

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Fri Oct 1 - **HALF DAY**
- Mon Oct 11 - **NO SCHOOL**  
(Thanksgiving)
- Thu Oct 14 - Photo Day
- Fri Oct 15 - **HALF DAY**
- Oct 20 - Public Board Meeting @ 7pm

Welcome to the wonderful month of October! We are excited to have welcomed back our students and had a number of new students join our Exshaw family. It is a pleasure and joy to see so many students happy to join us.

## Attendance

We appreciate the support from our families ensuring that students are attending each and every day on time! Thank you! Our goal is to ensure that each student has at least 90% attendance! We want to see each child succeed on the daily basis in their school work and socially.

Please make sure that we have your updated contact information including your telephone numbers and email addresses. Thank you for the great communication between home and school.



## COVID-19 Measures

Our students and staff are settling into a new school year and adapting to changes that arise due to public health measures provincially. Safety is always the priority for our students, staff and families at Exshaw School. As of September 16, 2021, the following measures have been implemented:

- Mandatory masking for all students grades 4 and up
- Mandatory masking for all staff remains consistent
- Class Cohorting for our school
- Maintaining a 2 metre physical distancing, whenever possible

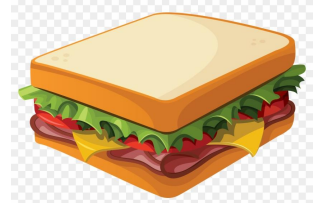


## Snacketeria

Did you know that our snacketeria is a healthy option for breakfast and lunch? We offer a free breakfast program for all students each morning that is delivered to each classroom! As well, we want all students to have access to fresh fruit so each classroom has a fruit basket that is filled each day for students to enjoy!

Students have the opportunity to either bring lunch from home or enjoy our snacketeria for the following paying \$3 a day, or \$10 a week or a monthly charge on the first day of the month which is usually \$30. This includes a sandwich choice of peanut butter and jam or ham or turkey, a piece of fruit, vegetables, yogurt and a drink choice of water or milk.

We want our students to have healthy options each and every day!



We thank our families for providing healthy choices for the students to enjoy in their lunches. It is fantastic to see how both home and school are supporting the choice of healthy drinks. Thank you for continuing not to send sugary drinks such as energy drinks, iced cappuccino drinks, pop and kool aid. We have noticed so many healthy choices and so appreciate it!



## National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Did you know that as a school and as a district we are seeking to learn and honour the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation? Canadian Rockies Public School Division collaborated with Elders to determine the most appropriate way to begin our journey in learning together. As a result, the afternoon of September 29th, was used to educate. Our Elders and young Indigenous students provided opportunities for all students throughout all schools in Canadian Rockies, including Exshaw to learn. It was a very powerful event that discussed the importance of where we have been in Canada and where we need to go with reconciliation. Thank you to all our Elders and young Indigenous people for leading us in our journey of knowledge and making our path forward together a stronger and more informed one! We will work in solidarity to make Canada a much stronger united country to support each other and walk together in reconciliation.



## Gratitude

I do want to end this first month newsletter with appreciation and gratitude for the efforts of kindness as we continue to go through this pandemic. It is very challenging and uncharted times for students, families and staff. We do appreciate how everyone is trying their best and realizes that Exshaw School is as well. Thank you for being a fantastic partner to collaborate with daily!

Yours in education,  
Nadine Dack-Doi (principal)

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## Safety Events

We strive to have students prepared for all types of events. This includes events such as fire drills to make sure that they are prepared for unscheduled events. Our students participated in their first fire drill on September 14th and did a great job on silent, serious and in a single file. They listened so well and were so quick at getting out of the school. Well done students!



## Bus Safety

Exshaw School wants to thank our wonderful Nakoda Bus Lines for ensuring the safety of our students each and every day. Families, please make sure that if you are dropping off students that you are dropping off students outside of our bus loop and, please not in front of our bus stop. We want all of our students to be safe each and every day. Thank you!



## Spirit Days

We love to have student voice at Exshaw School. In September, we had two spirit days that were organized by two different classrooms! On September 10th, Mrs. Booth's grade two class organized a hat day for the whole school! It was great to see so many different hats throughout the school! On **September 24th**, Mrs. Beardwood's grade six class organized a **pajama and stuffy day** for all to participate in which made the entire school so comfortable. Thank you to all students and staff for making the school so filled with spirit!



## Photo Day

Did you know that individual photo day for students will be coming up for students? It is scheduled for **Thursday October 14**. Smile big!

