



Dear Parents/Guardians

Aba wathtech / Welcome back! We are thrilled to welcome students back to a brand new school year and look forward to the opportunity to introduce you to our staff at our Welcome Back BBQ on September 14, from 5:00-6:30pm. Burgers, salad, veggies, fruit will be served. All are welcome!

School Supplies

A backpack and a pair of indoor, non-marking, running shoes (these will be left at the school). It would be helpful for the younger students to have a change of clothes in their backpacks. A reusable water bottle that can be brought to school each day is preferred.

Volunteering

If you would like to volunteer at our school, a completed Criminal Record/Vulnerable Record Check must be on file at the school. Also, a Volunteer Confidentiality form is required to be filled out. Both forms must be signed and submitted to our office before volunteering for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Please contact the school office with any questions.

Bell Schedule

Mon.- Fri. 8:27am - 3:03pm

Early Dismissal Days 8:27am - 12noon

Please check out the school calendar on our website: <https://exs.crps.ca/>

School Forms

Please ensure that your demographic information is up to date, with the correct phone number and email address. As well, emergency contact information is updated. A FOIP form has been sent home, along with a notice about our Text Now platform - please only sign this form if you wish to opt out.

Bus Inquiries

For any Bus Inquiries, please contact, **Nakoda Bus Lines:** (403) 881-2684

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Tue Sep 12 - author visiting
- Thu Sep 14 - Welcome Back BBQ from 5 to 6:30pm at Exshaw School

- Fri Sep 22 - Terry Fox Run
- **Fri Sep 22 - half day**

- **Mon Oct 2 - NO SCHOOL**
- **Mon Oct 9 NO SCHOOL**

Hot Lunches

We are grateful for our snacketeria staff and vendors who support our hot lunch program. Additionally, Canmore Rotarians will graciously continue to volunteer to deliver meals to us, and support students with reading. A big ISNIYES to all of the volunteers! If you arrive after 9:30am, you will miss the chance to order hot lunch.

Parent / Family Council

It would be wonderful to have a parent/family council for Exshaw School. If you would like to learn more about this, please join us at 3:15pm on September 20th.

Reporting an Absence

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day on-time. Please contact the school 403-673-3656 to report an absence.

Knowledge Keepers

We are excited to continue working with our wonderful Elders and Knowledge Keepers to build our understanding of culture and language. Our Tipi will be going up next week and will remain in our field, for staff, students and families to enjoy. We will be honouring National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 29, Orange Shirt Day.

Terry Fox Run

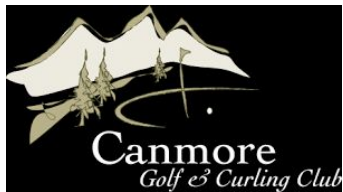
Terry Fox Run is scheduled for Sept. 22 @ 9:30, we will start with an assembly. More info to come. Donations will be collected in the office.

Smudging

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.

Hot Lunch Vendors

A huge thank you to all of these amazing vendors for providing meals for the hot lunch program!



IRON GOAT



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4** days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

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Jody Keon (principal) and
Kayla Weller (assistant principal)

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