



March 2020

I feel like I have blinked and this year has flown by! We are speeding through 2019-20 school year! A big congratulations to Ms. Waite's class for getting back the **intent forms** for the following school year and winning the pizza party! Please make sure that if your child(ren) have yet to return to his/her intent form that he/she return the form as soon as possible. As well, please if you have a child or know of a child that would like to **register** at Exshaw School for the 2020-21 school year, please ask him/her to either go to: <https://cps.ca/Registration.php> or call the Exshaw School at 403-673-3656 for help with the registration process! We are very excited to grow our family even more! As well, please remember that we have the **Kindergarten Open House** on March 5th at 6:30 pm. Childcare and light snacks will be provided.

Online Safety

Did you know that all of our classes are teaching our students to be safe online? This is called digital citizenship. Exshaw School has a policy where we are device free during breaks. This means that during lunch and recesses students do not have phones, tablets, etc, out with them. We encourage them to be playing and interacting with each other. Families, one of the best things to support your child(ren) is to ensure that you have access to all the accounts and websites children visit. We are in a different world these days. Websites such as Tiktok and Instagram are very appealing to children but it is very unclear as to who children are really talking to at times. Please make sure that you closely monitor your children's activities online. It is a different world and one we need to prepare children for and help them navigate through. Some research suggests that children should not have an online profile until at least 14 years of age!



Parent-Teacher Interviews

Book the Dates!
Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews are coming up. We have a goal! We want to see ALL of our families at interviews. Interviews are on the nights of March 18th from 5 to 8pm, March 19th from 5 to 8pm, or March 20th from 9 to 11:30 am. There will be dinner provided on the evenings of March 18th and 19th and a light breakfast on the 20th. We will have prizes for a family draw as well. Let's see all families out! It is important to celebrate the successes and how we can work together to see students show even more improvement! Remember to check the lost and found and claim your items as they will be donated on March 20th! Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Thursday March 5 - Kindergarten open house @ 6:30pm
- Friday 6 - early dismissal
- Saturday 7 - girls basketball tournament at OLS (Canmore)
- Sunday 8 - time change
- Friday 13 - independence assembly @ 1:15pm
- Parent Teacher Interviews
 - Wed 18 from 5-8pm
 - Thu 19 from 5-8pm
 - Fri 20 9-11:30am
- Friday 20 - **NO SCHOOL**

Stoney Words of the Month

- Nowadethkan tawe - goose month (March)
- Taberhan tawe - frog month (April)
isniyes Tracey & Phillomene Stevens

Spirit North Loppet

We have many highlights at Exshaw School. One highlight that some students look forward to is being on the Spirit North Ski Team. We have a number of students from grades 7 and 8 who are looking forward to the Ski Loppet on March 10th!



Student Voice Summit

Did you know that we are having three students from Exshaw School participate in a Student Voice Summit? This is an event that has students from Morley Community School, Banff Elementary School, Banff Community High School, Canmore Collegiate High School, Lawrence Grassi Middle School and Exshaw School come together to discuss what makes a great school for all. There is a small sampling from each school where students share their thoughts. From Exshaw, Layla (grade 6), Rashawn (grade 7) and Andralyn (grade 8) will be representing us! All the students from all the schools will be sharing with both the Stoney Education Authority and Canadian Rockies School Division. The events will be held on March 13th, 23rd and 24th!

Public Board Meeting

Did you know that each month Canadian Rockies School Division has a Public Board Meeting? This month it will be held at Elizabeth Rummel School at **7pm on March 25th**. Everyone is welcome to join! On this agenda, will be a short presentation about the Exshaw School Education Plan to the board. Please accept this as your invitation.

Attendance

Have you seen the pictures of all of our students who are attending at least 95% on our website? It is amazing to see how many students are doing such a great job of being at school each day on time. As well, we are so lucky because of Elders Philomene and Tracey make handmade gifts for students who have attendance for those at and above 95% attendance. We want to see all of our students being at school each day on time. Also, a big thank you to families for calling in when a child is absent. We do appreciate it.

Communication is key between home and school. Together as a team we can do the very best for all students. We appreciate the ongoing communication.

Yours in education,
Nadine Dack-Doi (principal)

Please follow our Exshaw School Facebook page, Twitter feed and website for updates:



Continuing Education

Throughout the school, whether it is students or staff, we are continually learning! Teachers were engaged in professional learning in Calgary on February 20th and 21st. They are very serious about continually improving their practice to become better for their students. As well, on the days where students go home on the half days staffs are involved in professional learning. We continually strive to do the very best for our students.

Alberta Musical Theatre Company

Did you hear about the Alberta Musical Theatre Company presentation of Sleeping Beauty? The students were engaged in a wonderful presentation and loved it.



Thank You Sponsors!

Exshaw School would like to thank a number of our sponsors. We have been very fortunate to receive funding from the Breakfast Clubs of Canada, Lafarge, Bow Valley Christmas Spirit Campaign and JK Bakery. We are able to provide a free breakfast to all of our students. As well, for families that choose to access a very reasonably priced lunch option, we are able to provide lunch to many students. It is an amazing deal for students if you pay on the first day of the month!

