



March 2022

Welcome March! We are thrilled to see attendance improving within our school! This is a priority and we are aiming for all students to attend at least 90%. We are seeing wonderful gains of students who are attending each day. We truly appreciate the families' efforts to ensure their child(ren) are here each day and on time. It is having a huge impact and it shows. Thanks for working with the school to do the very best for your child(ren)!

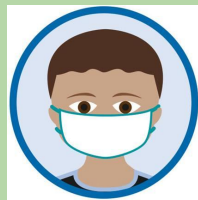
COVID-19 Mandates

As of March 1st, Premier Kenney has removed a number of the provincial mandates in Alberta.

The mandate that does remain for schools is that if a student or staff member does test positive for COVID 19, isolation is still mandatory.

The mandates that remain in place include:

- Use of the Alberta Daily Health Checklist and staying home when sick (includes isolation and quarantine requirements)
- Promoting and facilitating hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Optional use of masks by students, staff and visitors
- Cleaning of high touch surfaces



Lost and Found

Our lost and found is beginning to grow! Has your child(ren) lost clothing? Please have them check the lost and found located at the main entry as we would like the clothing to go home to their rightful families!

As well, on that note, thanks for making sure that your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the ever changing weather. Hats, jackets, mittens and boots are definitely needed during our ever changing conditions. Thank you for being supportive.

Student Voices

We love to hear student voice at Exshaw School! Our students are doing our daily announcements. There are some students who could definitely be helping out Terry Rider on the radio station! It is amazing to hear students as young as grade two building up confidence to do this and express themselves! Well done!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Fri Mar 4 - Early dismissal
- Sun Mar 13 - Daylight Savings
- Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences
 - Wed Mar 16 @ 4-7pm
 - Thu Mar 17 @ 5-8pm
 - Fri Mar 18 @ 8:30-11:30am
- **Fri Mar 18 - No School**
- Wed Mar 23 - Public Board Meeting @ 7pm
- Fri Apr 1 - Early Dismissal
- **Apr 4 to 17 - Spring Break**

Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences

Did you know that parent/teacher/student conferences are coming up in March? We are excited to share the strength and growth that we have seen in your child(ren), discuss next steps in literacy and math and work as a team to see your child(ren) be even more successful. Through the informal feedback that was gathered from conversations with families, students and staff, conferences will be through either a telephone conversation or a google meet. A form is being sent home with this newsletter for you to choose the date and time that you would like. Your child's teacher will confirm the date and time with you prior to March 14.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held on either:

- **March 16th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**
- **March 17th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
- **March 18th from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Please let your child(ren)'s teacher know if you have questions about the report card. If you are still having problems viewing the report card, please let the child's teacher know on the form.

Reading

Here is an interesting fact:

Student A Reads

- 20 Minutes A Day
- 3 600 Minutes Per School Year
- 1 800 000 Words Per Year

Student B Reads

- 5 Minutes A Day
- 900 Minutes Per School Year
- 282 000 Words Per Year

Student C Reads

- 1 Minute A Day
- 180 Minutes Per School Year
- 8 000 Words Per Year

If a student starts reading 20 minutes per night in kindergarten, by the end of sixth grade student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days. Student B will have read for 12 school days and student C will have read for 3. Reading does make for better readers. We can do this together!

We have a number of students that have already read 100 books this year:

- Maci Wesley
- Adira Twoyoungmen
- Addison Salter
- Jreyton Lefthand
- Emily Ear
- Emma Chiniquay

Way to go! We are so proud of you!

Yours in education,
Nadine Dack-Doi (principal)

Literacy and Numeracy

Did you know that our school is focused to close learning gaps in literacy and numeracy? We do this by ensuring that every moment of instruction is focused on delivering what each student needs based on where they are at right now. We do have supports, in the forms of teachers and support staff that work with students on a daily basis. This is yet another reason why attendance is so important. Thank you for supporting punctual, 5 days a week attendance. It makes a huge impact!

Snacketeria

Our snacketeria will be opening again! Our grades kindergarten through grade four students will be eating in the snacketeria during lunch time! They will have enough space and time to eat with their classmates. Grades five through eight will continue to eat within their classrooms. Our lunch break is the same. All students will continue to eat from 11:50 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. and then all students will go outside from 12:15 p.m. until 12:40 p.m.

Photos

Our students are loving being back to school and learning. Have a look at some of the wonderful pictures of learning that are happening in Exshaw School:



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