

# HOOPERS SCHOOL BELL #5

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

**JANUARY 2025**

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## January Principal's Message:

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits as we embark on a brand-new year filled with promise and opportunity. January brings with it a sense of renewal and a chance for us to set new goals and aspirations.

As we reflect on the past year, I am incredibly proud of the accomplishments and growth we have achieved as a school community. Our students have demonstrated resilience, determination, and a commitment to learning that is truly commendable. I want to express my gratitude to our dedicated teachers, supportive staff, and involved parents for their continuous efforts in nurturing a positive and enriching learning environment.

As we step into 2025, let us renew our commitment to academic excellence and character development. Our focus remains on providing a well-rounded education that not only prepares students for academic success but also instills values such as respect, responsibility, and resilience. Together, we will continue to create a school culture that fosters curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning.

I encourage you to stay engaged and involved in your child's education. Attend school events, communicate with teachers, and participate in the various activities we have planned throughout the year. Your partnership is vital in creating a supportive and thriving school community.

This January, let us embrace the opportunities for growth and positive change. I am excited about the possibilities that the new year holds for each and every one of our students. May 2025 be a year of achievement, discovery, and success for all.

**Sincerely,**

**Alanna Sampson, Principal**

## Kindergarten Testing is Underway in our Schools:

Alberta Education has mandated literacy and numeracy screening assessments for all Kindergarten students. The use of the government's provincial assessment tools will extend into Grades 1 to 3 next year. Linked below is further information about the assessments:

[Literacy Screening: Parent/Guardian Information Sheet](#)

[Numeracy Screening: Parent/Guardian Information Sheet](#)



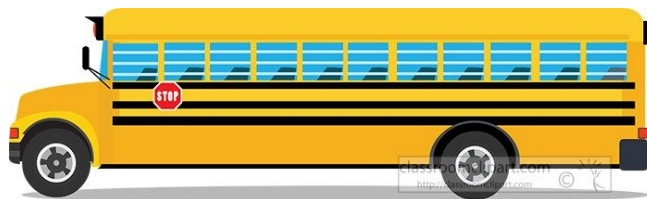
### INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS...

Parents of bus students: please contact our school to confirm if your child will be absent on Yellow Days. It is imperative that parents are familiar with our inclement weather protocols (which are available on our school website and the division website). To ensure the highest safety, parents are reminded that on a Yellow Day (meaning that buses are not running, but schools are open and classes are being held), our school still requires you to contact us if your child will be absent. Some parents may choose to drive their child into the school, while some parents will choose to keep their child at home that day - we can't make assumptions when safety is at stake.

### THE COLD IS HERE



It is very important that all children come appropriately dressed for the conditions. Please ensure students are arriving with winter boots, pants, jackets, hats and mitts to protect them from the cold.



### BUS STUDENTS

It is very important to have all winter gear when riding the bus. We want to ensure, in the event a bus breaks down and students must sit for any time without heat, all of our students are prepared for the weather. This winter gear includes winter boots, pants, jackets, hats and mitts as well. Remember - we are outside at recess unless the ambient weather or wind chill drops to below -20c! Thank you for helping us keep warm!



## 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:

#### \*\*\*8:25am Doors open to students

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!**



**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!**



## 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.

# Physical Education Update - January 2025

Mr. Kish

## WELCOME BACK!

I hope your Holiday time was restful and you were able to enjoy the things that were important to your family. It's hard to believe how quickly the New Year arrived! We are looking forward to continued good times in the gym and a focus on learning sports skills, playing fair, being competitive, and challenging ourselves to do the best we can.

## Curriculum Focus:

**Grade 2, 3 and 4 Students** will be playing a fun version of 4 Goal Floor Hockey, Fitness Challenges, and modified Volleyball. I am excited to have students play The 9 Square Volleyball Game with our new Equipment! We practise the skills required to be proficient at each sport so that when we play games those skills are showcased. Our games are also structured so that all students can achieve success and have fun playing. For example when we play Floor Hockey in class we have 4 teams playing at the same time with 4 nets, 4 goalies, and 4 soft dodgeballs which allows for everyone to "get" a ball and shoot and score. And it is a non stop game so fitness is developed at the same time as coordination and sportsmanship. For Volleyball Skills we will have 3 Levels of Skill Difficulty that students can work through as they become more proficient.

**Kindergarten and Grade 1 Students** will be learning about Ball Skills and how to do a Fitness Warm-up with a Video Follow-Along routine. We will be learning how to bowl and throw balls and take turns while playing a fun Target Knock-Down game. We will also be learning how to use a small ball to throw and catch off the wall with underhand and overhand technique. Soon we will explore Hula Hooping and Skipping Skills! Great fun and challenging too! It is always awesome to see the look of JOY on a student's face when they figure out a new skill!!

**Skill Stations for all students:** I will occasionally set up the gym with Skill Stations for students to practice and play at their favorite things. The centers include floor hockey, soft ball soccer, beach volleyball, skipping, basketball shooting, gymnastics, climbing wall, scooters, and giant hopper balls. The Skill Stations are popular because students can focus on the choices of activities they enjoy! Students learn to play cooperatively and socialize with each other in meaningful ways and make friends. Students usually find Station Day to be a favorite.

## **Grade 4 Floor Hockey League:**

The grade 4 Annual Floor Hockey Lunch League will begin at the end of the month with 5 Boys Teams and 3 Girls Teams. There is always some exciting action during the games as the skill level of our hockey stars is getting better every year! It's a really big deal to Win the Floor Hockey League and play the Teachers as a fun reward! Teams play a Round Robin Format followed by a Play-Off.

For any questions or information about your child's progress please contact me at the school.



# Our Library in December was Magical!



Happy New Year Everyone!

My heart was so full in the month of December. The kids of EOES brought in 102 gingerbread houses and log cabins to help decorate our library.

It wasn't just the houses that warmed my heart, it was all the stories they shared with me about building their house with siblings, moms, dads, grandparents, cousins, and friends. I also had kids who built a house "all by themselves!" and they were so proud.

No two houses were the same. Every one of them were unique and beautiful and so creative. Thank you so much for supporting your children in this art project and I look forward to seeing what the kids build next year. Oh yes, we are definitely going to do this again!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Clifford



From the Music Room for January 2025

Mrs. Koch



Happy New Year!

Thank you all who were able to come and support our Grade One Christmas concert last month. The students worked so hard to learn their parts and all the music for **Melton, the Warm-Hearted Snowman**. The kids were fantastic and we were thrilled with the terrific turnout of families and friends who came to watch.

Well done to the choir kids who marched over to the Mount View Seniors home during some very cold weather to warm hearts with their beautiful voices. The seniors were so happy and grateful to hear the Christmas carols and see the singers' happy faces.

We also had a full house for our Christmas kickoff Carol-Sing which was exceptionally enthusiastic. I'm sure Santa himself heard those Jingle Bells.

This month we look forward to a special presentation of **Rapunzel by the Alberta Musical Theatre Company**.

Parents are welcome to join us on Friday January 17th at 1:30 pm.

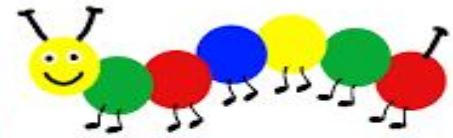
Grade four students will also begin learning all about every music teacher's all-time favourite instrument, the recorder. Instruments can be brought from home if families are lucky enough to own one already or can be purchased through the school.

Wishing you all a safe and warm January.





# Parent Council



## Welcome to January!

### FUN LUNCH

The ordering period for February Fun Lunch is now open and closes January 21. Order online at <https://oldselementary.hotlunches.net/>. If you haven't already done so this year, you will need to re-register. The access code is OLDS. Please pay attention to the Fridays your kindergarten student is and is NOT at school as no refunds can be offered.

### PARENT COUNCIL AND FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETINGS:

The Parent Council and Fundraising Society meets the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is January 8, 2025 at 7:00pm at the EOES Library or you can attend virtually. All parents/guardians are welcome!

Please email [chair@eoesparentcouncil.com](mailto:chair@eoesparentcouncil.com) if you would like the virtual meeting link.

### Looking to get more involved? Join the Board!

If you are interested in becoming part of the Board, our Special Meeting to hold elections of board members will be April 2, 2025. The election of board members prior to the end of the school year allows a few months of overlap for the incoming members to work with the current members and gain confidence in their role on the board. Most of the board member roles are very low-key and do not require extensive time commitment. Please reach out if you are at all interested.

Follow us on our EOES Parent Council facebook page for updates, and sign up for our volunteer opportunities @eoesparentcouncil

**Brandy Thompson, Chair**

## SAVE THE DATE!

Parent Council and Fundraising Society will be hosting a Family Movie Night in the Gym on Friday, January 24, 2025. More info to follow shortly!



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

**PathFinders** 3:30-5pm | Tuesdays | Jan - April ([Grade 1-3](#) and [Grade 4-7](#))

**PD Day Camps** 9-4pm | Jan -May

- Action Packed with Winter activities, Sports and Baking!

**February break Camp:** The Ultimate Games Camp 9-4pm | Feb 18-21

- Multi-Sport where kids can learn the FUNdamentals of sports and activities such as basketball, Soccer and Yard Games!

**Spring break Camp:** Creative Explorers Academy 9-4pm | April 22nd-25th

- A sneak peek into our summer camps where kids get to try STEM, Outdoor adventures and Crafts!

Have a great day!



## School F E E S

### SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE

Parents/Guardians: School fees are past due. Please check out your student(s) account through Rycor for any outstanding fees. You are welcome to make payments for as little as \$10.00 a month. Please contact Lisa Ormann in the office at 403-556-8477 to make arrangements.

**Heads up** that swimming fees will be added to students in grades 1-4 in the next couple of months. When you receive a consent form via email for you to give permission for your student to swim, the fee of \$40.00 will automatically be added to your student account.

There may also be field trip fees added to your student(s) account so please keep an eye out for any additional fees that could be added in the next few months.

**We thank-you for being diligent on your school payments**

It's back at OES!

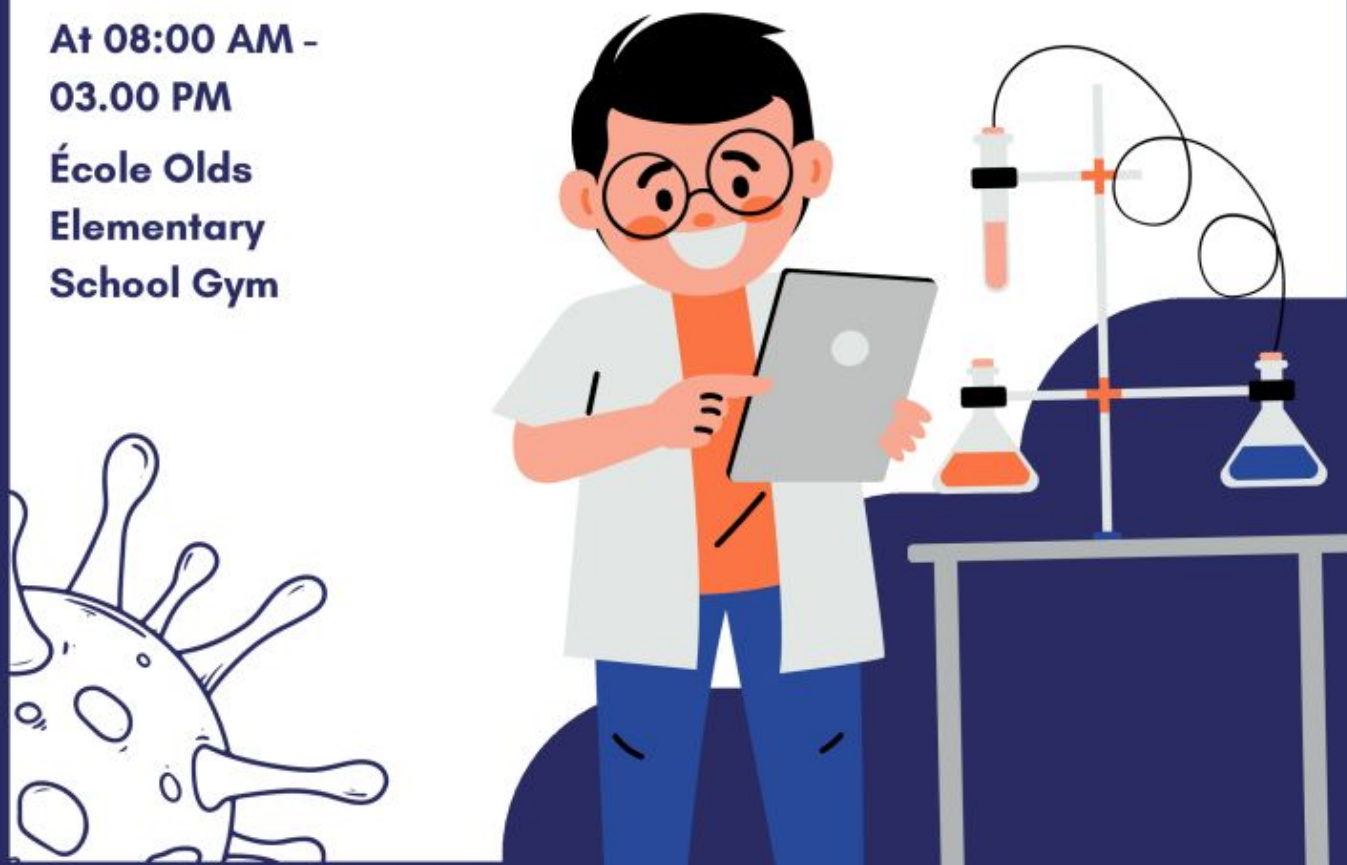
# SCIENCE FAIR

If your child is interested in participating in the school Science Fair, have them pick up an information package at the office.

**TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 4  
2025**

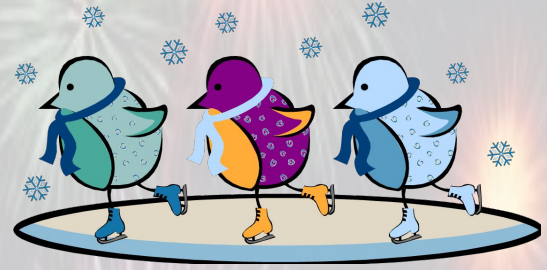
**At 08:00 AM -  
03.00 PM**

**École Olds  
Elementary  
School Gym**





# January 2025



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<b>WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>						
5	6 2024-2025 Registration Opens (for Kinder and new students)	7	8 Parent Council Meeting 7:00pm EOES Library or Virtual	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Fun Lunch Ordering Closes Last Day to Submit Science Fair	22	23	24 Movie Night EOES gym More info to come later	25
26	27	28	29	30 No School  PD Learning	31 No School	Feb 1  Science Fair at School February 4th

