

# HOOPERS SCHOOL BELL #1

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

**September 2024**

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## **From the Desk of the Principal: A Warm Welcome from ÉOES**

We would like to welcome all of our students and families to the new school year. This is always such an exciting time. We are rested and ready for new experiences and challenges. We return to shiny hallways and fresh new classroom designs. Best of all, we connect with our friends and make new ones along the way.

Each year we have a few changes to our ÉOES staff. This year, we would like to welcome our new staff: Mrs. Jaynee West will be teaching grade 1, Mrs. Stacey Prohl will be teaching grade 2, Mrs. Danielle Jorgensen will be teaching grade 3 and Mrs. Jessie Klinck will be teaching grade 3.

At ÉOES we strive to be a safe and caring school dedicated to engaging every child in meaningful learning and we assist them in their positive personal development. We are staffed by a group of caring and compassionate people who are committed to supporting your child. Throughout our school there is an atmosphere of passion, dedication and enthusiasm that reminds us that learning is fun!

Our school motto, "Orchestrating Early Success" reminds us daily of the importance of many players working together to ensure that our children are happy, healthy, safe, and successful. As part of the Chinook's Edge team, we are committed to challenging, encouraging and believing in our students.

In addition to the monthly school and classroom newsletters that are available, we provide our families with 24-hour online access to newsletters, forms, special event information, calendars, and handbooks via the website at [www.oldselementary.ca](http://www.oldselementary.ca). Again this year, we would like to try and decrease our 'footprint' on the environment by offering our Monthly School Newsletter in digital format.

Ongoing communication is such an important part of a healthy school experience. If you have a question or concern, please let your child's teacher know. We sincerely want to know what is going on in our students' lives. By working together, we will be able to come up with a solution that's right for your child.

On behalf of all of the staff and students at ÉOES, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

We look forward to a wonderful year!



## Student Drop Off and Parking at ÉOES

Parking continues to challenge us during our busy before and after school times at ÉOES. Please find below some general parking information:

- Mrs. Sampson is on bus supervision each morning. Mrs. Gina Belcastro and Ms. Rhonda Richards are on bus supervision in the afternoon. Please avoid parking in the bus lane during this time (area between the crosswalk and the large concrete barricade)
- Mr. Amundrud is on crosswalk supervision. As we continue to teach our children safe practices, please use the crosswalk with your child when crossing the street. We encourage you to utilize the parking on the streets surrounding this area (we thank you for not parking in front of our neighbour's driveways).
- The gates to the front parking lot of the school are closed during our busy before and after school times in order to allow children to use this area as a walk-through to get to their doors. Please park in an alternate area if you are needing to move your vehicle between 8:20 – 8:45am and 3:00 – 3:30pm.
- The East Parking lot is designed for Staff Parking only and as such has parking arms installed.
- Please ensure you are not entering the school prior to our dismissal time at 3:10pm. Our staff are diligently working to ensure safety of all students and having people in our building prior to 3:10pm creates an environment difficult to supervise.

We kindly thank you as we continue to work together to create a safe place for all our ÉOES children.

Sincerely,

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 will be set up in Rycor by the middle of September. If you would like to set up payment options, please call the office.**

## 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](http://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](mailto:feesupport@cesd73.ca) for assistance.

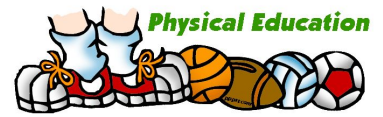
The fee schedule can be found on the Chinook's Edge website, [www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca), Menu, Students and Parents, School Fees. Scroll down to Olds, and find École Olds Elementary School.

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.

**ATTENTION!  
IMPORTANT**



**Weather changes: Please send appropriate outerwear for the weather AND...WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EXTRA SET OF CLOTHING IN EACH STUDENT'S BACKPACK. THANK YOU!**



Welcome Back! It is wonderful to be back in school again after a Glorious Hot Summer !! We are excited to begin another year of gym classes, sports challenges, and fun events.

### September Physical Education Curriculum Update:

September is all about relearning **GYM ROUTINES, BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS** and how to be a **POLITE LISTENER**. We will experience various **RUNNING CHALLENGES**, and play some **COOPERATION GAMES**. It's a time to get to know our classmates with some fun activities in the gym and also outside on the playground. We will learn how to be a **HELPFUL STUDENT** by thinking of others around us as we participate and play with each other. The important things we learn at the beginning of the year really make a difference for your child's success over the next ten months. We want all students to achieve success and have a positive, fun, and exciting school year.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about Running Techniques and set a personal best time in a 50 Meter Dash and also challenge themselves in longer running challenges. All students have the opportunity to compete in a Cross Country Running Challenge to see who can run the distance faster than anyone else. We will also learn how to run in a Team Relay and can be part of a friendly competition for each of those events.

I will update you every month so that all students and parents feel informed and prepared for gym time and school special events. If there are any questions about your child's Physical Education Program please feel free to contact me or the school office. If your child is requiring special assistance in any way I will be sure to contact you to discuss.

In order to have the best possible gym experience Please ensure your child has the right footwear for activities inside and out.

**TERRY FOX RUN - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th** ( 11:30am - 12 noon ) This is a wonderful tradition that keeps on going! Telling The Terry Fox Story is one of my favorite parts of the year. There are so many important life lessons that can be drawn from it and the students respond so genuinely even after all these years! Anyone may come and run or walk with us on our Terry Fox Day.

Every year Olds Elementary sets a **FUNDRAISING GOAL** of \$1000.00 dollars for the Terry Fox Foundation. It is so easy to continue Terry's Dream by simply going on the website link I have included for you and making a donation. Just go to the link, select "Donate" and fill in the required information. \* All information is confidential and is NOT shared in any way. The information is for a tax deductible receipt for your donation. You can even post messages of encouragement or share a story. Even more special, if you purchase any Merchandise like a Terry Fox Cap or T-Shirt (Ryan Reynolds Design) it **COUNTS** as part of our School Total!

If you would prefer to send a Looney or Toonie donation with your child we will have a Donation Bucket at the Office. To Donate on behalf of our school please use this link;

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/OldsElementary>

ALL students at OES will **RUN** or **WALK** the Terry Fox Run as we always do! This year it will be held on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th** from ( 11:30am to 12 noon ) out on our Track behind the school. **Everyone is WELCOME!**

I look forward to seeing you all on occasion throughout the school year, I am always available if you need to discuss anything.



**From the Music Room for September 2024:**

**Mrs. Koch**

## **Happy Back to School!!!**

I am absolutely **JAZZED** to be teaching music again this year and I can't wait to get started.

Some things we're looking forward to are our Halloween costume parade, our Remembrance Day tribute, our Christmas concert, a performance by the Alberta Musical Theatre Company, the Kiwanis Music Festival and our grade four farewell.

I am also very excited to be welcoming back a choir program. Grade three and four students who are interested in joining me for some extra musical adventures can stay tuned later next month for a sign up letter.

Please look for the dates and times of our school activities in the school newsletter and on our website so you don't miss out on any of the fun.

**Hope your September ROCKS!**



# School Council

**Welcome** to the 2024-2025 school year! We hope everyone had a great summer!

Parent Council and the Fundraising Society are looking forward to many fun events and fundraising for our school this year.

## **FUN LUNCH!**

One of our main fundraisers throughout the year is our Fun Lunch program. This program is run by parent volunteers and always a big hit with the kids! If you are available to help on some Fridays from 10:30am-1:00pm, please email [chair@eoesparentcouncil.com](mailto:chair@eoesparentcouncil.com) to let us know!

The first ordering period is open! Please remember that everyone will need to re-register and add their child(ren) under the students tab. Ordering is open until Tuesday, September 17, with the first fun lunch on September 27.

Kindergarten Parents: Please pay attention to the Fridays your child is and is not at school as we cannot do refunds.

Register at [www.oldselementary.hotlunches.net](http://www.oldselementary.hotlunches.net) with the access code OLDS.



**We have an INCREDIBLE Parent Council. If you get a chance, please reach out to them to help with the AMAZING things that they do throughout the year for our school. We can't be more thankful for our Parent Council.**

## **Parent Council and Fundraising Society Meetings:**

Looking to get involved? We are excited to have new members at any commitment level (fun lunch/event volunteer, board member, fundraising). For more information please reach out to Brandy at [chair@eoesparentcouncil.com](mailto:chair@eoesparentcouncil.com).

We meet the First Wednesday of each month, with the exception of September, we all need an extra week to get back into our routines!

First Meeting: September 11, 2024 at 7:00pm at the EOES Library or you can attend virtually! (Email [chair@eoesparentcouncil.com](mailto:chair@eoesparentcouncil.com) for the meeting link).

Follow us on our EOES Parent Council facebook page for updates, and sign up for our volunteer opportunities [@eoesparentcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/eoesparentcouncil)

We look forward to a great school year ahead.

**Brandy Thompson, Chair**

# SEPTEMBER@

Olds  
MUNICIPAL Library



SIGNUP  
TODAY



Olds Library  
**CYBER SAFETY**  
FOR KIDS AGES 8-12

FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 20  
11:00am - 12:00pm  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED | FREE



## After school programs:

Olds Library  
**LEGO CLUB** AGES 7-12  
TUESDAYS  
3:30 - 4:30PM  
Weekly build challenge!  
Registration required.

Olds Library  
**MINECRAFT MAYHEM** AGES 8-12  
THURSDAYS  
3:30 - 4:30PM  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Olds Library  
**AFTER SCHOOL STEM EXPLORERS**  
WEDNESDAYS 3:30-4:30PM  
Registration required.

## WIN PRIZES FOR READING!

SIGN UP AT  
[OML.BEANSTACK.ORG](http://OML.BEANSTACK.ORG)

**BINGO!** AGES 6-12  
FOR YOUNG READERS

Olds  
MUNICIPAL Library

# É.O.E.S. Routines and Expectations for our Amazing Parents:

**"Be Helpful - Not Hurtful - Do The Right Thing!"**

Please remove footwear when entering the school and leave them on the mat, when it is wet or snowing or muddy outside.

We would like to remind everyone that HATS are removed once you walk in the school doors.

Please be respectful when dropping students off in the morning and picking them up at the end of the day - We would appreciate that you wait outside at your student's designated door and refrain from waiting in the boot room. It can be very distracting for teachers, when they are trying to wrap up the day.

When you are visiting the school we would ask that you check in at the office first, before heading down the hallways. We just want to make sure we keep our school safe and free of unnecessary interruptions.

We would appreciate that your student knows what they are doing at the end of the day. The teachers send a folder or agenda home with your student for communicating "change of plans". This helps the office staff with fielding phone calls at the end of the day. It can be very busy at the end of the day and sometimes messages get lost or forgotten. However, we do know that sometimes plans change last minute and so we certainly will understand.

We appreciate each and every one of you. We could not do what we do without your help and cooperation.

**THANK YOU!!!  
LET'S HAVE A GREAT  
SCHOOL YEAR!**

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## Cooperation







# September 2024



SUNDAY / DIMANCHE	MONDAY / LUND	TUESDAY / MARDI	WEDNESDAY / MERCREDI	THURSDAY / JEUDI	FRIDAY / VENDRED	SATURDAY / SAMEDI
1	2 Labor Day	3 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	4 Milk sales have now started \$10.00 punch card for 10 milks	5	6 	7
8	9	10  You Matter Day	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Terry Fox Run 11:30 - 12:00	20 PD Day	21
22 	23	24	25	26	27 Orange Shirt Day Wear Orange	28
29	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Oct 1 School Picture Day  (More info to come)	2 School Picture Day  (More info to come)	3	4	5