Rae Ogilvie and a goal from Power Forward Ava Mcknight. As time was winding down the deal was sealed with another goal by Rae and the game ended 4-1 for The Aqua Knights. Both goalies were Stars of the Game; Violet Jones for The Aqua Knights and Mila Gustafson for The Grizz Girls.

The Boys Championship Game was played on March 21st between The Black Knights and The Bananas. The Bananas won the League Round and came into the game as the team to beat. The Black Knights were up to the challenge and put pressure on the Bananas in the early minutes of the game but were unable to get a shot past the star goalie and MVP Lowen Ross. The Bananas struck soon after with goals by their star snipers and future OES Floor Hockey Hall Of Famers Jace Haaland and Talan Koksol which seemed to rattle the Black Knights confidence. The Bananas got stronger as the game went on and using their hockey experience were able to overpower The Black Knights and win the game by a landslide 14 -1.

The Aqua Knights and The Bananas earned the right to play the Teachers and Staff in a Floor Hockey Exhibition in front of the school A tradition that is anticipated year after year! We have scheduled the Teacher Versus Students games for the morning of April 5th, and welcome parents and friends to watch.

Proper Gym Footwear - the struggle is real...

Please ensure your child can participate in our Gym Activities by following a few basic rules about the Footwear you provide;

1. Fancy Boots (especially with high heels) are not appropriate
2. Slippers and crocs are not for the Gym
3. Shoes should be proper size and STAY on the FEET
4. If your child cannot tie laces then please use velcro shoes or teach your child to tie laces
5. If your child smashes the heels down on their shoes they become a slip and fall hazard



Would parents please consider checking in with your child about their shoes and if necessary having your child bring home their Indoor Shoes for an inspection over the Easter Break. You might be surprised how they are "wearing or not wearing their shoes"...?



From the Music Room for April: Mrs. Koch

Happy Easter everyone! This past month we have been practicing hunting for eggs and singing silly (but sensational) songs. And I hope you have been, too.

I do hope you were able to take in some of the Kiwanis Music Festival. I also hope you will consider attending the Grand Concert on Tuesday, April 2 2024 at the Trans Canada Theatre which will feature some of our own students, and both the Deer Meadow and the Olds High School bands. It's a wonderful night to showcase some of the incredible talent our town and area have to offer.

This April the kindergarten, grade ones and twos will continue to build skills and develop musical literacy as we learn some new spring songs. While the grade threes and fours look far into the future as they prepare their spring concert "When I Grow Up". This show promises to be a toe-tapping good time with a lot of knee-slapping jokes.

Families of students in grade three and four, please take special note of when your child's class will be performing. Students are all expected to be there for their special night as they each have an important role.

On Tuesday May 7 at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm these classes will be performing:

Mrs. Windsor

Mrs. Vey

Mrs. Latimer and Mrs. Kohut

Mr. Proctor



On Wednesday May 8 at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm these classes will be performing:

Mr. Turnbull

Mrs. Martens

Mr. Wuschke

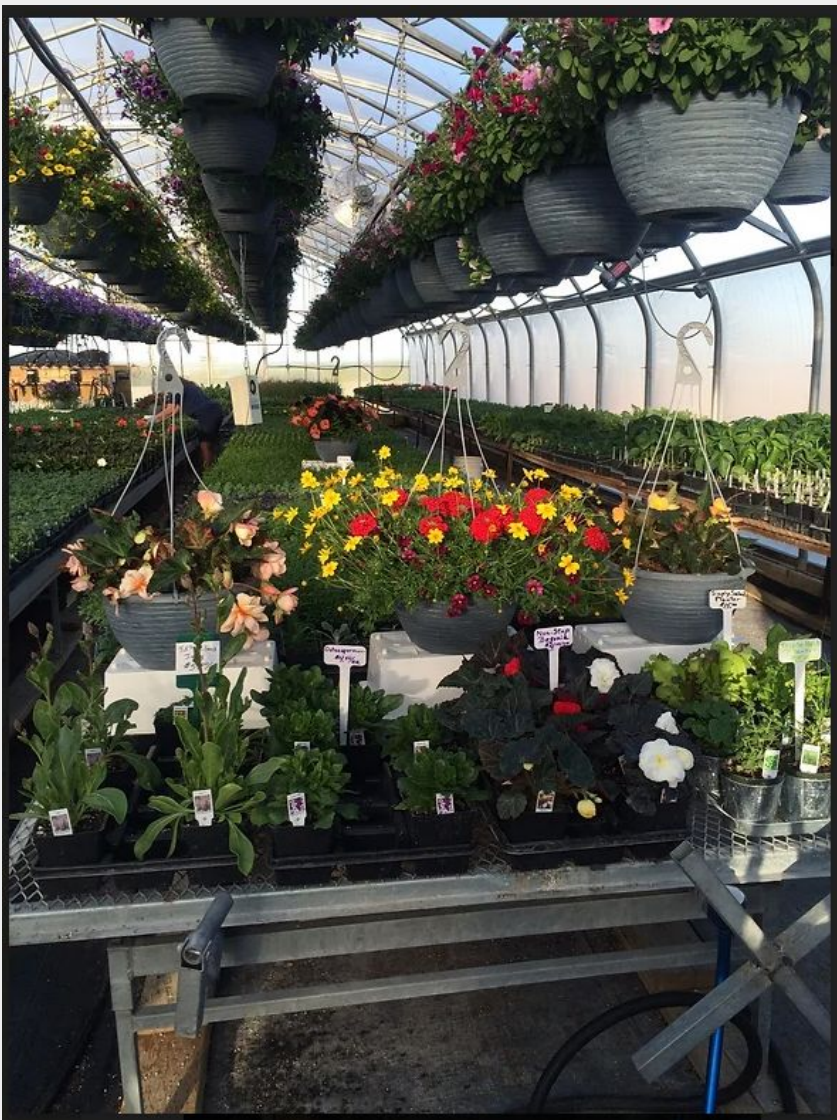
Mme. Adams & Mme. Tulloch's grade threes



Thank you so much for supporting our music program!!

Mrs. Amanda Koch

School Council



Upcoming Fundraiser:

Lohr-A-Lee Greenhouse Fundraiser!

This Local Greenhouse offers a variety of hanging baskets including strawberries and flowers. Brighten up your yard, porch, deck or order as a Mother's Day gift!

Please watch your email for the online ordering link.

Thank You,
Brandy Thompson
EOES Chair



FUN LUNCH

The ordering period for MAY Fun Lunch opens Monday, April 8 and closes Thursday, April 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.

April Fun Lunch dates are:

April 5 - Prairie Donair

April 12 - Subway

April 26 - Hot Dogs



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, April 3, 2024 at 12:00pm virtually

Special Meeting for Elections of Board Members - Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7:00pm, virtually and in person at EOES library

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

The regular Fundraising Society meeting will follow the elections.

Please email chair@eoesparencouncil.com if you'd like the link to join or have a nomination!

Everyone is welcome to attend both meetings. Just to listen in or help plan an event or fundraiser!

SALE ALERT!

During Lunch on April 11, 2024 Parent Council will be selling CHAPSTICK for \$2. We will be offering fun fruity flavours for the kids to choose from!



LEARN TO PLAY FOOTBALL!

COME JOIN MS.W FROM THE YES
PROGRAM, THE OHS SPARTANS & THE
OAFB BANTAM BULLDOGS FOR 3 DAYS OF
FUN & FOOTBALL!!

MORE INFO?: KWEISBRODT@CESD73.CA

REGISTER HERE:



NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN AND MAKE SOME
NEW FRIENDS!!

APRIL 16-18
DEER MEADOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

GR.3-5- 9-10:45AM

LUNCH: 10:45-11:45AM

GR.6-8- 11:45-1:00PM



HI THERE!

The YES program, in partnership with the OHS Spartans and the Olds Amateur Football Association, are running a fun, introductory, "Let's Learn Football" spring break camp for CESD students in Grades 3-8.

This is a FREE camp, and due to insurance purposes, is only open to students registered in CESD.



HORSE ADVENTURE SUMMER DAY CAMP July & August

JKL Trail Rides - Diamond J

Bus will pick up the kids at 8:45am at the Olds Tim Hortons 5508 46th St, and return daily at 4:30pm.

Monday to Friday
Kids from 8-16
maximum 12 kids per camp

This fun filled 5 day camp that will be an all day adventure. Activities includes horseback riding, rafting, gold panning, hikes to nearby waterfalls, wide games and more... create lasting memories and friendships.

With francophone instructors.
Book online at :

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☎ 403 846 6943

✉ jkl.trailrides@gmail.com



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.

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April 2024



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	1 Easter Monday 	2 World Autism Awareness Day WEAR BLUE	3 Parent Council: 12:00 Virtually Meeting for Election of New Brd Members: 7:00pm In Person or Virtually	4	5 Pre-Paid Hot Lunch: Prairie Donair	6
7	8 Online Ordering for Fun Lunch Opens	9	10	11 Chapstick Sales during lunch \$2.00 	12 Jersey Day Pre-Paid Hot Lunch: Subway	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
SPRING BREAK						
21 	22	23	24	25 Online Ordering for Fun Lunch Closes	26 Pre-Paid Hot Lunch: Hot dogs Under The Sea Family Dance	27
28	29	30	May 1 Welcome to Kindergarten 6:00pm-7:00pm	2	3 No School	4