



November 2020

Happy November Everyone!

We have been so fortunate at Exshaw School to have a beautiful fall to enjoy lots of time outside enjoying our wonderful outdoors. As the seasons begin to change and families have made their final choice for their the year whether they wanted in school or at home learning, we see growth in our wonderful students. If you speak with any teacher, there is a rhythm that happens in each grade level that seems to magically transform students into deeper thinkers, better readers, more socially aware young people. It is these transformations that brings a smile to our faces and a continued perseverance to the next level.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Parent-Teacher Interviews:
 - Wed Nov 4 from 4-7pm
 - Thu Nov 5 from 4-7pm
 - Fri Nov 6 from 9am-12noon
- Fri Nov 6 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Wed Nov 11 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Fri Nov 13 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Fri Nov 20 - Early dismissal
- Tue Nov 24 - 7pm board meeting
- Fri Dec 4 - Early dismissal

Working Together

At Exshaw School we take great pride in the fact that the staff works tirelessly to keep your children safe and engaged in their learning alongside the family. Staff are constantly focussed on connecting with families to work collaboratively to determine what each student needs and what we can do to make that happen for them.

For just a moment I want to pull back the curtain to reveal how much teachers and staff put into their jobs:

- **Reading and math programs** are solidly grounded in research including daily feedback to every student
- There is consistent **Circle of Courage** language in every classroom to help build each student's social awareness and emotional well-being
- Our technology is updated with **Chromebooks** to keep students engaged and learning about the world they will be working in
- Our **entire staff are trained** in the best ways of helping students learn and succeed
- **Lunches will be provided free of charge** until the end of January. Plans are in place for affordable lunches as we continue through the remainder of the year for any student who needs it
- **Knowledge keepers and Elders** who share their knowledge with students and staff to build our community
- And SO MUCH MORE!

Exshaw School is incredible due to the wonderful students, families, staff and community. It is truly a wonderful community and school. It is our pleasure and honour to have your child in our school. Together, we can help them achieve goals they haven't even dreamed of yet. We continue to lay the foundation here in Exshaw and celebrate each student as the wonderful learner they are today.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Did you know that we have many **important events** coming up in November? Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be looking very differently this year due to ensuring that we follow safety protocols for all. Teachers will be sending home a First Quarter Summary on November 3rd in person if they are an in person student or electronically if they are an at home learner. Teachers will either phone you or set up a google meet. Families will have received a form from their homeroom teacher asking for a preference for a google meet or a phone call. We look forward to connecting with you about your child(ren)'s learning!

Spotlight on Online Safety!

The internet is an integral part of our lives. It provides us with information, entertainment, and various ways to communicate and socialize. It can be used to research school reports, communicate with teachers, peers and play interactive games. While this creates great opportunities for society, online access comes with risks such as inappropriate content, cyberbullying and online predators. Both at school and at home, it is essential that we educate ourselves and our children about **being safe online**. The internet has become a part of our day-to-day lives and to keep our children safe, it is important that we have conversations about online safety and model and encourage safe online practices. For more information please visit:



<https://sites.google.com/a/crps.ca/crps-digital-citizenship/>

COVID-19 Safety

Thank you for keeping our community safe by completing the Screening Questionnaire each day. If your child(ren) has any symptoms, they may not come to school. You are to phone Alberta 811. Let's keep our community safe. Here is a question that we get asked a lot at school so we would like to clarify:

If my child started isolating less than 10 days ago because they had symptoms of cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat on the screening questionnaire and they are feeling better now can they come to school?

No. They must legally self-isolate for 10 days or until symptoms resolve whichever is longer. If they get a negative COVID-19 test AND they have NO SYMPTOMS they may return to school.



Yours in education,
Nadine Dack-Doi (principal)

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



Are you ready for some mind blowing facts?

- A child who reads 1 minute per day is exposed to 8 000 words per year!
- A child who reads 5 minutes per day is exposed to 282 000 words per year!
- A child who reads 20 minutes per day is exposed to 1.8 million words per year!

Let's get reading Exshaw!!!!!! How many books do you think we can read as a school?



Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week

Did you know that November 15th through the 21st is Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week? At Exshaw School it is very important that we have a safe, caring environment for all students and staff to feel supported. We do have events planned throughout this week!

Winter Clothing

As we continue to spend as much time as possible outside, thank you for making sure that your child(ren) are dressed for the weather. Please ensure that they have a warm jacket, proper footwear, mitts and a hat. Thank you.



Picture Day

Students who were At home learners in the first quarter and/or missed getting their pictures taken in October, need to get ready for picture day on **Wednesday November 18th!**



Thank You

Thank you for being such an amazing community of learners! Thanks for ensuring that you are calling into the office with your attendance. We appreciate all of you. Exshaw School appreciates the kindness and care that everyone is demonstrating.