

HOOPERS SCHOOL BELL #6

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

FEBRUARY 2025

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February Principal's Message:

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Setting Goals, Sharing Learning, Working Together

It is difficult to believe that we are over halfway through the school year. February and March mark the time when we share student progress, growth and achievements through our report cards in February and our parent teacher interviews in March. This process is very 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... for example... "Understand stories read" (gr.1) or "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. Our parent/teacher conferences will be on March 18th and 19th.

We would like to thank all of you for your support and look forward to seeing you at our Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 18th and March 19th. Report cards will be sent home with students on February 7th :D

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:

***8:25am 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
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 - February 2025

Mr. Kish

9 Square In The Air - It's a really cool Volleyball Game!

Students enjoyed two weeks learning how to play "traditional" Volleyball and as a special thrill they got to experience the 9 Square Volleyball Game! 9 Square is an exciting and fun new game that we were able to purchase last year with the help of our fabulous Parent Council. Students learned how to keep the "Ball In The Air" using beginner techniques of Volleyball hitting. The game can be played with 9 - 29 players all trying to find a way to eliminate other players from their squares in order to move closer to the coveted "middle square". It's great fun! We were able to modify the game for each grade group to have success.

The 9 Square Game also GLOWS IN THE DARK (with Black Lights) which was a total hit with the kids!

Students also learned the traditional game of Volleyball on two other courts that were set up to provide students a Volleyball experience at either Level 1 Skills or Level 2 Skills. Scoring by using the same official rules of Volleyball with the modifications that students could "catch" the ball and "throw" it if a hit and pass was not possible in the rally. This is a proper way to build appropriate skills and game sense for success. The rallies were exciting and the students really got into wanting their team to win the game (score to 10 wins). The Grade 1 students especially embraced the Volleyball games at Level 1 and had some very intense battles!



Kindergarten and Grade 1 Students

The grade 1 and Kinder students will also continue doing our Fitness Warm-up with a Video Follow-Along routine. Even though the paddles with bean bags and balls are fun to learn, it is quite challenging so we will mix in a bit of other stuff to keep it light. The old saying ; "You have to start somewhere" rings true as most of the little ones have never seen a racket or held a paddle before. It is always awesome to see the look of JOY on a student's face when they figure out a new skill!! Maybe I'll have the next Family Ping Pong Champion or Pickle Ball Pro ready for the summer holidays!



Paddles and Rackets

Using a paddle for the first time can be quite challenging and exciting. Whenever I teach skills to students I break it down into 3 Levels as a minimum. Starting at level 1 we learn what types of sports require “rackets” or “paddles” , we learn the paddle parts, how to hold the racket properly, make a basic stroke, and learn how to balance a bean bag or a ball on the paddle. We also learn which hand feels the best to hold the paddle in. Level 2 challenges will introduce a variety of balls that can be used with the racket to sustain a ball bounce or tapping rhythm by the student. This requires focus, concentration, and coordination. For younger students we use bean bags to “flip” before the ball can be introduced. Passing a bean bag back and forth with a friend is another skill we will try to master. For Level 3 we will learn how to start a rally against the wall by ourselves and keep it going. If students can master Level 3 only then will they be able to start hitting back and forth across a net. It’s all about progressions.

Mrs. Sampson has purchased for the school a couple of Pickleball nets, some paddles, and balls to give students an opportunity to start learning Pickleball! This is going to be Awesome! We definitely have a lot of exciting sports opportunities to pack into February!

Grade 4 Floor Hockey League

I have organised The grade 4 Annual Floor Hockey Lunch League again. Games will begin this month on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. There are 5 Boys Teams that I will referee and monitor and 3 Girls-Open Teams that Mr.J will referee. The Floor Hockey League is one of those special traditions at OES that students wait to get to grade 4 to finally play. It is a competitive league. I believe competition is healthy for kids as they learn to navigate the ups and downs of their floor hockey game results and win or lose together. As one Boy said to me a couple of years ago; “I’ve waited my whole life for this!” There will be a legitimate Play Off Round to decide the Grand Champion and then the Classic Teachers Versus Students Battle!

Grade 4 Swimming Lessons

Heads Up! The grade 4 students will begin their swimming lessons in February. The lessons are held at The Olds Aquatic Center. Please contact your child’s teacher or the Aquatic Center if you have any questions. Swimming is a life skill and I encourage parents to check out the vast array of swimming opportunities available to us in Olds. Grade 3 students will do their swimming lessons starting in March so there is plenty of time to dig out those swim progress reports which will be requested by the pool. Thank You to Mrs. Hallett who spends a great deal of time meticulously scheduling bus transportation and schedules for teachers.

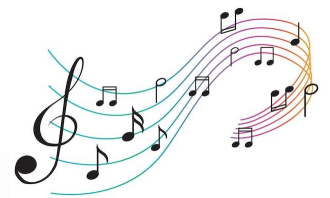
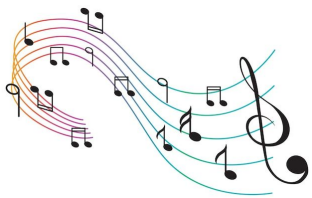
Shoe check for all students.

Please help me out by checking your child’s indoor shoes regularly. Students should not be wearing boots, slippers, or crocs for safety reasons. I also spend a large part of my day teaching students how to wear their shoes properly by putting their whole foot in the shoe instead of smashing the heel flat and using it as a slip on and by tying laces. If you have your child in shoes with laces then please ensure you have taught them how to tie their laces. How does your child wear their shoes at home?



From the Music Room for February 2025

Mrs. Koch



Thank you to all of you who came out to enjoy The Alberta Musical Theatre Company's fantastic Rapunzel in January. The costumes, set and original songs were highly entertaining for all students, staff and families who were in the audience.



This month the choir is set to start learning the songs we'll be performing for grad. We had a listening party on Wednesday to hear the songs and the students were very excited to get singing! Just a reminder for choir parents, students will need a ride to the high school for 6:30 pm on Friday May 30, 2025 where we will perform very early in the program. Students will sing two songs and then be able to leave right after the performance. We should be done by 7:30 pm. I highly recommend carpooling to this event as parking will be very limited.

This month the grade fours will continue playing recorders after focussing on their music theory and learning to read the notes on the staff. They've all enthusiastically played a few songs and are all ready to start a band.

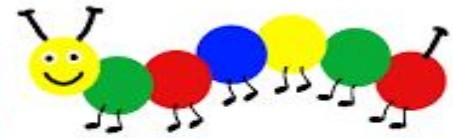
On February 27 EOES will welcome the group Folklofolie, an interactive exploration of folk music and musical instruments for two shows. Students from K-2 will enjoy the show starting at 12:55 pm and students in grades 3 & 4 will enjoy it at 2:00 pm.

In the music room this month, students in every grade will be working on reading rhythms, notes and singing new songs. Every student in the school has played a multitude of instruments and it is so exciting to see their skills and confidence grow.

I'm so proud of our students. It is an absolute joy to watch them shine their lights every day!



Parent Council



February - EOES Parent Council.

Thank you to all our volunteers this month! Volunteers were busy providing fun lunch, candy and popcorn sales, and a fun movie in the gym event. We couldn't do it without you!

The ordering period for March Fun Lunch will open **February 4th.**

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.

Keep your eye on the EOES parent council Facebook page and e-mails for events happening **IN your school FOR your school!** All funds raised go right back to things EOES needs.

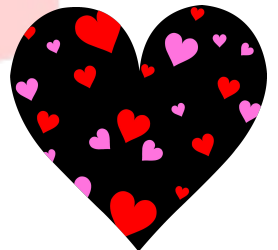
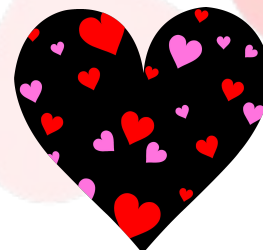
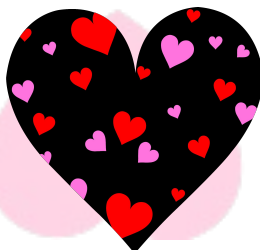
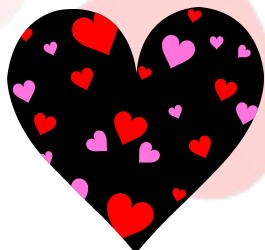
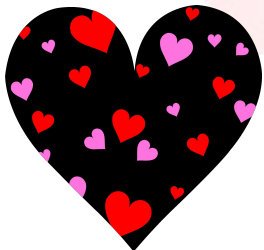
PARENT COUNCIL AND FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETINGS:

The Parent Council and Fundraising Society meets the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is **February 5, 2025 at 7:00pm** at the EOES Library or you can attend virtually. All parents/guardians are welcome! Please email chair@eoesparentcouncil.com if you would like the virtual meeting link.

Looking to get more involved? Join 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



OUTDOOR SOCCER 2025



REGISTRATION OPENS IN FEBRUARY!

www.oldsminorsoccer.com

OLDS MINOR
SOCCER CLUB



FREE
Saturday,
February 1, 2025,
from 10:00 a.m.
to 2:00 p.m.



Tic-Tac-Toe
game

Space is limited. First come, first served.

The RONA employees are not responsible for supervising the children. Parents must remain on-site.

Next Kiddos Workshop on March 1, 2025

Stay tuned for our
upcoming workshops



RONA

Rona is offering a free children's workshop
this Saturday, February 1, 2025 from
10:00am to 2:00pm

Space is limited so it is being offered on a
first come, first served basis.



Tic-Tac-Toe
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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!
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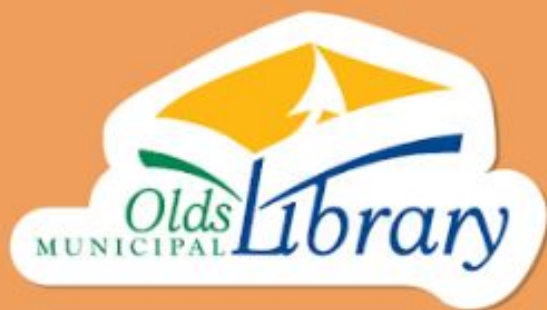
SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE

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. We would appreciate payment by February 15, 2025.

Heads up that swimming fees will be added to students in grades 1-4 soon. 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



WINTER/SPRING 2025 PROGRAMS

🏠 YOUTH (AGES 6 - 12)

LEGO CLUB (Drop-In)
Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm

Little STEM Explorers (Register)
Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30pm

— PRETEENS (AGES 9 - 12)

Minecraft Mayhem: SURVIVAL (Register)
Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm

Minecraft Mayhem: CREATIVE (Register)
Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30pm

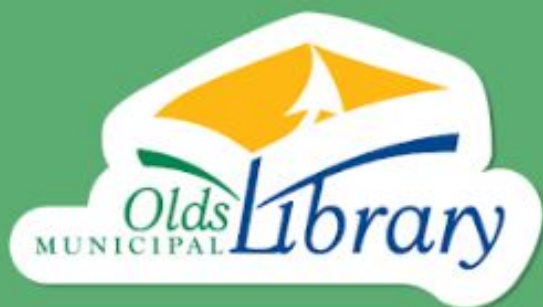
Big STEM Explorers (Register)
Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30pm

Roblox Hangout (Register for each event)
Jan. 31 (10:30 - 11:30am) | Feb. 21, Mar. 21,
Apr. 25, May 16, Jun. 27 (2:30 - 3:30pm)

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WINTER/SPRING 2025 PROGRAMS

🌀 FAMILIES

**Family Literacy Day: Literacy Legends Lunch
(Drop-In) (FREE)
Monday, January 27**

**Read to Your Loved-One Day (FREE)
Friday, February 14**

**World Storytelling Day (Drop-In) (FREE)
Thursday, March 20**

**Earth Day Planting (Drop-In) (FREE)
Tuesday, April 22**

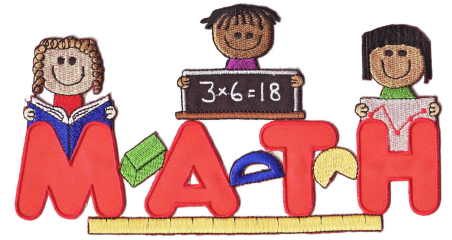
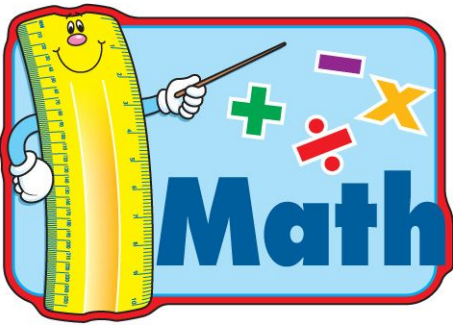
**LEGO Springtime Spectacular! (Drop-In) (FREE)
Submit between May 1 - May 16
Community Vote: May 20 - 23
Winner announced: May 26**

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Bi-Annual Math Fair



Good morning,

I would like to invite you and your grades 3, 4, and 5s to the bi-annual Math Fair, to be held at Red Deer Polytechnic, 19 March, 2025! There are two sessions: 10:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 2:00.

Briefly, the Math Fair is a student-centred learning experience, where elementary students encounter mathematics in new and exciting ways. Your students will engage with mathematics problems carefully curated and presented by RDP education students. There will also be a science demonstration and other math-themed games.

There is no charge for this event, and it may fill up quickly, so indicate your [interest on this form](#): by Friday February 7th.

If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Dr. Wes Maciejewski, mathematics instructor at RDP:

wesley.maciejewski@rdpolytech.ca

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Yours, Wes Maciejewski (on behalf of the organizing committee)

**Exciting
Opportunity**



February 2025



SUNDAY/ DIMANCHE	MONDAY/ LUNDI	TUESDAY/ MARDI	WEDNESDAY/ MERCREDI	THURSDAY/ JEUDI	FRIDAY/ VENDREDI	SATURDAY/ SAMEDI
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2	3 → Fun Lunch ordering opens for March	4 Fun Lunch Opens Science Fair 	5 Parent Council Meeting at 7:00pm EOES Library or Virtual	6	7 Report Card #1 Goes Home	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentines Day! Wear Pink/Red/Heart Day 	15
16	17 Family Day	18	19	20	21	22
Winter Break: No School						
23	24 	25 Gr.4's start swimming	26 Pink Shirt Day Kindness Day 	27	28	Mar 1 Heads up: Parent/Teacher Interviews March 18-19