



HOOPERS SCHOOL BELL #7

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

March 2025

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March 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 ÉOES as a vital part of our Olds community.
- all of the volunteers who help with various activities: special events, skating, Scholastic Book Fair, Science Fair, staff appreciation, sports day, year end activities and much more!
- the many community groups who support our school such as: Canadian Parents for French, Olds Grizzlys, Olds Minor Soccer, Olds College Broncos, RCMP, Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis Fine Arts Society, community recreational clubs and organizations, IODE, Lions Club 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 ÉOES family would like to thank you for all you do.

We couldn't do it without you!



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 - March 2025

Mr. Kish

The Month of March will be a busy month as we wind down from Winter and look to the Spring.

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.

Curriculum Focus

In March students will explore Ball Skills and Fitness.



For Ball Skills and Basketball - It is really important that children learn how to play with a ball as the skills transfer to many other activities in life. We work hard to learn the elements of ball control through dribbling drills both stationary and by moving with it under control with good technique.

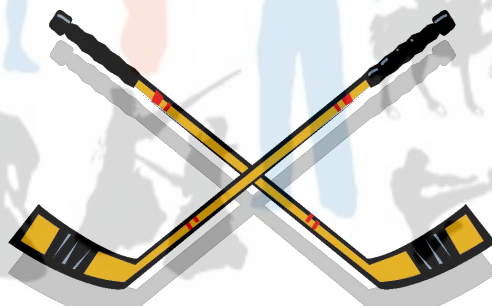
The elements of shooting properly using a technique that is appropriate for each ability level is explored and practiced. We will have some fun Team Shooting Challenges which are really intense and teach students how to focus under pressure and practise being a good sport.

We end our basketball training with class shooting championships.

Grade 4 Floor Hockey - Play-Offs are Coming!

In March we will complete our Play-Off Rounds for the Boys and Girls Open Divisions of our Floor Hockey League. All Teams have battled hard this winter in their League games and I have seen tremendous growth in skills and play! Players have all shown good Sportsmanship for which I am equally proud!

The Champions of each Division get to play the Staff in a Floor Hockey Exhibition in front of the school and parents. I will send notice home when these big events get closer!



From the Music Room for March 2025

Mrs. Koch



In February the music room was full of great fun and frivolity. We sang songs about friendship, kindness and reminded each other that the more we get together, the happier we'll be. We were also fortunate to have the group Folkafolie come to perform two shows for our students, showcasing Franco-Canadian folklore.

For any families who are curious about the bits and pieces of songs being sung by kids at home, feel free to access the website <https://musicplayonline.com/> login as a student and enter the code: **a005729**. There are hundreds of songs and dozens of games to explore.

This March we'll be learning new rhythms, songs and games in the music room. We'll be playing instruments and experiencing all the ways that music enriches our lives and strengthens our minds. The choir will continue to practise each week preparing our two songs we'll be performing at grad on May 30, 2025.

The Kiwanis Music Festival is held during the month of March. Many bands and local student musicians will be competing and performing. I highly encourage you to take in the Grand Concert on Tuesday, April 1 at the Fine Arts Building at 7:00 pm or the Kiwanis Benefit Concert on Thursday, April 3 at the Fine Arts Building at 7:00 pm. Students from all over our area will be performing and sharing their musical talents and hard work. These shows are always magnificent and I encourage you to go if you are able.

SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS 2025

Thanks to all of the students who participated in the Science Fair this year and to the parents who helped support them through the process. We were amazed by the quality and diversity of the projects. Also, thank you to all the judges who helped make the event possible.



Congratulations to the following winners:



Kindergarten - Grade 1

- 1st - Dayne Nisbet "Which liquid damages teeth most?"
- 2nd - Oliver Packer "The Power of Magnets: The Ability to Attract and Repel Objects"
- 3rd - Emma Gardner "Lowering the freezing point of water by putting salt on ice"

Grade 2

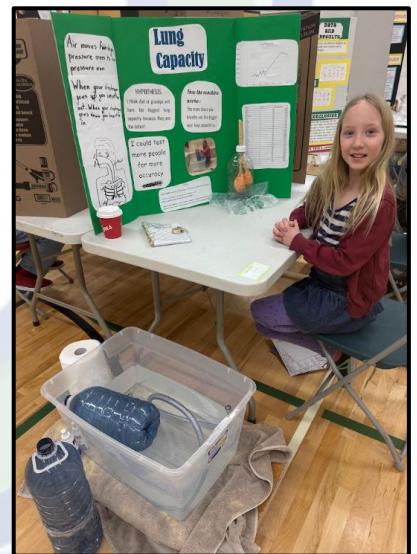
- 1st - Gwen McPherson and Paulina Mora Argati "Do different light colors affect growth rate in celery?"
- 2nd - Eleanor Sisler "How do cows and horses digest food?"
- 3rd - Ignacio Ikenaga "How we see in 3D"

Grade 3

- 1st - Dom and Alex Lanni "What makes your heart pump harder?"
- 2nd - Bennett Wielenga "Can an electrochemical battery made using potatoes power everyday devices such as a lightbulb or cellphone?"
- 3rd - Gabe Andres - "Magnets: Field Strength Variability"

Grade 4

- 1st - Owen Eichhorst and Oliver Windsor "How does a wind turbine work?"
- 2nd - Rayden Rodych "Lung Capacity"
- 3rd - Amaya Larson "Which cereal brand stays crunchy in milk the longest?"



Thank you to Tammy Petersen and Reanna Windsor for organizing our first Science Fair since COVID. The Science Fair was such an amazing success and we can't wait until next year to see all the entries!



March - ÉOES Parent Council



FUN LUNCH



The ordering period for April Fun Lunch will be open March 4-18.

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 March 5, 2025 at 7:00pm at the ÉOES 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!

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





The Olds Elks is proud to be supporting the ÉOES Parent Council and Fundraising Society by hosting a BINGO, Monday, March 10, 2025.



Where: Olds Elks Hall (5113 49 Avenue)

When: March 10, 2025

Time: Doors open at 6:00pm with Bingo starting at 7:00pm



Come early to get settled and purchase your Starter Pack that gets you cards for every game of the night with a Bingo Dauber for just \$15! Please bring Cash. For any questions, check out the Olds Elks Facebook page.

See you there!

**World Down Syndrome Day
ÉOES: Thursday, March 20th**

*****Wear two different pairs of socks*****



**Let's put winter to bed:
Wear your PJ's to school on Thursday,
March 20th**



Reminder:



**We just want to remind Students and Parents that
ÉOES is a HAT FREE ZONE during school hours**

Thank-you for respecting this rule!

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!
(Click on the blue wording)



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. We would appreciate payment by March 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

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8 WEEK CAMP

GRADE 3&4

GRADE 5&6

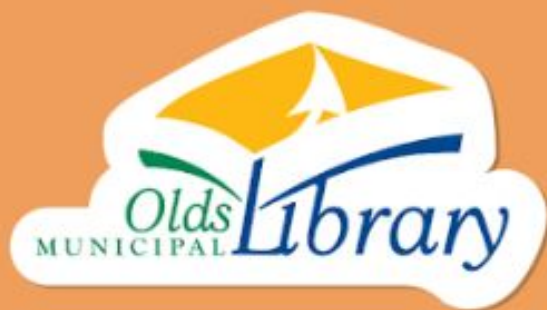
AT HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Monday after school. Starting
March 10th @ 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

*Register today, limited spots
available!*



*Use the QR Code above or
[register here](#)*



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**



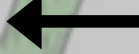
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March 2025

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2	3	4 Fun Lunch Ordering Opens for April	5 Parent Council Meeting 7:00pm ÉOES Library or Virtual	6 Jersey and or Toque Day	7 No School	8
9 Spring Ahead 1Hour 	10 Parent Council Bingo Fundraiser for Adults: at Elks Hall 6:00pm	11	12	13	14 Pre-Ordered Fun Lunch: Edo	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day Wear Green 	18 Fun Lunch Ordering Closes for April Parent/Teacher Interviews	19 No Kinder Classes: March 19 and 20	20 World Down Syndrome Day: Wear Mismatched socks	21 Put Winter to Bed: Wear PJ's: Mar 20  No School	22
23	24	25 Grade 3 Swimming Starts	26	27 No Pre-K Class today	28 Pre-Ordered Fun Lunch: Pizza Hut	29
30	31					