



École Deer Meadow School

Chinook's Edge School Division

May 5 - 9, 2025

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The Spell-A-Thon is almost here!!!

Our ever-popular Spell-A-Thon is coming up on May 15. We have SO many wonderful prizes to be won, including a Samsung Tablet, Giant Squishmellows, we have two \$300 Canadian Tire gift cards, two Pizza Hut gift certificates, books, treats, Waterproof Bluetooth Speaker, plus many more!!

For every \$5 your student earns in pledges, they will receive a ticket for any prize they choose. So if your student raises \$20, they could put a ticket into 4 different prizes, or all 4 tickets into one prize!!

This fundraiser helps us pay for all the field trips our students go in throughout the year. Without this fundraiser, we would have to charge for every field trip that our students go on.

For everyone that has already contributed with prizes or pledges, THANK YOU!!! There's still time to send pledge money with the students, OR you can pay Online with the Student Quick Pay by clicking this link:

<https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/>

Coming Up at a Glance

May 8: **Parent Council Meeting**, 7pm
May 9: Boston Pizza Hot Lunch
May 15: Spell-A-Thon
May 15: Mad Greek Hot Lunch
May 16: No School
May 19: No School, Victoria Day
May 23: Booster Juice Hot Lunch
May 29: Term 3 Academies End
May 30: Panago Pizza Hot Lunch

Athletics News

www.deermeadow.ca/sports

Track and Field Try its - come and see what events there are and if you like any of them - May 5 & 6th

Track and Field Tryouts -top 2 girls and top 2 boys in your grade will qualify for each event

Check the website for specific try out dates.

Badminton Zones May 10th
Divisional Track Meet May 22nd

For those who make the team, the first meet will be May 22 in Sundre.

Contact Mrs. Clattenburg at EDMS for information.

Please check your student's account for any newly added school fees and please monitor your Online Fee Payment Account for any fees that may be added throughout the year.

Thank you!



Good Afternoon Parents and Guardians,

Spring has arrived—or at least it's *trying to*! As always in Alberta, the weather keeps us guessing. One minute it's sunshine, the next it's wind, rain, or all of the above. But no matter what the forecast throws our way, one thing is certain: **field trip season at Deer Meadow is here!**

Each grade team has planned exciting, curriculum-connected adventures, and your child's teacher will continue to share trip-specific details as the dates approach. In the meantime, here are a few key reminders to help everything run smoothly:



Check the Calendar

The **Calendar** section of our school website is updated with field trip dates and other upcoming events. It's your best bet for staying in the loop!



Watch for Permission Forms

Trips that involve travel outside of Olds require your **electronic permission**. Keep an eye on your email inbox for those forms—they're quick and easy to complete online.



A Note on Field Trip Fees

Thanks to your amazing support of our **Spell-a-thon fundraiser**, the **vast majority of trip costs are covered**. For trips that do have additional expenses, we've added a small **\$5 fee per trip**.

You can pay this:

- In person at the school office, or
- Online via your **Student QuickPay** account.

And yes—**donations** to the fundraiser are still welcome and appreciated! Every donation earns students **raffle tickets** for some great prizes.



Transportation Notes

We've arranged bussing for all students. If you plan to drive your child yourself, please **let their teacher know before the day of the trip.**

If your child is traveling with **another adult**, we require:

- A copy of the **driver's insurance**, and
- A **current criminal record check** on file with the school.



Expectations Still Apply

Even though we'll be off campus, all of our usual school expectations still stand:

- **Dress code**
- **Positive behaviour**
- **Cell phone use policy**



Be Prepared!

Field trips are full of learning, movement, and fun! Please help your child be ready with:

- A **healthy lunch** and snacks
- A **refillable water bottle**
- **Layered clothing** (because, Alberta...)
- **Comfortable footwear** for walking

We're looking forward to these fantastic learning opportunities and the memories your child will make along the way. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.

Thanks for your support—and here's hoping for some *consistently* spring-like weather soon!

Warm regards,

Allan Whitehead,

Principal (*currently wearing a parka, shorts, and sandals—just in case*)



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Spell-a-Thon Fundraiser 2025



Once again, E.D.M.S. has decided to have a Spell-a-Thon as their yearly, and only, fundraiser. The rationale behind this is as follows:

- ✓ Spelling is linked to the curriculum at all grade levels.
- ✓ 100% of the money raised will be kept in the school.
- ✓ There will be no issues with product delivery or distribution.

Each grade will be given a list of curriculum-related words to study. These words will not be studied at length at school; they must be learned at home. Students will be encouraged to collect pledges from their family. **We will only be accepting pledges online.** Pledges can be made in a lump sum, or can be pledged based on the number of words spelled correctly on their test. If a receipt is required a pledge sheet must be completed with Name, Full Address & Amount Pledged and returned to the office. Receipts will only be issued for amounts over \$20.00.

For every \$5.00 in pledges a student collects, he/she will be given a ticket to be entered into a variety of prize draws. So, the more money a student raises, the more chances they will have at winning some AMAZING prizes.

Timeline of Events:

Wednesday, March 26th - Word lists go home.

Wednesday, April 30th - All students will take their Spell-a-Thon tests.

Monday, May 13th - All pledges will be due online or in person

Thursday, May 15th - Spell-a-Thon Celebration - Grade level Spelling Bee and prize draws.

How Can Parents and Guardians Help?

- ✓ Help your son or daughter practice their spelling words until they are confident in their skills. (Check out Spelling City Website letter)
- ✓ Assist your child (if necessary) in collecting pledges from family and friends. This is our major fundraiser for the year.
- ✓ Donate prizes for our final wrap up event. We will accept any prizes, big or small, geared to students in grades 5-8. Prizes may be dropped off at the office.
- ✓ To make things easier this year, we are asking that you have your child collect pledges and then you can go to our website and enter all the pledges online in one lump sum ('Quicklinks' - Online Payments tab). **If you have more than one student, please enter the pledges separately.**

**Thank you for your help with this year's fundraiser.
We look forward to it being a huge success!**



School Bus Drivers WANTED



- No experience needed
- Must have a non-GDL Class 5 license
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young children

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IS ONE CARING
ADULT AWAY FROM BEING A
SUCCESS STORY.

FLY THE FLAG FUNDRAISER

**Show your Canadian Spirit
and your Support for the Rotary Club of Olds
fundraising efforts!**

Subscriptions to the 3rd annual Rotary Club of Olds Canadian Flag fundraiser opens March 27th

Show your Canadian and Community Spirit by joining in the celebration of Canada, and at the same time,
raise funds for local community and international charitable projects supported
by the **Rotary Club of Olds**.

This year the **185th Olds Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron** will be assisting and earning a portion of the proceeds.

Purchasing a ticket for \$75 will give you a 3' x 5' Canadian Flag
installed on your front lawn from

May 12th to July 5, 2025

Rotarians and Cadets will come to install the flag at least a week before the
May Long weekend and return after Canada Day to collect them.

Order your flag early!

**Thank you for supporting the Rotary Club of Olds
and
185th Olds Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron**



Information About Measles

Parents, Guardians, School Staff and Volunteers

Measles cases are increasing globally, with numerous countries and travel destinations reporting outbreaks including the United States, Europe and Canada. So far in 2025, Canada has seen a significant increase in measles cases and a number of jurisdictions have reported measles outbreaks. Cases of measles have been reported in New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Manitoba and most recently, Alberta.

There are no confirmed measles cases at your school at this time; however, it is important that parents are aware of the risk and are supported by Alberta Health Services (AHS) Public Health.

Measles Illness

Measles is very contagious and is easily spread through the air. Some people who get measles can have serious health problems. In rare cases, measles can lead to death.

Measles is a viral illness. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, and a blotchy rash. Symptoms usually start 8-12 days after exposure but can take as long as 21 days to appear.

Measles may cause complications including ear infections, pneumonia, seizures, or inflammation of the brain. Complications are more common among children under five years and people who are pregnant or immunocompromised.

A person with measles symptoms should stay home, avoid contact with others, and call Health Link at 811 before visiting any healthcare facility or any healthcare provider.

Protection against Measles

The best protection against measles is to get immunized. Measles vaccines are highly effective.

In order to be adequately protected against measles, individuals born in or after 1970 need two documented doses of measles-containing vaccine.

In Alberta, measles-containing vaccines are available free of charge for eligible individuals. The routine childhood immunization program includes two doses of measles containing vaccine.

For more information about measles-containing vaccines please go to ahs.ca/immunize or talk to your/your child's healthcare provider. Parents and guardians can check that their child has received two doses of measles vaccine by calling Health Link at 811 or by contacting their local public health or community health center [ahs.ca/info/page17791.aspx]. Individuals who are 14 years of age and older can check their immunization record at myhealth.alberta.ca/myhealthrecords.

Measles Case Response

If measles is confirmed at your school, Public Health will immediately begin working with the school to keep everyone safe and reduce the risk of measles spreading.

To reduce transmission of measles, provincial Public Health guidelines require those with infection and their contacts who are not immune to measles to stay at home and away from others until the risk of spreading the disease is over.

Further, we encourage you to keep children home when showing any signs of illness. **Two doses of measles vaccine given before a school measles exposure provides protection against measles and avoids possible exclusion.**

Next Steps

If your child is not immunized, or you are unsure about you or your child's immunization status, please call Health Link at 811.

You can also learn more from myhealth.alberta.ca about measles, who is at risk, and how it spreads, including:

- immunization: myhealth.alberta.ca/topic/immunization/pages/measles.aspx
- frequently asked questions: myhealth.alberta.ca/topic/immunization/documents/measles-faq.pdf
- text "measles" to 88111 for information by text message.

Thank you for your support.

2025 Season Registration Open!



Olds Amateur Football consists of two teams. OAFA is a non-profit sports association committed to bringing a safe and fun football program to Olds & Area.

*We provide all equipment & gear to play except the following: Cleats, mouth guard and girdle. (We do have girdles that can be purchased).

Conditioning & Skills Camps
held end of May & July
*FREE for registered Players



More info for
Registration:



Olds Bantam
Bulldogs

Kids ages
13-15

All Experience
Levels Welcome

Olds Peewee
Huskies

Kids ages
9-12

All Experience
Levels Welcome

**9 yr olds - red shirts, only practice no games*

Registration open until
June 30th

FACEBOOK: Olds Huskies & Bulldogs Football
Email: oldsfootballinfo@gmail.com

2025 Season - Aug - Nov
Players & Coaches & Refs
Welcome!