



DECEMBER 2023

The Exshaw School staff is extending warm wishes for a safe and happy holiday season to all families. The added touch of a special visitor from the North Pole on December 22nd is sure to bring joy and excitement to the students, creating a festive atmosphere before the holiday break. Please mark your calendars for Winter Spirit Week Dec.18-22, 2023.

Closing for two weeks allows everyone to enjoy a well-deserved break, and the anticipation of returning on January 8, 2024, adds a positive note for the start of the new year. Wishing the entire Exshaw School community a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Attendance

Promoting great attendance and punctuality is crucial for student success, and aiming for a 90% attendance rate is a our goal at Exshaw School. Regular attendance ensures that students have consistent access to educational opportunities.

In order to support our Snacketeria staff all hot lunch orders need to be in by 9:30 a.m. If you arrive late, a sandwich and full lunch will be provided.

Did You Know

Exshaw School is open and will be for years to come. The appointment of Nadine Dack-Doi as the Indigenous Services Coordinator to support all Mini Thni students in the Canadian Rockies Public School (CRPS) has been valuable in our first year with the Education Service Agreement with Indigenous Services Canada and the Stoney Education Authority. This collaborative effort demonstrates a commitment to providing education and support for the community. If there are any specific questions or information you're seeking regarding Exshaw School or this partnership, feel free to ask administration.

Winter Concert

On Dec. 14, from 5 to 6 p.m., Exshaw School will be alive with the sound of music, as it hosts its main event of December – a captivating winter concert. This annual musical extravaganza showcases the talents of Exshaw's students, featuring a diverse range of performances. The school's auditorium will transform into a concert hall, offering a festive and heartwarming atmosphere.

***Please arrive on time, to get your seats, and so students are ready on time- they can go to their classrooms.*

4 Year Ed Plan

Thank you to those families who provided survey feedback to support us in our plans moving forward. We are working on our 4 Yr Ed. Plan, which has now morphed into the School Annual Results Review (SARR). We are reviewing results from last year's surveys and will be presenting and posting our plans on our website in the new year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Fri Dec 1 - Half Day
- **Thu Dec 14 @ 5pm - Christmas Concert**
- Fri Dec 15 - Half Day
- Wed Dec 20 @ 3:15pm - Parent Council Meeting
- Fri Dec 22 - Half Day
- **Dec 23 to Jan 7 - Winter Holidays**
- **Mon Jan 8 - School Resumes**

Kindergarten Registration Begins November 30

Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) online registration for its 2024-25 Kindergarten programs opens Nov. 30 at 5 pm. Children born between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2019, are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten. You can also find information on the CRPS website.

Parent Council Meetings

- December 20, 2023
- January 17, 2024
- February 28, 2024
- March 20, 2024
- April 17, 2024
- May 15, 2024
- June 19, 2024

Volleyball

Îsnîyes to Ms. Brunet, Mrs. Weller and Mr. Siddle for coaching our Jr. High students in volleyball. It was great to see students in action at our mini-tournament.



New K-6 Curriculum Update

In 2020, Alberta Education produced a Ministerial Order on student learning with the vision that “students will gain the knowledge and skills to form the foundations for successful and fulfilling lives, and make meaningful contributions to their communities and world.” Based on this vision for student learning, the Alberta Government is currently in the process of implementing a new curriculum for K-6 learners. The timeline for the implementation of this new curriculum can be found [here](#).

Based on these timelines, Canadian Rockies Public Schools is currently implementing Alberta Education’s new [French immersion language arts and literature](#) and [Science](#) curricula with all **Kindergarten to Grade 3** students, as well as the new [English language arts and literature](#) and [mathematics](#) curriculum with all **Grades 4 to 6** students. Additional subjects are expected to be implemented next school year (2024-2025). More details can be found on Alberta Education’s [Curriculum Renewal](#) site and on [New LearnAlberta](#), including resources to support parents and guardians

For some K-6 students, specific shifts in outcome expectations might take the full school year for students to achieve as they build foundational skills, knowledge and understandings that might not have been present in the previous year’s curriculum, especially in **Grades 3-6 Mathematics**. This might result in lower assessment results than usual on the January report card for some students as they gain the background needed to meet the new outcomes.

While curricular content and structure may change, we remain committed to inspiring the hearts and minds of every student through effective and engaging teaching and assessment practices that meet the needs of all learners.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child’s school administration.

Winter Spirit Week

- Monday, December 18 - Cozy Winter Footwear - Wear your warm and cozy slippers or socks!
- Tuesday, December 19 - Winter Wonderland - Wear blue and white... maybe even some sparkles!
- Wednesday, December 20 - Holiday Cheer Headwear - Wear your antlers, elf hat or Santa hat!
- Thursday, December 21 - Candy Cane Day - Wear red and white!
- Friday, December 22 - Pajama Day! Noon dismissal and a special visitor!

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IRON GOAT



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Jody Keon (principal)

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