

## Academy approach to learning is icing on the cake for students at École Deer Meadow School

The middle school in Olds has been providing [Academy programs](#) for the past several years, knowing that when students are engaged in learning something they are passionate about they achieve their full potential and love learning. Students have the opportunity to choose their Academy program from three main categories: Student Leadership, Sports, and Fine Arts and Language. From Sculpting to Forensic Science, students are exposed to a variety of course options over a three semester schedule during the school year.



We caught up with students in the Hockey Academy at the Olds Sportsplex before Winter Break.



Olds Grizzlies coach, Scott Atkinson, shares his skills with Deer Meadow students as part of the program.



Vice Principal, Jennifer Jackson, laced up to hit the ice with students. Jennifer was the Assistant Captain, playing left wing, while at the University of Alberta when the team won Nationals in 2010!



David Clarke and Josh Karman were on hand to share their skills. Grizzly players take turns volunteering to support the students, as part of the team's community service.



Down the hall, students hurry hard in the Curling Academy. All Academy courses allow students to try new things, discover new interests and perhaps find an unexpected career path!

**Chinook's Edge Staff Health & Wellness:** [Wellness Champions](#) from across the division met last Friday for some great professional development and collaboration. The committee meets several times each year, with the goal of supporting staff wellness.

