

2018-2019 EXPLORATORY days



OVERVIEW

For the 2018-2019 school year, students and staff will take part in Exploratory Days which will occur once a month. Regularly scheduled classes will not take place during these days. Exploratory Days will offer students the opportunity to extend their self-directed learning skills by investigating a topic of interest. Students will be presented a range of activities to partake in; however, to ensure accountability during the Exploratory Days, students will submit a plan of action prior to and a reflection upon completion. The objective of the Exploratory Days is to foster and to promote the development of self-directed learning skills. All teachers will be available to help support the students in whichever activity they choose to complete.

“You learn at your best when you have something you care about and can get pleasure in being engaged in” – Howard Gardner

ACTIVITIES

Exploratory Days will be structured as a “**STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**” day. The activities offered will be facilitated by local or regional (via Zoom) staff members and/or local community members. The topics of these activities can range from academic concepts to life skills. We will be inviting volunteers to facilitate an activity with the students where they will scaffold the skills and have the students engage in exploration through the completion of an independent component. Some topics may include woodworking, cooking, knitting, computer programming, science experiments, etc. This is an exciting opportunity to introduce students to **NEW** and **INNOVATIVE RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS**. Anyone with an interest in proposing an activity will have the opportunity to submit a plan and a list of requested resources. OneSchool Canada’s Curriculum Department looks forward to supporting our staff in this initiative.

The Exploratory Days will offer our staff with opportunities for professional growth as well. We are currently working in conjunction with the Teacher Academy to develop a plan on how to incorporate staff **PD HOURS** into this initiative. More details to come.



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SCHEDULE

The Exploratory Days are **TENTATIVELY** scheduled to take place during the following days for the 2018-2019 school year. Please be aware that the dates are subject to change.

- Tuesday, September 25, 2018
- Wednesday, October 17, 2018
- Wednesday, November 28, 2018
- Tuesday, December 18, 2018
- Friday, January 25, 2019
- Tuesday, February 26, 2019
- Thursday, March 21, 2019
- Friday, April 26, 2019
- Friday, May 24, 2019
- Wednesday, June 12, 2019

