



January 2024

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Wed Jan 17 @ 3:15 - Parent Council Meeting
- Fri Jan 19 - Noon Dismissal
- Wed Jan 24 @ 7pm - Public Board Meeting at CBO
- Thu Jan 25 - Alberta Music Theatre Company visiting
- Tue Jan 30 - Report cards available on Parent Portal
- Thu Feb 1 - Literacy Lunch

Wishing all of our Exshaw School Families a Happy New Year!

There are a lot of events planned for January! **Report cards** will go home on Jan 30, 2024 and also be available for you to view in ParentPortal. On January 25, we welcome **Alberta Music Theatre**, with a production of Cinderella, please join us at 9am.

January 29-Feb.2 we will celebrate **Literacy Week**, where we will celebrate with literacy games and activities. All families are invited to our annual **Literacy Lunch** on February 1. More information will come closer to the date. Our next **School Council** meeting is on January 17, 2024 at 3:15pm. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend in person or virtually. We can discuss our upcoming Literacy Week, and would love to hear from you!

Attendance

We are nearly halfway through the school year, and will be sending home attendance letters to families with students that have not been attending school consistently. Should you receive a letter, please contact administrators to set up an appointment to discuss your child's attendance.

Congratulations to Grade 5 for having the best Attendance in November and winning a Pizza Party!

Our December class with the best attendance is: **Grade 2**



Field Trips

Grades 4, 5, and 6 will be heading to the Nordic Centre on Tuesdays for some Cross Country Skiing. Grade 3 is off to Elevation Place for swim lessons on Thursdays. There are some classes heading to the Outdoor Learning Centre in Bow Valley Provincial Park, including grade 1 on Thursday Jan 18, grades 2 and 3 on Tuesday Jan 16, and grade 6 on Friday Jan 26. Please ensure that permission slips are signed and returned to school. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to volunteer on field trips. A current vulnerable sector check is a CRPS policy for anyone to volunteer in our schools. Please contact your child's teacher, or the school for more information.

Welcome to our new Staff

Exshaw School welcomes **Sarah Cumming** who will be working part-time as our Wellness Coach and teaming up with our counselor Jenn Fuller to support social / emotional universals in the classroom.

We also want to welcome **Isabella Goodstoney** back to Exshaw School. Ms. Goodstoney will be working as one of the amazing Educational Assistants in the school.

Warm Clothing

The weather is shifting, and we ask that students come prepared to be outside. Jackets, snow pants, toques, gloves and boots are recommended for outdoor activities. If your child requires any gear please contact Jenn Fuller: jenn.fuller@crps.ca

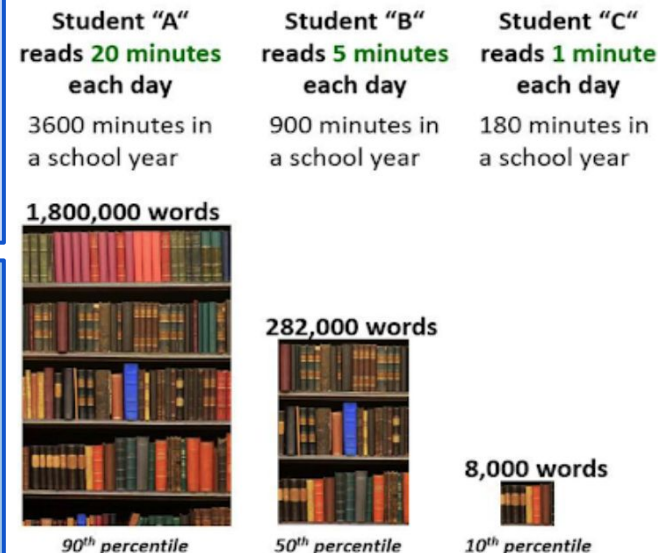


"Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight"?

There is a major impact on student learning, when they are not at school or reading every day.

We encourage students to attend 90% and you can support your child by reading with them regularly.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



New Curriculum Update for K-6 Families

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.

Hot Lunch Vendors

A huge thank you to all of these amazing vendors for providing meals for their contributions to the success of the hot lunch program at Exshaw School!



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Jody Keon & Kayla Weller
(Principal & Assistant Principal)

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



Exshaw Emergency “Lockdown” Procedure and Practice Drill

Please review the letter from administration outlining our upcoming Lockdown Practice drill. This letter will provide information and answer any questions you may have. We work in partnership with the RCMP to support us with this safety procedure. Please contact the administration if you have any questions.

Youth Well-Being Parent Series



In partnership, Canmore Collegiate High School (CCHS) and its School Council invites parents from CCHS, and Gr. 7 and 8 parents from Lawrence Grassi Middle and Exshaw schools to its parent series “Youth Well-Being,” led by Town of Canmore’s Youth/Teen Family Support Worker **Alida Kelly**.

JANUARY
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Substance Use Part 1: Facts for Parents

- Learn about the landscape of youth substance use in Canada
- Understand evidence-based prevention strategies, risk factors, and parental roles

Substance Use Part 2: Safety Planning/Harm Reduction for Parents

FEBRUARY
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- Dive into strategies for harm reduction and learn how to open conversations with teens and tweens who are exposed to, curious about, or engaging in substance use
- Address myths, opioids, and accessing resources like Naloxone, testing & treatment

MARCH
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Substance Use Part 3: Vaping & Tobacco for Parents

- Learn about the landscape of youth substance use in Canada
- Understand evidence-based prevention strategies, risk factors, and parental roles

Gender & Sexual Diversity for Parents

APRIL
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- Explore LGBTQ2S+ terminology and challenges faced by LGBTQ2S+ youth
- Address caregiver concerns and learn supportive strategies

All sessions will be held in the CCHS Theatre from 7 to 9 p.m. A Q&A will conclude each session. Light refreshments provided. Parents can attend one or all sessions. No RSVP required.