



# January 2021

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Mon Jan 4 to Fri Jan 8 - online learning for all students**
- Mon Jan 11 - In-school classes resume
- Fri Jan 15 - Summer / beach day
- Fri Jan 15 - Early dismissal
- Fri Jan 29 - Report cards go home

## Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2021! We hope that all of our wonderful families, students and staff were able to enjoy the quiet times with family during our restful end of 2021! Exshaw School thanks everyone for their continued support and engagement as we learn in these unusual times!

## Jan 4 to 8 Online Learning

Thank you to all for continuing to check our website and facebook page for the latest updates. We will send out information through school messenger (email) to let our families know about the return of our students to face to face learning.



Exshaw School will **NOT** be open for learning for January 4th through January 8th as directed by the Provincial Government. This is very important that we all follow the directions by our premier and chief medical officer. Learning is happening at home for all students across the province. We want everyone safe and healthy!

For the week of January 4th through January 8th, **ALL STUDENTS** will be learning **AT HOME**. Please make sure that you are ready to learn with technology at home. Please make sure that you contact the school at 403-673-3656 if you need to borrow a chromebook prior to December 18th at 12pm.

Did you know that many of our students have already been learning at home? We can do this once we work together as a school and home community. Teachers have set google meets in both the morning and afternoon to meet with each classroom. As well, there is independent work that is expected for this week. Thank you to our families for the great support of making this happen! Exshaw staff loves to see our students engaged with the learning process!



All Exshaw teachers are excited to continue the learning journey for the week at home. It is **VERY** important that your child(ren) participate in the google meets and complete all the learning tasks that are set up by their teachers. Learning does not stop at Exshaw School. We have the best students, families and staff in the world!



It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that when we are back to **FACE TO FACE LEARNING** that all students who borrowed a chromebook bring back the chromebook that was loaned out to them so that they can continue to learn with the technology back in the school. Thank you so much!

## Online Learning

Thank you so much to families for contacting their teachers and/or the school when there are technology issues such as logging in, your child missed their google meet, your child is unsure how to log into their SeeSaw account or google classroom or the computer is not working properly. Families, please continue to do so. This helps us keep connected so that we can assure that all students are continuing to learn. Structure and consistency are two of the most important tools for students to have during times of change. Thank you to our fantastic families and the staff for providing both of these to our students as we continue to navigate these times. By ensuring that children have a regular time for bedtime, their regular school routines and home routines, we are modelling how to be resilient in times of change. Thank you for supporting our children in the best way possible!

A combined total of instruction and independent work per day for each grade is approximately:

Kindergarten	3 hours per day	1 hour real time + 2 hours independent work
Gr 1-3	4 hours per day	2 hours real time + 2 hours independent work
Gr 4-8	5 hours per day	2 hours real time + 3 hours independent work

## Thank You

Gratitude and appreciation are lessons that all students and staff at Exshaw School demonstrate on a daily basis. We are thankful for the gifts of knowledge from our Elders, the community, our families, the students, our snacketeria and the staff!

We look forward to 2021 being an amazing year of working together to do our best for each other.



## Family Literacy

Did you know that Family Literacy is January 27th? What is family literacy you may ask? Family literacy focuses on parents, grandparents and other family members to improve the reading and writing skills of the whole family. By reading to children and engaging in fun literacy activities regularly, adults actively keep their own skills sharp and also help children improve their skills. Family literacy activities strengthen the relationship between family members which, in turn, encourages lifelong learning. With adult support and a strong foundation at home, a child is more likely to be successful and engaged in school.



## Spirit Days

Exshaw School has spirit! Did you know that we plan regular spirit days? With Winter officially here, let's bring the warm sun back with a Summer/Beach Day! It will be on January 15th!



## Warm Clothing

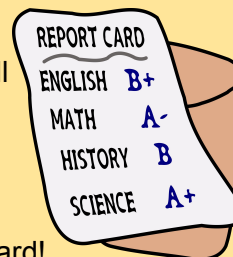
Thanks for ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We love seeing the warm jackets, hats, mittens and boots.



## Report Cards

Did you know that report cards are coming up? They will be available on parental portal on January 29th, 2021!

If you are not sure about what parental portal is, call the school, so that we can make sure that you create an account so you have access to your child(ren)'s report card!



Yours in education,  
Nadine Dack-Doi (principal)

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