



2020

Welcome to December!

November was a busy and quick month for staff and students at Exshaw School! We were so fortunate to have so many of our at home learners join our school community back in person on November 9th changing our school population from 93 face to face to 159! The students and staff have been so fantastic with understanding, learning and following all the safety protocols that we have in place at Exshaw School! Thank you to the families for being so supportive and ensuring that the screening questionnaire is completed each morning so that we are all safe. The communication between home and school is the best it has ever been at Exshaw School. We thank you so much!

Attendance

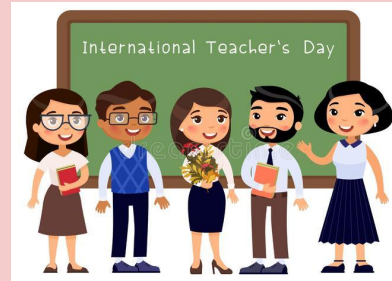
Students have shared that what has helped them in making the most is the consistency of having school five days a week. Families, thank you for making sure that your lovely child(ren) get to school each day that they are healthy. At Exshaw School, we are working hard to get at least 90% attendance each month.

Did you know that our wonderful Elders are going to be working with the school again? Phillomene, Tracey and Virgile are going to be making phone calls to support families during these times to get our wonderful students back into the important routine of attending school every day!



Communication with teachers

Did you know that the student/parent/teacher conferences happened at the beginning of November? Have you heard from your child(ren)'s teacher? If not, please contact him/her! The teachers have been trying to contact all families they were not able to get a hold of during conferences. They want to talk about how the successes of your child(ren) and ways that we can work together to see even more growth. True growth happens when we work together as a strong home and school team!



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Friday Dec 4 - Pajama Day
- **Friday Dec 4 - Early dismissal**

- Thu Dec 10 - Pirate Day

- **Friday Dec 18 - Early dismissal**
- **Dec 19 to Jan 3 - Holidays**

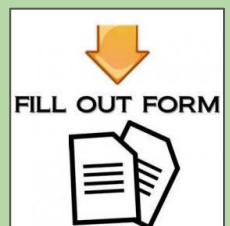
- Mon Jan 4 - School Resumes

Annual Demographic Updates Form

Have you filled out the demographic information on each child this year? If not, please make sure that you log into your school engage account as follows:

1. Log into powerschool.crps.ca/public With your username and password
2. Scroll to the bottom of the left-hand menu and click on "SchoolEngage."
3. Then click on "Students" and choose your child's name.
4. Click on "Annual School Enrollment Update/Verification" on the blue box to open the form to make any changes.

Please call Exshaw School at 403-673-3656 if you're having difficulty logging in and/or filling out the form. Thank you!



School Spirit

Exshaw School is full of school spirit! We have been having fun learning and having special days to show our spirit. In December, we do have two days scheduled!



- On December 4th, it is Pajama Day!
- On December 10th, we are going to try Pirate Day! Arrghhhhh, it's going to be a fun day!!!!



When we begin 2021, each classroom will be in charge of picking a spirit day for the entire school. It is going to be so much fun!

Breakfast Program

Exshaw School has some very exciting news! We will be having a modified breakfast program for all students starting December 1st. It will be delivered to classrooms. This will make sure that all students will stay with their cohort and safety and healthy tummies will be the priority! Exshaw School thanks the following sponsors for making this happen: Canadian Rockies Public Schools, the Alberta Government's Nutrition Grant, Breakfast Clubs of Canada and Lafarge. Thank you so much for helping to provide for our students!



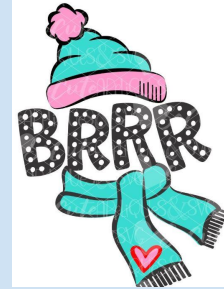
Please call when absent

We are paying close attention to all those wonderful calls from families! Thank you so much for calling in with all absences. We care when you are away. We have an attendance line that you can leave a message. Please call at 403 673 3656 and press 1! Thank you so much!



Warm Clothing

Mother Nature is sure going through a lot of emotions these days! Sometimes she is full of wind and cold. Other days, she is very warm. Please make sure that your fantastic child(ren) are dressed for the changing weather. This means that hats, mitts, boots and a warm jacket are needed at this time of year.



School Re-entry Plan

Did you know that our Exshaw School re-entry plan is updated with the latest information on our website and on our facebook page? This gives the most up to date information about our school.

Thank You!

I do want to say a huge thank you to all the students, families and staff for being such an incredible team for the first part of our school year. The communication between home and school has been very positive. We need to keep it up so that we can help each other through this global pandemic.

Please, if you have any questions, never hesitate to call me. We want to work together to support each other throughout this journey.

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday season!

Yours in education,
Nadine Dack-Doi (principal)

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