

HOOPERS SCHOOL BELL #9

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

May 2024

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May's Principal's Message:

Student Safety and Security at ÉOES

As parents and teachers, nothing is more important to us than the safety and security of our children. Each school day, we have the honor of supervising more than 550 students entering École Olds Elementary School for a day of learning activities. Accompanying these students are teachers, support staff, and parent volunteers who work together to make our school a safe and caring place for children to learn. The safety of all children attending our school is of the utmost importance. Here are a few of the steps that we take at ÉOES to address this:

- **Supervision:** Outside supervision begins at 8:25am including the cross-walk and bus area (before and after school). Recesses and noon hours are also supervised.
- **Parking Lot:** Each day before and after school, we close the gates to the parking lot in front of the school. We ask drivers who have vehicles in this lot to wait until the gates are opened by school staff before driving your vehicle. We do this because of the large number of students and little brothers/sisters that sometimes end up in this space.
- **Security Plan:** Our school security plan informs all staff of the procedures to be followed for fire drills, lockdowns, tornado safety, first aid treatment and emergency evacuations. We practice these drills and evacuations at various times throughout each year.
- **Curriculum Content:** The concept of safety is integrated into the curriculum. For example, in Physical Education classes, students are coached on how to play safely. In the health curriculum, safety is a topic at all grade levels.
- **Special Programs:** Every opportunity is taken to provide students with safety education. Safety programs are offered in cooperation with the Olds Fire Department, the RCMP, and the Chinook's Edge Transportation Department. As well, all of our students have the opportunity to learn to swim through our Physical Education program.

We also appreciate the additional layer of safety and security that comes in the form of the hundred or so parents who visit our school each morning and afternoon to pick up and drop off their children. When it comes to safety, there is no doubt that we benefit from raising our children in a close-knit rural community like Olds.

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!



*****School Fees are now passed due. Please make payment on our student quick pay link or phone the office to make arrangements for payment.**

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.



Weather changes: Please send waterproof coats and rubber boots to school. There will be rainy days 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!

Physical Education Update - May 2024



Curriculum Focus - Lacrosse, Skipping, Running

All Students have been working hard learning Lacrosse Skills in gym classes. We challenged ourselves to achieve some basic Skills by practicing hard and focussing on technique. Skills included; how to identify the parts of a Lacrosse stick, how to hold a Lacrosse stick and run with it, how to toss and catch a tennis ball, how to scoop up a ball, and basic trapping styles. Students also learned how to shoot the tennis ball at the wall, nets, and small targets and trap it on the rebound. We learned how to use the lacrosse stick to complete a Team Challenge Relay Race.

We were fortunate to have Lacrosse Coaching help from Devin Gardner (grade 11 OHS), a former Olds Elementary student who took up Lacrosse in grade 3 after doing it in gym class! Devin has gone on to play Competitive Lacrosse in Mountain View County at a high level and recently travelled to California for a Field lacrosse Tournament representing Team Alberta. The Alberta Team placed 3rd out of 100 Teams! Proving that a small town athlete can achieve dreams and succeed with dedication and hard work...you just have to get started somewhere! Way to Go Devin!



Basketball Shooting Class Championships

In March and April we held our annual basketball free throw shooting competitions. This year's format was Class Champions - Top 3. All students had the opportunity to shoot 10 basketball free throw shots to see if they had that magic touch to get the most in.

Grade 4

Carter H, Ava Mc, Mason K, Isabella W, Parker W, Rae O, Olivia M, Abby B, Lyla T, Hudson Mc, Robert S, Sawyer Mc, Jace H, Slade R, Toby W, Kenzie H, Louisa W, Kayleigh P, Mia Mc, Iva O, Grayson

Grade 3

Cole M, Owen S, Samson K, Leo T, Andy S, Oscar K, Danica P, Rylan L, Jude T, Gio N, Eli N, Malaya J, Neenah N, Remington K, Harper D, Iver M

Grade 2

Micalah J, Avaya V, Dawson H, Ella P, Joseph D, Vaylan G, Luas B, Hunter W, Vandyn M, Leah M, Ben B, Rylie D, Blake G, Lincoln T



Swimming

Grade 2 classes will be completing their swimming lessons at the Pool. Grade 1's will begin Mid May. Swimming is a LIFE SKILL and I encourage all parents to make sure your kids learn how to swim. We are fortunate to have access to an excellent Program through the Olds Aquatic Center (which also offers swim lessons during evenings and weekends).



School Skipping and Hula Hoop Challenge

This month students will try their best to achieve Levels of Excellence in Skipping and Hula Hooping. There are 4 Levels of Excellence; Bronze, Silver, Gold, and the Champions Level. If a student can achieve a Level they will be put on that list with other students to celebrate their Achievement. Grade 1 and 2 Levels are modified. Grade 3 and 4 are more challenging. Good Luck Competitors! We will be competing for our Levels during the week of May 6 - 10.

We are Thankful to our Parent Council for providing the funds to purchase hundreds of skipping ropes, balls, hoops, and all kinds of other specialty equipment for students to use in gym class and at recess. Right now if you were to pass by the school at recess time you would see students doing all the normal things kids do on the swings, and creative playgrounds but you would also see them playing soccer, basketball, skipping, playing baseball, running the Track, and using Lacrosse sticks out on the giant green space. Olds Elementary is fortunate to have sports equipment for its students to use in gym classes and at recess on the playground. Thanks to our Parent Council for believing in Athletics!

Mission Impossible Challenge Course

Students look forward to this fun challenge all year long. In fact it is usually the first question they ask me in September! The M.I Course is a test of skills, concentration, honesty, and focus because the kids have to work their way through a variety of challenging stations carefully, slowly, and silently. Sometimes they have a partner who watches their progress to confirm if they are doing the stations correctly. The Course is easily modified so that our younger students can try it as well and it gives our older students a chance to come in and help a Kinder Buddy go through safely.

The Mission Impossible Course becomes a favorite station for our Sports Day as well.

Kilometer Club Stick Running

Olds Elementary believes students should be healthy, active kids! During the year we offer running/walking on the paved pathway beside the playground at Lunchtime recess. We are back out on the track again and enjoying the fresh air. The Kilometer Club allows students who have a desire to run challenge themselves to see how many laps they can do. Each lap is marked with a popsicle stick and tallied in the classroom to track progress. For many many years the popsicle stick running challenge has promoted a healthy lifestyle choice at Olds Elementary.

Sports Day (looking ahead to June 6)

Thursday, June 6th is the day we will have our Sports Day. Always a FUN EXPERIENCE rain or shine! Students will enjoy having the freedom to visit Activity Stations that Teachers set up inside and also outside. More information will be coming near the end of May.

Shoes (flip flops, sandals, bare feet, crocs, slippers, etc)

Parents, please check in with your child to see how those Indoor Shoes are holding up.

I have noticed many students with shoes that are not fitting, have no laces or velcro, are torn and toes are sticking through...etc

It's pretty hard to get through gym classes when shoes are holding your child back. Socks are slippery on our wooden gym floor which is a hazard.

Also a reminder that indoor shoes have to be worn in the school, flip flops and crocs worn on the way to school should not be worn to the gym!





Hello families!

May brings us another round of Welcome to Kindergarten! This is a fantastic opportunity for families to bring their new kinder students to our awesome school to get a sneak-peek of all the great things they're going to experience as students of Ecole Olds Elementary School. I'm looking forward to yet another round of Elephants Have Wrinkles and excited faces on Wednesday May 1 at 6:00 pm.

This month in the music room we are in full concert mode as we prepare for our final concert, "When I Grow Up" presented by the grade three and four classes. Students and staff members have been working so hard to prepare a delightful, energetic show that we are so excited to share with you.

Just a reminder that students are expected to perform just one day but at **both** performances; during the day and at the 6:00 pm show. Thank you so much for supporting our music program and your children's hard work!

Please pay special attention to your class's showtimes:

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



Hoping you all have a beautiful month!

Mrs. Koch

School Council



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!

Ordering is available at the below link until May 5, with pick up starting May 6 at the greenhouse. Order early for best selection!

https://www.lalgreenhouses.ca/shop/ecole-olds-elementary-school/9?page=1&limit=30&sort_by=category_order&sort_order=a



FUN LUNCH



We cannot believe there is only one more ordering period for this school year!

The ordering period for JUNE Fun Lunch opens Monday, May 6 and closes Thursday, May 16. 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.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch Event

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Teacher Appreciation Lunch Event at Ecole Olds Elementary School, taking place on Thursday, May 9th. This special occasion is a fantastic opportunity for us to express our gratitude to the wonderful educators who dedicate themselves to nurturing and educating our children every day.

To make this event a success, we kindly ask for your support in contributing food items for the lunch. You can sign up to donate specific items by visiting our SignUpGenius page: [Teacher Appreciation Lunch SignUpGenius Page](#). Your generous contributions will help create a delicious and memorable meal for our hardworking teachers. Please note that all food items must be in by ***** 9am Thursday May 9th *****. Dry products can be dropped off at the office the day before the event.

Additionally, we are seeking volunteers to assist on the day of the event. If you're available to lend a hand and help make this day extra special, please sign up for volunteer opportunities on the same website.

Ecole Olds Elementary School Parent Council thanks for your support and generosity. We look forward to celebrating our teachers and expressing



THANK YOU!



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, May 8, at 12:00pm virtually
Fundraising Society - Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00pm virtually

Please email chair@eoesparentcouncil.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!

Welcome to the Parent Council



Thank you,
Brandy Thompson
EOES Chair



CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION

FRENCH IMMERSION PARENT MEETING



6:30 PM
7:30 PM



Thursday
May 23, 2024



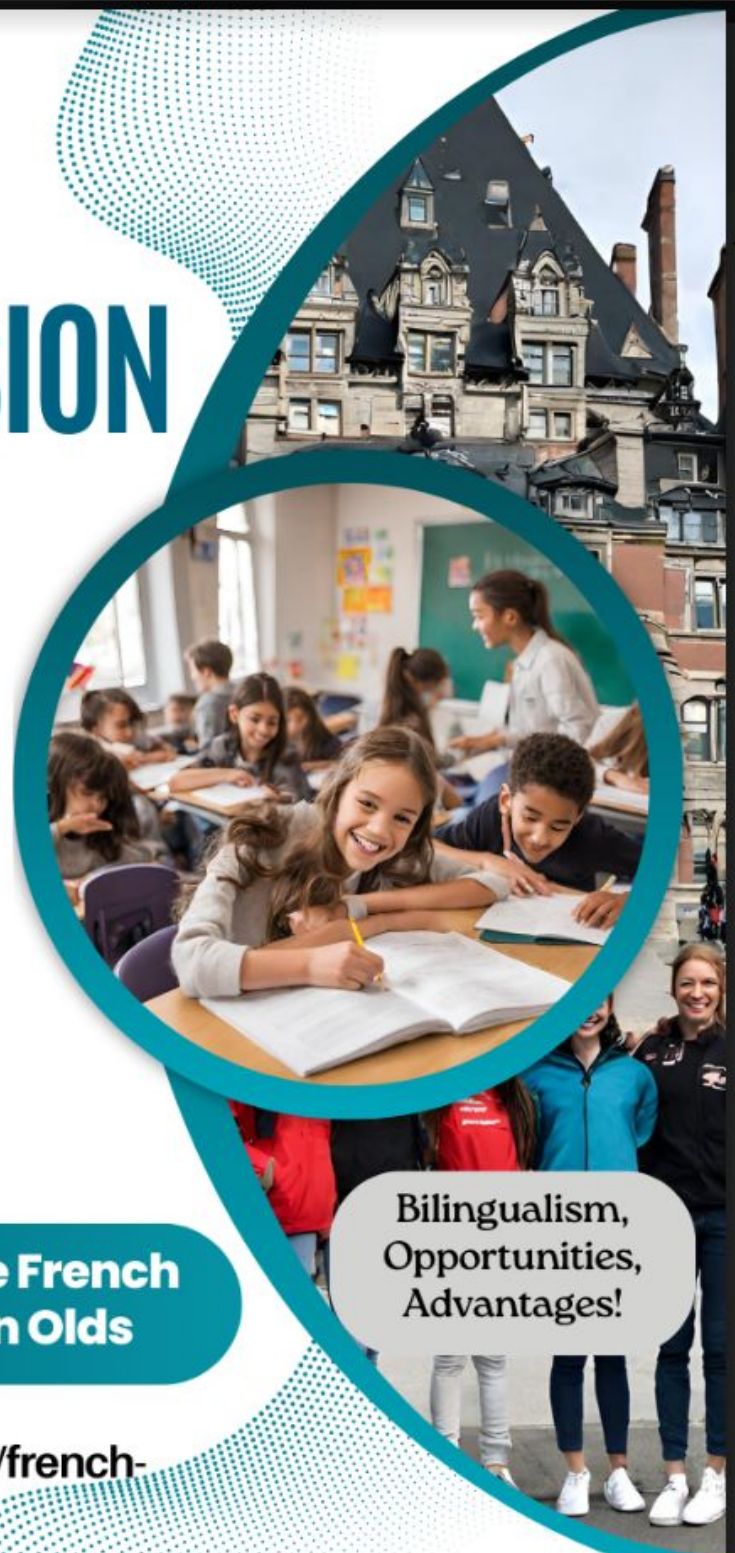
École Deer Meadow School
5411 61 Ave, Olds, AB

Join us to learn more about the French
Immersion program Gr. 1-12 in Olds



Questions? Please visit:

<https://www.cesd73.ca/programs/french-immersion2>



Bilingualism,
Opportunities,
Advantages!

YES Program: Update from Miss Jessica

Sporty Sprouts: Last day is May 9th
Chess/Checkers: Last day is May 21st
Origami Club: Last day is May 22nd





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://www.immunizealberta.ca)

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

CLC 2024 KIDS CAMPS

CREATE, LEARN, DISCOVER
WITH CLC YOUTH CAMPS!



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

August 6-9 AGES 7-12
\$200 / 4 DAY | \$60/DAY
8:30am-4:00pm

Join us for an adventure packed week! Campers will engage in exciting outdoor adventures & activities such as **archery tag, geocaching, mapping & navigation, and exploration.** This camp includes hiking field trip & swimming.

ANIMAL ADVENTURE

July 8-12 AGES 8-12
\$250/WEEK | \$60/DAY
8:30am-4:00pm



Take your love for animals to the next level! Our passionate instructors and friendly animals will give campers an experience filled with hands-on animal encounters. **Fun activities & guest presenters are sure to create memorable experiences! This camp includes a field trip to Butterfield Acres!**

CREATIVE KIDS

July 22-26 AGES 7-12
\$250/WEEK | \$60/DAY
8:30am-4:00pm



Express your creative side! Campers will engage in a variety of **Drawing, Painting, Photo Editing, Digital Art, and Clay Creations.** Campers will craft a boxcar and end the week off with a special Drive-In Movie experience! This camp is for ALL levels and includes swimming, and field trip!

MINI MASTERMINDS

August 26-30 AGES 8-12
\$250/WEEK | \$60/DAY
8:30am-4:00pm



This camp is for ALL levels and features **VEX robotics, coding, science experiments, Battle Bots, Lego challenges and more!** Campers will discover how STEM surrounds their world! Fun team challenges are sure to keep your camper's mind sharp! **This camp includes a field trip to Telus Spark Science Centre!**

MAY @



Mother's Day
WEEKEND

DON'T FORGET
to make a
reservation:

Olds MUNICIPAL Library

NOVEL Night Out

CHECK IN YOUR KIDS, CHECK OUT A RESTAURANT!

Saturday, May 11 6 - 10pm
Fee: \$15/child or \$25 for two.
AGES 5 - 10+

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS:

- MR MIKES Steakhouse Casual
- YNT HAKKA
- Boston Pizza
- YUMMY INDIAN CUISINE

TREATS FOR THE KIDS PROVIDED BY:

- Domino's
- PIZZA 73
- CO-OP Westview



WIN PRIZES FOR READING!

SIGN UP AT
OML.BEANSTACK.ORG

BINGO!
FOR YOUNG READERS
AGES 6-12



WELCOME TO ETHEREAL SPIRIT YOGA STUDIO!

We are a new yoga studio opening in Uptowne Olds on June 1st. At Ethereal Spirit, we're passionate about fostering holistic well-being for the whole family, which is why we're thrilled to offer specially tailored yoga classes for kids. Our children's yoga sessions are designed to be fun, engaging, and age-appropriate, providing a safe and nurturing environment for young yogis to explore movement, breath, and mindfulness. Led by an instructor who understands the unique needs of children, these classes incorporate playful activities, imaginative storytelling, and gentle yoga poses to promote physical health, emotional resilience, and inner calm. Through the practice of yoga, kids develop essential life skills such as concentration, self-awareness, and stress management while building strength, flexibility, and confidence. Join us at Ethereal Spirit and empower your child to thrive both on and off the mat!

JOIN NOW FOR A SPECIAL DISCOUNT!

Four Week Session for ages 3-5

Neurodivergent Children ages 4-7 & 8-10

45 Minute Classes

\$40 TOTAL

Four Week Session for ages 6-8

1 Hour Classes

\$55 TOTAL

Four Week Self Love Club for ages 9-12 & ages 13-17

2 Hour Classes

\$96 TOTAL

THESE PRICES ONLY AVAILABLE FOR THE
MONTH OF JUNE

Contact Us:

587-434-5355

etherealspurityogastudio.ca

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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.

APPLY TODAY:

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Careers/Support
Staff/Spare Bus
Drivers

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transportation@cesd73.ca



May 2024



SUNDAY/ DIMANCHE	MONDAY/ LUNDI	TUESDAY/ MARDI	WEDNESDAY / MERCREDI	THURSDAY/ JEUDI	FRIDAY/ VENDRED	SATURDAY/ SAMEDI
			1 Welcome to Kindergarten For 2024-25 6:00pm-7:00pm	2	3 No School	4
5 Lohr-A-Lee Greenhouse Fundraiser Closes Today: See link in Parent Council's Information	6 Pick up begins today at Lohr-A-Lee Greenhouse Fun Lunch Ordering Opens Today	7 Grades 3-4 Performance 10:30am & 6pm Windsor, Vey Latimer/Kohut Proctor	8 Grades 3-4 Performance 10:30am & 6pm Turnbull, Martens, Wuschke, Adams, Tulloch (Gr3's only)	9 Hats on for Mental Health (May 8) ← 	10 Pre-Ordered Fun Lunch: Edo	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16 Fun Lunch Ordering Closes Today	17 No School	18
19	20 Victoria Day	21	22	23 French Immersion Parent Meeting at Deer Meadow School at 6:30pm	24 Pre-Ordered Fun Lunch: Boston Pizza	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Pre-Ordered Fun Lunch: Panago Pizza	June 1