



# BADGER BULLETIN

Friday, May 2, 2025

Be **KIND**

Be **SAFE**

Be Your **BEST**

**If not:**

What will you do differently?

How will you make it right?

## UPCOMING DATES THIS WEEK

**Monday, May 5:** Inline Skating Gr. 4-6, Bus Driver Appreciation Day

**Tuesday, May 6:** Inline Skating Gr. 4-6

**Wednesday, May 7:** Inline Skating Gr. 4-6

**Thursday, May 8:** Inline Skating Gr. 4-6

## 2024-2025 Foothills School Division Calendar

### BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

May 5<sup>th</sup> is Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Let's take a moment to thank them for their unwavering dedication and the positive impact they have on our daily routines.



## BREAKING DOWN THE AXIOUS GENERATION

Have you noticed an uptick in anxiety with children? Are you a parent or guardian concerned about the significant increase in anxiety in kids and want to learn more about how to support your child? ÉOJHS school council invites you to join us for a community dialogue to discuss The Anxious Generation and its key points, providing insights into the causes, effects, and challenges associated with anxiety in children. Gain insights into the causes and effects of anxiety in our children today.

Join us for this important discussion and be part of a community dedicated to supporting the mental health and well-being of our children. Please follow the link to [sign up](#) so we can plan the space for the number of people attending. For more information, send an email to Ms. Paszkowski [paszkowskid@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:paszkowskid@fsd38.ab.ca). We look forward to seeing you there!

**BREAKING DOWN THE ANXIOUS GENERATION**

A COMMUNITY DIALOGUE  
Presented by ÉOJHS School Council

**JOIN THE CONVERSATION**  
Wednesday, May 14, 2025 | 7:00 PM  
École Okotoks Junior High

Are you a parent or guardian worried about rising anxiety in children? Join us to explore "The Anxious Generation," discussing its causes, effects, and challenges to better support your child.

Save your seat at this informative event through our website or email [OJHS@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:OJHS@fsd38.ab.ca) for info.

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## HOT LUNCH ORDERS

May Hot lunch ordering has been reopened! As many parents missed the ordering deadline, parent council decided to reopen for the second half of the month. Ordering for May 13-30 is now open and will close on Wednesday May 7 at 6:00pm. <https://munchalunch.com/schools/bigrock/>



## VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW



*Thank you for your interest in this year's virtual talent show. Students who want to participate should film their act and share it with Mrs. Nieman:*

- On Google Drive- through your school account ([niemanl@gm.fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:niemanl@gm.fsd38.ab.ca))
- Through Dropbox: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/c4rr2sahppych90065jzi/h?rlkey=pb3e1882p8yvtmq1nstx30p8&st=nzlcsoad&dl=0>
- Or by saving it onto a USB and bringing it to school.

*The possibilities are endless, but all acts need to be safe, appropriate for school, and 2 minutes or less. Students, please introduce yourself at the beginning of your video. State your name and your grade*

*Videos can be submitted now until May 16th. Mrs. Nieman will put together 10-minute video segments that will be available for teachers to share with their classes.*

**PLEASE EMAIL MRS. NIEMAN**

*([niemanl@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:niemanl@fsd38.ab.ca)) to let her know you have submitted a video.*

*We look forward to seeing your talent!*



## WARD PARK ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND



The Town of Okotoks is building an exciting new accessible and inclusive playground at Howard Park later this year, and they'd love your input. A design workshop will take place on Tuesday, May 6 to gather input from parents or caregivers who have a special interest in accessible playgrounds. The

workshop will be held at the Okotoks Operations Centre (1118 N Railway St #100) from 6:30-8 p.m.




If you're interested, please RSVP by emailing [sgryba@okotoks.ca](mailto:sgryba@okotoks.ca). They'd love to have you there! You can also learn more about this project at <https://shapeourtown.okotoks.ca/howard-park-accessible-and-inclusive-playground>

## BUS REGISTRATION / APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

As we plan for the upcoming operating year and budget, there are updates to the Foothills School Division Transportation Services that will come into effect for the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Check out the [FSD website](#) for more information.



### FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DIVISION 2025-2026 BUS REGISTRATION

-  All riders must register before May 31 to guarantee a spot
-  Changes to bussing effective September 1, 2025
-  Visit our website for details



## SCHOOL PATROLS

### Attention Drivers and Parents:



Please ensure that the cones placed near the crosswalks remain undisturbed. These cones are strategically positioned to ensure the safety of our patrollers and students crossing the roads. According to Okotoks bylaw, vehicles must not park within five (5) meters of the near side of a marked crosswalk. Your cooperation in adhering to this regulation is greatly appreciated and helps maintain a safe environment for everyone.

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR KINDERGARTEN/JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

The Foothills School Division is still accepting registrations for its Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs. These programs are designed to foster early childhood development and prepare children for a successful educational journey.

GET READY TO LEARN  
WITH

**BIG ROCK SCHOOL**

**KINDERGARTEN**

Part Time learning for children  
aged 5 by December 31, 2025

**ENROLL NOW FOR  
FALL 2025**

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GET READY TO LEARN  
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KINDERGARTEN**

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## ATTENDANCE REMINDER

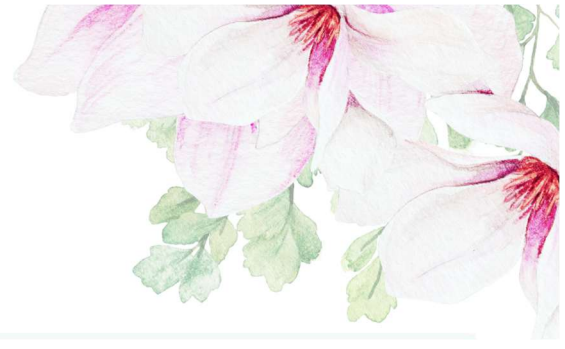
Please make sure to contact the school before 9am to let us know if you have a student absent. Attendance can be sent to [brattendance@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:brattendance@fsd38.ab.ca) or call **403-938-6666 option 1**.

## BIG ROCK SCHOOL WEBSITE

Make sure you check out the [Big Rock School](#) website for upcoming events, School news and copies of Badger Bulletin.



# May 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Apply for Transportation	2 Pysanky Egg In-class field trip 3P & 3N	3
4	5 Bus Driver Appreciation Day	6	7 Hats on for Mental Health Hot lunch deadline	8	9	10
Inline skating Grades 4-6						
11	12	13	14 School Council 6-8pm	15	16 No School  <i>Deadline for Talent Show submissions</i>	17
18	19 No School  <i>Victoria Day</i>	20	21	22 Gr. 6 Vaccinations  Bike Rodeo Grades 1-3	23	24
25	26	27 Favorite Color Day	28	29	30	31
Inline skating Grades 1-3						