



We are now entering the last portion of the school year. I am in awe of how fast the 2018 - 19 school year has went! We do have two full months left where there will be a lot of learning. Remember the goal of attendance is 90% and above each month. All of our students can do it! Thanks families for supporting your child(ren) to ensure that they arrive each day on time. Thank you!

Summer Vacation is on the Horizon, but it's not here yet

Here are three reasons to make sure your child comes to school on time every day:

1. Learning hasn't stopped. Teachers are still planning lessons and teaching new content. If your child isn't in school, he/she won't learn this information. Studies show that students who miss just 10% of the school year in the early grades are still behind their peers when they reach high school.
2. Teachers often plan group projects for the end of the year. These projects help your child learn collaboration, problem solving and responsibility. These are skills he/she'll need throughout his school career and in the workplace.
3. Regular attendance teaches kids to be dependable - which is an important quality for everyone to develop.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Wed May 1 - 9:15 Mastery Assembly

Fri May 3 - Early Dismissal

Tue May 14 - 9am Ugly Bugly Show

Fri May 17 - NO SCHOOL

Mon May 20 - NO SCHOOL

Tue May 21 - 1pm K-2 Fluoride Varnishing

Fri May 24 - 1:30 Mastery Assembly

Wed May 29 - Elders Attendance Meeting

Fri May 31 - Early Dismissal

Outdoor Play

With the wildly fluctuating weather we experience in Spring, it is difficult to have the children properly dressed for outdoor play. One strategy that works well is when they are dressed in layers for the cold mornings and then they can remove layers as the day warms up.



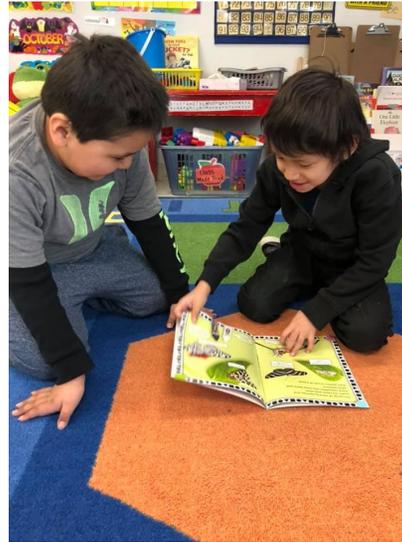
Interesting Fact

Education Week is a week that celebrates the great work that schools and students do! In the province of Alberta, this year the week that we celebrate it is **April 29 - May 3, 2019**. Please come join us this week to visit your child(ren)'s classroom and see the wonderful learning that is happening at Exshaw School! As well, join us for the assembly on **May 1, 2019, at 9:15 am** as we celebrate our students' successes!

Reading Matters

Did you know that one of the best strategies to improve reading is nightly reading? Our students are taking home books nightly to practice strategies they have learned throughout the day. This is of great benefit to all students. Please encourage your child(ren) to maintain this important ritual.

As well, we have noticed this year that a number of our books that are being sent home have not been returned. We have noticed about \$1 000 of books! Could you please do us a favour, look around your houses and send back any of the books that have not yet been returned. Thank you so much for your help with this matter!



2019-20 Enrollment is Open

It is crazy to believe but we are starting to welcome families for our next school year. I am extremely proud to be part of a school with such wonderful students, staff and families. If you have a child or know of someone residing in our area that has a child who will be attending kindergarten through grade eight in the fall of 2019, please ask them to call the school office at 403 673 3656. We would love to provide them with a tour of the school and showcase the great things that our students are doing at Exshaw School!

Parents of current grade eight students, if you are planning to enroll at the Canmore Collegiate High School (CCHS), you must complete an enrollment packet at CCHS. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Exshaw School at 403 673 3656.

Be Gone Screen Time

The longer days can often lead to lazy hours in front of electronic devices. But experts say it's important to limit recreational screen time. For most families, that's easier said than done! Try replacing screen time with:

- Acting. Instead of watching a show, encourage your child to create one! She/He can choose a story line and act it out with friends or stuffed animals.
- Classic games. Fill a box with traditional summer toys, such as sidewalk chalk, balls, bubble solution and water sprayers. When the weather is nice, your child(ren) can take the box outside for hours of fun.
- Scavenger hunts. Give educational instructions, such as, "Let's find an oak tree leaf," "Pick three daisies," or "Find three things that are round." Remember, you can have a scavenger hunt anywhere, even in a store or at home.



Be in the Know

At Exshaw School, we do try our very best to keep parents updated through notices sent home, our website and Facebook postings. Please check with your child(ren) and/or our school website and Facebook page regularly for correspondence from the school in case we need to make last minute changes to the listed events. Thank you!

Thanks for being a partner in education in the best interests of all our students! Kind regards, Nadine Dack-Doi (Principal)



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