



November 2021

It is hard to believe that we are already entering the month of November at Exshaw School. This year seems to be flying by at a very fast pace! I do want to thank families for getting their child(ren) to school each and every day. Attendance is so important. We are working on a way to share virtually with our community our wonderful students, families and staff the students who are reaching their attendance goals. We really appreciate the strong communication between home and school. Please also continue to call our attendance line to report when your child is sick. We truly care when your child is not here! Thank you so much!

They say time flies when you're having fun. I must be having fun because the time sure flies. It is the end of October already but we've had another productive month at Exshaw School. Here's some highlights:

New Staff

We said goodbye to Ms. Moore, our wonderful counsellor. She has ventured off to start her own practice. It has been a goal for Ms. Moore and we are so happy for her and we will miss her as well.

We have welcomed a new counsellor. Her name is Ms. Forster. She brings a wealth of experience in the Bow Valley and is very excited to get to know all the students, families and staff in our wonderful school. Ms. Forster will be providing universal supports in the classrooms and individual counselling sessions for students as well. Welcome Ms. Forster.

In addition we have welcomed another teacher to our Kindergarten and Grade One classroom. Ms. Horsley will be teaching with Ms. Powell all of our wonderful kindergarten and grade one students. Welcome Ms. Horsley.

Parent - Teacher - Student Conferences

We are very excited to be celebrating your child(ren)'s successes in their learning and discussing ways how we can work together to see how students are able to move forward even more in their literacy and numeracy skills.

Please make sure that you have communicated with your child(ren)'s teacher to book either a google meet or a telephone call on one of the following times:

- Wednesday, November 3rd from 4-7pm
- Thursday, November 4th from 4-7pm
- Friday November 5th from 8:30-11:30am

We want to work with your child and the family to do the best for your child's academic success!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences:

- Wed Nov 3 from 4-7pm
- Thu Nov 4 from 4-7pm
- Fri Nov 5 from 8:30-11:30am

- Fri Nov 5 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Sun Nov 7 - Daylight Savings
- Thu Nov 11 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Fri Nov 12 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Wed Nov 17 - Class Photos & Retakes
- Fri Nov 19 - Early Dismissal
- Wed Nov 24 @7pm - Public Board Meeting (join online)
- Fri Dec 3 - Early Dismissal
- Fri Dec 17 - Early Dismissal
- Dec 18 to Jan 2 - Winter Break
- Mon Jan 3 - School Resumes

Field Trips

Our students have been venturing out on field trips to enhance their learning in the great outdoors. So far many classes have enhanced their learning outcomes in our great backyard. To note, grades 2, 6, 6/7, 7/8 and 8 have enriched their learning in this manner.

Vision Tests

Many of our students have had their vision tested at the school which is wonderful! Please if you were unable to attend and need to have your child(ren)'s vision check, please do go see your friendly optometrist. This will ensure that your child(ren) can see well and in return read well!

Photo Day

Class Photos and Retakes for students are going to happen on **Wednesday November 17th**. Please make the date on your calendar.

A Month of Activities

A big shout out goes to Ms. K's class as they have planned a month of wonderful activities for Halloween all month long as part of one of their courses. It has lead to a bunch of fun for the entire school. Thank you to the grade 8s for being such fantastic leaders and planners! We have had theme days, decorating contests, drawing contests, estimation contests, pumpkin carving and door decorating contests to name a few! Thanks again Ms. K. and the wonderful grade eight students!

CRPS Public Board Meetings

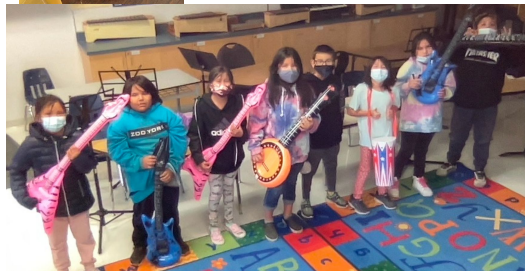
Did you know that all Exshaw parents are welcome to join the Canadian Rockies Public Board Meetings every month virtually? The November meeting will be on **November 24th, 2021, at 7pm**. To join the meeting, please go to the website (www.crps.ca), then go to upcoming events, then click on November 24th and click on the public board meeting at 7pm. It would be great to have Exshaw parents join us!

Parent Council

I do have a dream of having a parent council at Exshaw School. This is a time where we meet once a month and it's a time to discuss wonderful things that are occurring at Exshaw School. We continue to look for ways to engage our community to meet the needs of all our students and make Exshaw School the best possible environment for all! Please email me at nadine.dackdoi@crps.ca if you are interested or please call me at 403 673 3656. I would love to make these meetings monthly. We need to have at least 5 committed members that would be willing to meet each month.

Staff Learning

Did you know that when students have early out Fridays, staff is continuing to learn to do the best for their students? We learn together as a group to make sure we are providing the highest quality of education possible for all of our students!



Yours in education,
Nadine Dack-Doi (principal)

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