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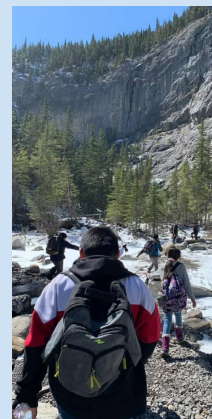
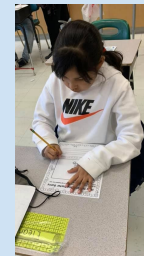
Happy May everyone! We hope this newsletter finds you all well. We start this month's message with a bouquet of recognition for all students, families, and school staff as we continue to learn and attend school each and every day. Thank you for keeping our school and communities healthy. We value how each person is wearing a mask on the bus to and from school each and every day! Thank you for continuing to do the screening symptoms checklist each day. Communication is key between home and school.

Working Together to Learn

It has been and continues to be a time of great learning at Exshaw School. Throughout this year, our students have continued to grow and develop as learners. We are so proud of them!

Staff are doing a fantastic job in learning new ways to connect with students and families and offer opportunities for learning. We appreciate the efforts of families as you work to support your children in engaging in the learning opportunities that work for your family. We celebrate the unique and relevant ways that families are finding opportunities for their children to learn in the spirit that learning is everywhere!

And finally our students – what can we say about them. It is so great to be able to see their faces and hear their voices as teachers get chances to meet and share together through a variety of different platforms. We should be proud of everyone's efforts in working together.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Wed May 5 - Hats on for Mental Health Day
- Fri May 7 - Early dismissal at noon
- Tue May 18 - Spirit Day: Wear your clothes inside out &/or backwards!
- Fri May 21 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Mon May 24 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Wed May 26 - Public board meeting (online) at 7pm

8.5 Weeks Left

Did you know that we have only 8.5 weeks left of school?! I can't believe it! Let's make these the best attendance ever! We would like to see at least 90% or above. If you are absent due to illness and/or a medical appointment, please call our attendance line at the school, 403-673-3656! We worry about you when you are not here!

GREAT NEWS!

Great News for Our Students and Families! Our Lunch Program will be remaining FREE for the month of May!!!! We want to support to support our students and families. Come to school each and every day for a nutritious breakfast and lunch five days a week!



Mental Health Week

Did you know that May 3rd through May 9th is Mental Health Week? When we name how we feel, it helps us understand and process our emotions - which is all a part of good mental health. Our grade 5/6 class has decided that our spirit week activity will be on May 5th, which is known as Hats on for Awareness. So, all students can wear hats and also hoodies that show their awareness for the importance of mental health.

As well, our wonderful Ms. Moore and Ms. Jennix continue to meet with classes to discuss the importance of mental well being, in collaboration with staff. We are lucky to have so many wonderful supports!



Learning on Half Day Fridays

Our staff is always learning! When students leave on half day Fridays, we continue to learn together so that we can be the best for the students. We use the feedback and information from students, families and community to continue to improve.



Update Contact Info



May we ask a favour? Please update your telephone numbers with us. We want to be able to connect!



Also please log into Parent Portal to complete the Annual Demographic Update if you haven't done so already. Thank you!

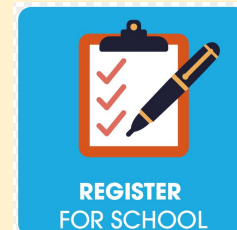
Reading



Exshaw School is a school that reads! It is very important and helpful for development of our students to be reading each night. Making the effort to read 15 minutes a day has a huge impact! Did you know that Exshaw School has a Reading Challenge in May? The goal is to read every day! There are a number of great prizes to be won! Who is in?

Registrations

Psstttt, Exshaw is accepting registrations for all grades at our school for the 2021-22 school year. Please register early to avoid disappointment! We would love to have you as part of our family!



Attendance

Did you know that as well as all the teachers, counselor and principal, connecting with families, our Elders are connecting with families as well to improve attendance? It truly is a community. We are working together to support each student be their very best!



I would like to end this newsletter with appreciation for all our students, families and staff. Thank you for entrusting us with our children each and every day. Thank you for communicating with all of during this very unusual times. Education is a journey that needs a strong connection between home and school. We appreciate each and every one daily.

Yours in education,
Nadine Dack-Doi (principal)

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