



2023

Happy New Year! Exshaw School staff are excited for 2023, and welcome students back on January 9, 2023.

Snacketeria News

As we adjust to new routines and staffing shortages we will provide hot lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the month of January. Monday and Friday we will provide sandwiches and a full lunch. Breakfast will also be served. Lunches remain free of charge for all students!



There is a job opening for a Lunchroom Assistant for our Snacketeria posted on www.jobresourcecentre.com. Please contact the school if you're interested.

Literacy Week

January 23 to 27, 2023, Exshaw School will be hosting a Literacy Week. During that week we will have a variety of literacy activities culminating with a Friday Literacy Lunch, at noon, where all families are welcome to attend. Classes will be celebrating various Literacy projects and having parents in our school on Jan. 27 is a wonderful way to celebrate Family Literacy Day. More information will come closer to Literacy week.



Attendance

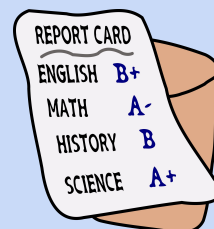
It is so great to see students at school, and we would like to request that if your child is ill or has an appointment to please contact the school at 403-673-3656 and leave a detailed message letting us know your child's name, reason for their absence, and when you anticipate that they will return.



Report Cards

Report cards will be available online by 3pm on January 27.

1. Log into www.powerschool.crps.ca
2. Click on View Report Cards on the navigation menu (*this link will only appear once the report cards have been posted*).
3. Then click on the link to to open the report card and right-click to print or download a copy.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Mon Jan 9 - School Resumes**
- Wed Jan 18 - Elders Attendance Meeting & Assembly
- **Fri Jan 20 - Half Day**
- Wed Jan 25 - 7pm Public Board Meeting at Canmore Board Office
- Fri Jan 27 - Literacy Lunch & Report Cards available

Smudging

Smudging is a tradition, common to many Indigenous people, which involves the burning of one or more national plants gathered from the Earth. The most common traditional plants used in smudges are sweetgrass, sage and alpine spruce. The Division recognizes that smudging and the use of herbs and tobacco are a part of the Indigenous traditional way of life and are, therefore, permitted in Division schools, subject to proper safety measures. Smudging is passed down from generation to generation. There are many ways and variations on how a smudge is done. The Canadian Rockies School Division supports the inclusion of Indigenous knowledge, customs and practices in its schools for the purpose of creating an atmosphere that is affirming to Indigenous students and families and that promotes respect for, and understanding of the Indigenous peoples of Canada among all students.

Smudging is always voluntary. At Exshaw School, smudging may occur during assemblies, special events and during Elder and Knowledge Keeper sessions. If families choose not to have their child(ren) participate or if they have specific requests around how their child(ren) should observe the ceremony, please notify the school in writing.