



2021

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Mon Aug 30 - 1st day of school
- Fri Sep 3 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Mon Sep 6 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Thu Sep 16 - Virtual Open House (*details will be posted on website and Facebook*)
- Fri Sep 17 - Early Dismissal
- Fri Oct 1 - Early Dismissal

Welcome back to Exshaw School! It is so great to see the smiles, hear the laughter and welcome our students and staff back in the hallways! We are so excited to begin a new year learning together! We are so lucky to be schools where we have the opportunity to have two new beginnings every year! It truly is a blessing to be gifted with every year. The students and staff are very excited to begin a new journey together!

Staff

This school year is an exciting one as we are happy to announce some new and some familiar faces to our Exshaw family. Mr. Sand is joining Exshaw School as our music teacher and will be instructing our entire school population. He is an accomplished musician and comes to us from Edmonton. Mr. Sand is originally from Jasper and looks forward to learning and growing with us in the mountain community of Exshaw! In addition, Exshaw School is pleased to welcome Mr. Krohe. He has spent eight years in Canmore teaching at Lawrence Grassi Middle School and is looking forward to teaching physical education and sharing the teaching duties with Ms. Murphy in grade 7/8. Ms. Ramdyal and her family had a wonderful opportunity to relocate to British Columbia. She was missed at Exshaw School by students and staff alike! We definitely wish her well! Joining us at Exshaw School in the kindergarten/grade one class, we are very excited to welcome a familiar name, Ms. Powell. She has taught this grade before, as well as grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 at Exshaw School. Welcome back Ms. Powell :)

Attendance

We are excited to start this new school year off with many of the healthy routines and expectations that set students up for success. The first expectation is strong attendance. At Exshaw School, we strive for 90% attendance. School is 5 days a week and we expect that students are here every day. We miss you when you are not here. We cannot see the growth in your learning and the staff and your friends miss you when you are away.

It is expected that a call to the attendance line (403-673-3656) be made each time you are absent. We want to do the very best for you and for that to happen, you must be here, unless you are ill. You matter to us!

Reading and Bedtime

Another routine that we would like you to get back into is reading every night. This will be helpful to develop your skills and will improve your reading comprehension. We want you to become more confident in your reading and writing skills. We know you can do it!

Bedtime routines and proper sleep habits are important for brain development. By ensuring regular bedtimes and a proper sleep schedule, children can learn better in school. This helps them manage their emotions and learn better in the classroom. Thank you so much for supporting this necessary routine!

Snacketeria

Did you know that we have a snacketeria? Breakfast is free for all students! Students can buy lunch for \$3.00 a day which includes a sandwich, a piece of fruit, vegetables, and yogurt! It is a great deal indeed! Students also have a choice to bring their own lunch from home if they choose!

Communication

For all students to be extremely successful, communication between home and school needs to be ongoing. Please make sure that we have current phone numbers and email addresses that we can always contact. Exshaw School wants to be able to celebrate your child(ren) successes, achievements and also, if there is any emergency, we need to be able to get a hold of a family member at a moment's notice. Thank you for ensuring that we can do so. We take our responsibility of caring for your child(ren) very seriously.

Safety

Did you know that safety for students and staff is our top priority at Exshaw? We want all to feel welcomed and safe in our environment from the moment they arrive! Exshaw School is very lucky to have supports in place to address well being for students and has an extremely caring staff that thriving on ensuring the best possible experience for all students!

Communication

We do have a number of ways in which we communicate as a school. Did you know that teachers communicate through phone calls, text messages, and emails? Did you know that as a school, we send messages through school messenger? Have you checked out our Exshaw School website? Did you know that Exshaw School has their own Facebook page? Please check out all these places for information!

Chromebooks

We are lucky to have a school that was able to loan out Chromebooks during online learning last school year. We are still waiting for a number of those devices to come back to school. Please make sure to return them as soon as possible so that we can use them to beginning learning for the 2021 - 22 school year! As well, every student and family must sign a technology agreement before using technology for the school year.

School Council

Families, we would really like to have a school council! This is something that as a school we have not had the opportunity to have for a number of years. As a school council, the purpose is to advise the principal and the school board respecting matters relating to the school. It is a means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning. A school council is a vehicle to support meaningful parental involvement in decisions that affect the school and its operations. School council provides the venue for parents to reflect the wishes of the broader community for the education of its students and to actively participate in giving advice and support to the principal in the operations of the school. If you interested, please contact the principal, Ms. Nadine Dack-Doi, by email at nadine.dackdoi@crps.ca or by phone 403 673 3656 by September 17, 2021. We would love to have this come to life! Our students deserve a very involved council!

Yours in education,
Nadine Dack-Doi (principal)

Open House

As we continue to follow the recommendations from our Alberta Chief Medical Officer and monitor the number of COVID 19 cases in Alberta, we will do a virtual open house this year to introduce our staff to our families. This will be posted on our website and our facebook page on September 16, 2021.

Re-Entry Plan

Have you had a chance to read the Exshaw Re-Entry Plan for the 2021 - 22 school year that is posted on our school website and that is on our Exshaw Facebook page? If you have not done so already, please do. It explains the protocols that we follow to place safety as a priority. Thank you to Nakoda Bus Lines for ensuring that all students are wearing masks on the buses for the entire trip. This is mandated by the provincial government. All families are required to supply a mask for their child.

Staff Learning

Did you know that our staff is always learning too? When students leave on half day Fridays, staff are learning strategies to help students and improve their practice! We are a staff that loves to learn and improve for all students!

Prize Winners

Did you know that Kaz Mark Twoyoungmen and Josie Twoyoungmen won Samsung Galaxy Tablets for bringing back their chromebooks? Congratulations to Kaz and Josie!

Celebration

We have the perfect way to end September! Did you know that we are going to have a celebration for the first month of school? We are going to be celebrating the wonderful learning of September and attendance! There will be more details coming as we go through the month! Stay tuned!

Thank you for being dedicated partners in the education of your child(ren)! We are so thankful to have committed family members who work with us to do the very best every day! Thank you.

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