



February 2022

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Fri Feb 11 - Half Day
- **Feb 21 to 25 No School**
- Fri Feb 18 - Pink Shirt Day
- Wed Feb 23 - Public Board Meeting @ 7pm (join virtually)
- Fri Mar 4 - Half Day

February is fast approaching us! We want to thank students, staff and families for continuing to use the COVID-19 Alberta Daily Checklist each day. This helps keep everyone healthy and allows our school to continue to face to face learning five days a week. There have been so many calls from families expressing their pleasure over students being in school daily. As a school, we are so excited to provide quality educational opportunities and social emotional supports for our students!

February

February is a month that is noted for kindness. Let's make it a goal to recognize daily the many acts of kindness, little or big, that occur every day throughout our school and at home. Did you help out your family by clearing the table after dinner? Did you offer to help out with some chores around the house? At school, did you make everyone feel included? Did you show appreciation and gratitude?



Winter Clothing

Mother Nature has continued to be unpredictable in 2022! Please make sure that your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather by wearing a warm jacket, hat, mittens, winter boots and snowpants, if required. We want our students to have fun outside enjoying nature!



Let's Talk Day

January 26 is recognized as Bell's Let's Talk Day. Please remember that you are never alone and mental health is very important. Maintaining good mental and physical health will help us all get through this pandemic together. For more information and resources, please visit letstalk.bell.ca/en/covid-19



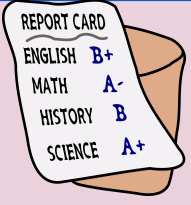
Report Cards

Did you know that report cards are no longer printed? They are all accessed online by following these steps:

1. On the Exshaw School website, expand the **Quick Links** menu and click on **PowerSchool Parent Portal**. Log in with your username and password.
2. Once logged in, click on **View Report Cards** from the left-hand menu.
3. Save or print the report card.
4. Call the school if you are having trouble logging in to Parent Portal.

They are available starting on January 28th. We encourage you to view them as soon as possible.

This information is very important as we do have parent/student/teacher conferences on March 16th, 17th and 18th. More information about conferences will be coming about to schedule a time.



Spirit Day

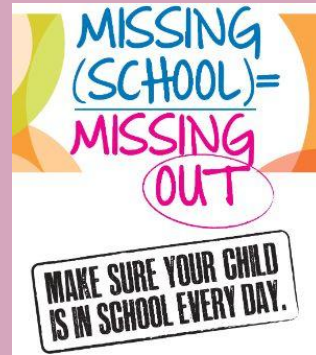
Our spirit day in January was brought to us by the wonderful grade 2 class. On January 28th, we are having a hat day! Students and staff were encouraged to wear a hat of their choice!



Attendance

At Exshaw School, we are continually striving for improved attendance. Can you believe that we have 26 students with 90% and above attendance? Congratulations to those students who were able to show us great attendance in January. We do encourage even more students to improve their attendance in the month of February! You can do it!

In addition to attendance, could you please call into our attendance line 403-673-3656 and press press 1 to let us know when your child(ren) are sick or have an appointment? This is very helpful and we do worry a lot when our students are not here!



Literacy

Did you know that Family Literacy was January 27th? Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups have taken part in the initiative. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

What is Family Literacy? 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.

Professional Development

Did you know that on early out Fridays all teachers are involved in professional development every Friday afternoon? We want to be very best for our students at all times and learn the best way to meet students' needs.

Pink Shirt Day

Do you know what Pink Shirt Day is all about? David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was bullied (for wearing a pink shirt)...(They) took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.' So Mr. Shepherd and some other headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out the message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. *'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again.*" Globe & Mail

After David and Travis' act of kindness in 2007, CKNW was inspired to help other youth affected by bullying, with many staff members wearing pink shirts and collecting funds to support Boys and Girls Clubs. Since then, the idea has only grown each year, with worldwide support and participation. Countries across the globe are now organizing anti-bullying fundraisers of their own, including Japan, New Zealand, China, Panama, and numerous others. In fact, last year alone, people in almost 180 countries shared their support of Pink Shirt Day through social media posts and donations.

Exshaw School will be showing our support for Pink Shirt Day on February 18th, 2022. Please make sure and wear a pink shirt. Staff continue to highlight resources and supports for all students to ensure a healthy environment for all.



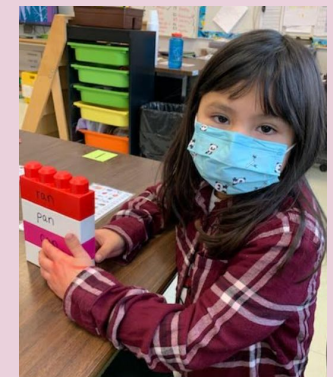
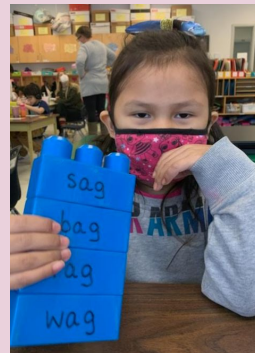
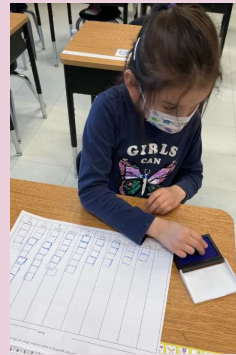
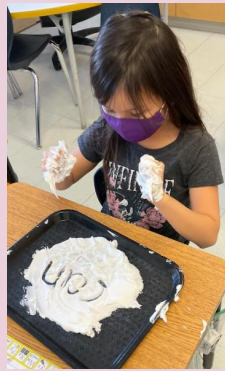
Gratitude

I do want to end this newsletter with gratitude and appreciation for all of our students, staff and families at this time. We appreciate the kindness and desire to be here each and every day.



Photos

Our students love to demonstrate their evidence of learning. Please enjoy the wonderful pictures!



Yours in education,
Nadine Dack-Doi (principal)

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Reminder: Report Cards are available to view by logging into the Parent Portal at powerschool.crps.ca	Jan 31 11:45am Grade 4 Cross-country Skiing 	1 11:45am Grades 5, 6b and 6/7 Cross-country Skiing 	2 9:30 Circles with Joey	3	4	5
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