

# October 2020



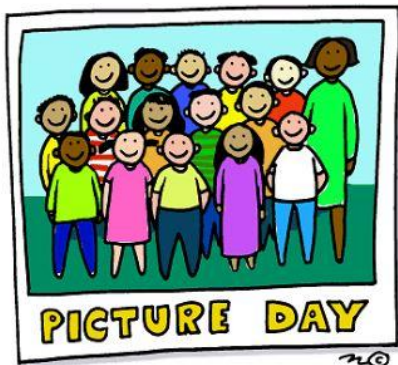
Wow! September has finished already! Can you believe it? We have celebrated a big milestone of celebrating students being successful learning online and in school. Students and staff have adapted to new protocols around the school. The students are continuing to develop their skills of being able to physically and socially distance at all times. The well being of our students, staff and community is the number one priority of all of our students as we continue along our journey this year.

We have many things to be grateful for this past month. First off, thank you to all the students, staff, families and community members that continue to support Exshaw School. We are so happy to welcome back students to in school and at home learning choices five days a week! Exshaw School staff loves seeing our students in person and online!

## Picture Days

We want to see your biggest smile! For all of our present in school students, individual class photos will take class on **October 15th**.

For our at home learning students, individual re-takes, and class photos will all take class on **November 18th**.



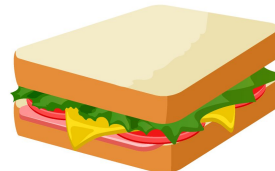
## Communication

Did you know that we have been in contact with all families? We love it! Please make sure to update your demographic information and make sure that we have current phone numbers and email addresses on file. Thank you so much!

## Snacketeria

Great news! Our Snacketeria will remain free for lunch for the month of October! Students will still need to have breakfast before coming to school, however, at lunchtime they will be provided with a sandwich, yogurt, a piece of fruit, and a granola bar.

Please feel free to supplement your child's lunch with snacks as you see fit.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Fri Oct 2 - early dismissal
- Mon Oct 12 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Thu Oct 15 - Photo Day
- Fri Oct 16 - early dismissal
- Oct 21 @ 7pm - Public Board Meeting

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- Online parent-teacher interviews:
    - Wed Nov 4 evening
    - Thu Nov 5 evening
    - Fri Nov 6 morning
  - Fri Nov 6 - **NO SCHOOL**

## In-School or At-home Choice

Did you know that families will have a choice whether they want to choose for their child(ren) at home or at home learning for the **reminder of the year** one last time?

Please pay attention to a district form that will come out through Canadian Rockies Public Schools that will ask you to choose which option you would like. The deadline will be **October 23rd**.

It is very important that each family state their preference as this will be for the remainder of the 2020 - 21 school year.

This means this is for the **rest of the year**. It is very important to state what you want as we will need to honour that choice until the end of June 2021.

## Back to School Celebration

Did you know that we had a great event on September 30th to celebrate being back at school? It was an amazing day filled with so many activities! All classrooms spent time focused on learning about the importance of September 30th and how it is tied to Orange Shirt Day. We had a Terry Fox Run in person and an online fitness challenge. Crazy Hair Day was sported by students and staff alike! As well, we had students dancing outside physically and socially distanced. It was an amazing experience for all!



## Cold Weather

Brrrr....the weather is definitely getting colder! Thank you for making sure that your child(ren) is wearing warm clothing as we are spending time enjoying our outdoors! Thanks for making sure jackets are being sent daily.



## Halloween

Halloween at Exshaw School will look a little different. We will not be celebrating with a costume parade in the gym; however, students will be invited to bring their costumes to dress up for the afternoon. They can share their beautiful costumes with their classmates. Thank you for sharing your school appropriate costumes with us! We love to see them. According to Alberta Health guidelines, we are not allowed to share food, so at this time, students can bring a treat for themselves.



Yours in education,  
Nadine Dack-Doi (principal)

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



## Pajama Day

Exshaw School has spirit! October 9th is pajama day! Come in your favourite pajamas and be cozy all day long! We invite everyone to D.E.A.R.(Drop Everything and Read) at 10:20 am with Exshaw School! This is an invite to our in school and at home learners. We would like to post pictures of as many students reading as possible on our facebook page as possible. Send your pictures to nadine.dackdoi@crps.ca so that I can post as many pictures to show the world how Exshaw School students read! Thank you!

## COVID-19

Thank you to our families and staff for following the most current protocols from Alberta Health Services. One question that we get asked a lot at the school is Following:



*"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.

Exshaw School wants to say a huge thank you to following these protocols as it keeps the whole community healthy. Also, thank you for phoning in and being in contact with the school!