



# 2020

## Welcome Back to School!

We are very excited to have all of the students joining us for in school and at home learning at Exshaw School. The excitement of being back to learning and with friends and staff is very enjoyable for all! The students and staff have adapted very quickly to the changes. The students are incredible at physically distancing themselves and the routines of handwashing and sanitizing.

## Well Being

As a staff, our priority is safety both physically and emotional well being as our re entry at Exshaw School.

Students are being staying with their **homerom cohort** at all times during the day. This means that they eat lunch with their classmates and their teachers. As well, the students play at recesses in playground zones with their classmates in certain areas. This allows the students to safely play with their classmates and physically distance appropriately.

The students are doing it incredibly well! It is fantastic to see!

I do want to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the students, families, bus drivers and staff for making the opening such a success.

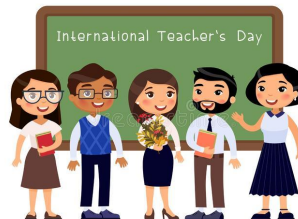
We have been able to begin the learning process and re entry process for all students.

## 2020-21 Staff

Just as a reminder, our in school learning groups are as follows:

### Classroom Teachers

K/1	Mrs. Booth
2/3	Mrs. Perron
4/5	Mrs. Mulligan
5/6	Ms. Murphy
7/8	Ms. Kulmatycky



### School Staff

Ms. Dack-Doi	Principal
Mr. Dunbar	Administrative Assistant
Ms. Moore	Family School Liaison Counsellor
Ms. Chisholm	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Soler	Success Teacher
Ms. Shea / Ms. Frezzel	Librarians
Mr. Kemp / Mr. Penty	Custodians

### Educational Assistants

Mrs. Pasemko (k/1)
Mrs. Cressman (2/3)
Ms. Goodstoney (4/5)
Mr. Burr (5/6)
Mrs. Zawada (7/8)

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Mon Aug 31 - School Starts!
  - Fri Sep 4 - **No School**
  - Mon Sep 7 - **No School**
  - Fri Sep 18 - Half Day
  - Thu 23 @ 7pm - board meeting
  - Wed Sep 30 - Orange Shirt Day
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- Fri Oct 2 - Half Day
  - Mon Oct 12 - **No School**
  - Fri Oct 16 - Half Day

## At Home Learning

Our at home learning for students officially started on Monday, September 14th. Each family will have been contacted by their at home learning teacher inviting them for some fun get to know you activities the week of September 8 - 11. For the families that are enrolled in the at home learning program who require a Chromebook, Exshaw would be love to help you out. We are able to **loan out one chromebook per family**. Please phone the school office at 403 673 3656 to book an appointment to pick up a chromebook for your child. Thank you!

Our **at home learning groups** are as follows:

K/1	Mrs. Beardwood / Ms. Young
2/3	Mrs. Schneider / Ms.Dallyn
4/5	Mr. Prescesky / Ms. Waite
5/6	Ms. Waite / Mr. Stewart
7/8	Ms. Fraser / Ms.Good / Mr.Boyd



## Orange Shirt Day

Can we ask everyone in the school and at home learning a favour on September 30th? Please wear an orange shirt on September 30th. Why you may ask? Well, it all started in Williams Lake in 2013 and has since spread to school across British Columbia and Canada. September 30th which is referred to Orange Shirt Day is a day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools. The "orange shirt" in Orange Shirt Day is the new shirt that Phyllis Webstad was given to her by her grandmother for her first day of school at St. Joseph's Mission residential school in British Columbia. When Phyllis got to school, they took away her clothes, including her new shirt. It was never returned. To Phyllis, the colour orange has always reminded her of her experiences at residential school. The message that Phyllis wants to pass along on Orange Shirt Day- and every day- is that every child matters. Orange Shirt Day was started by Phyllis to educate people about residential schools and fight racism and bullying.

### How Can You Get Involved?

- Talk to your family members
- Read The Orange Shirt Story By Phyllis Webstad
- Wear an orange shirt on September 30th
- Share Phyllis' story
- Read books by Indigenous authors about residential schools
- Trace your hand and write something on it that you can do to help others feel like they matter



Yours in education,  
Nadine Dack-Doi (principal)

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



## Snacketeria Has Reopened!

### School Lunch



We have great news! Our snacketeria will be opening Thursday Sep 17 offering a modified lunch program! There will be a great opening special for everyone! There will be **free lunches** of sandwiches, fruit and a granola bar for all. Watch our Exshaw Facebook page and our Exshaw School website for details!

Did you know that we have **water filling stations** at Exshaw School? This is a great opportunity to fill all those wonderful water bottles that you are bringing from home!

## Re-entry Plan

You will find our updated re entry plan that will be continually updated as new information becomes available on our Exshaw School website and our Exshaw School facebook page.

We are so excited to welcome back all of our students to the school and virtually! It has been very rewarding seeing the students and connecting with so many families!

## COVID-19 Symptoms

As per Alberta Health Services on Sep 15, "you are legally required to isolate for a **minimum of 10 days** if you have:

- A cough,
- A fever,
- Shortness of breath,
- Runny nose, or
- A sore throat that is not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition.



The mandatory isolation period is **10 days from the start of symptoms, or until the symptoms resolve**, whichever takes longer.

Please keep checking the school's website if AHS' directions change.