

# Welcome to the Foothills School Division!

Junior Kindergarten  
and Kindergarten  
Information Night and  
Registration

January 31st, 2023

6:30 -7:30

Big Rock School



# FSD's Priorities

Optimum learning is achieved through our priorities

## Engagement for each learner

Engagement with learners and community that is timely, meaningful and collaborative.

## Support for each learner

Learning environments are welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and inclusive.


## Success for each learner

Ensure and maintain division-wide excellence in teaching, learning and leadership.

# FSD's Programs



**English Kindergarten**  
All Locations



**Full-Time Kindergarten**  
Okotoks: Big Rock & Dr. Morris Gibson  
High River: Spitzee School  
High Country: C. Ian McLaren School

**Montessori Program**  
Okotoks: Big Rock School



**International Baccalaureate Program**  
Millarville: Millarville Community School



**Nature Based Learning Program**  
Okotoks: École Percy Pegler School



**French Immersion Kindergarten**  
Okotoks: École Percy Pegler School  
High River: École Joe Clark School

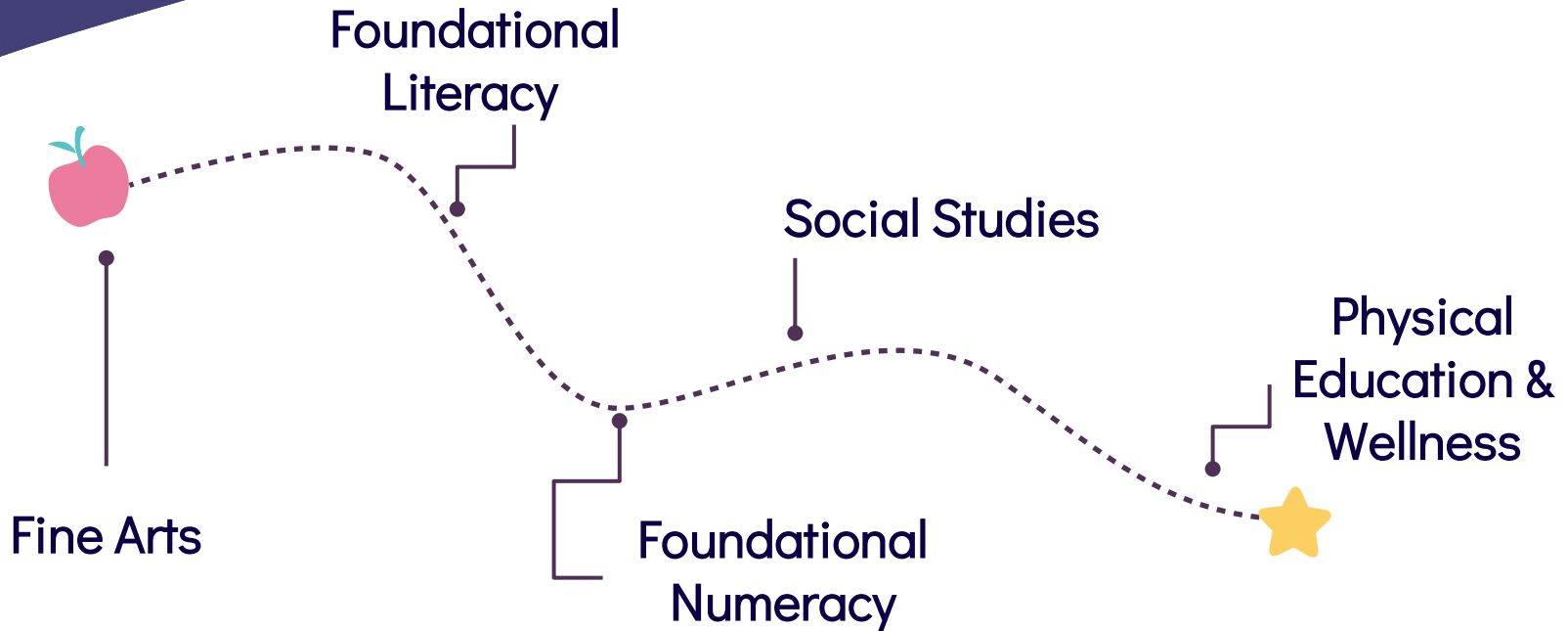


**Jr. Kindergarten**  
Okotoks: Big Rock School, École Percy Pegler  
High River: Spitzee School, École Joe Clark  
Blackie: Blackie School

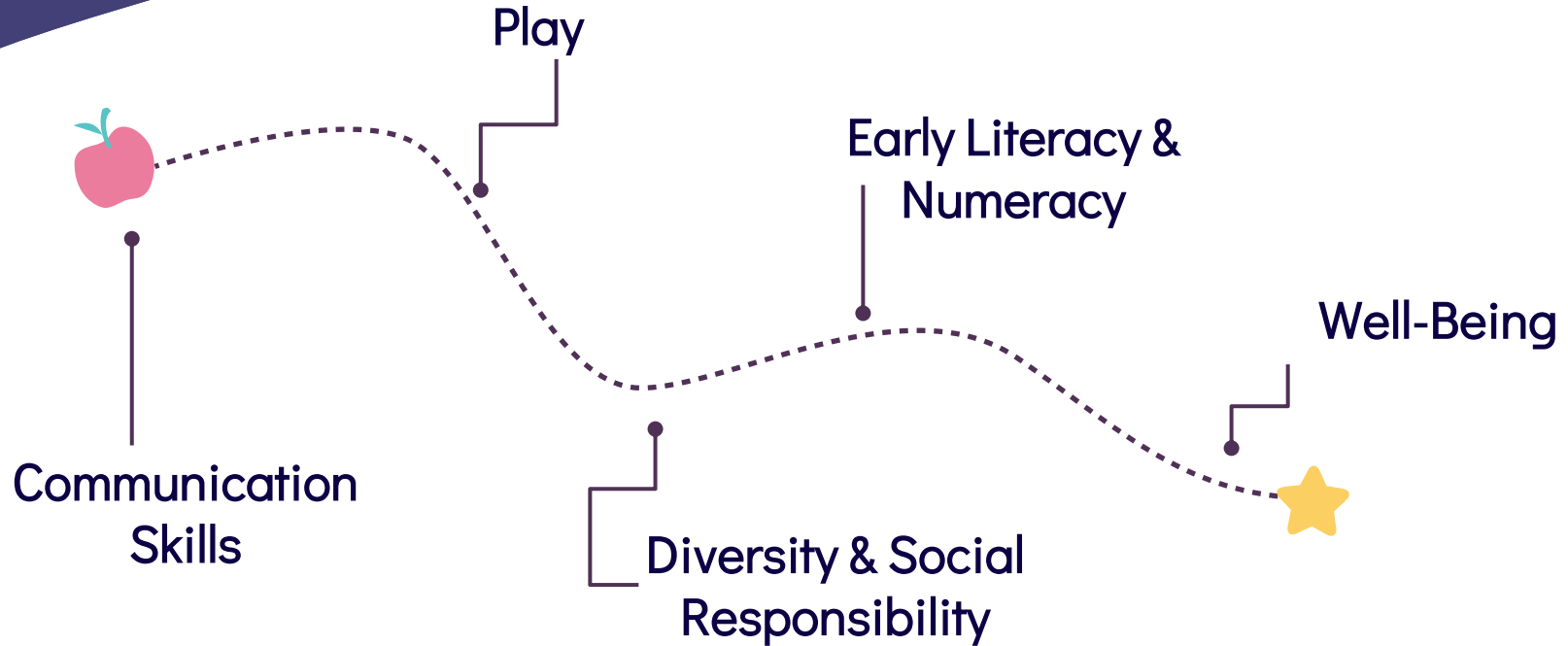




# Kindergarten Learning Priorities



# Junior Kindergarten Learning Priorities



\* JK will be hosting an open house later this spring for our registered students. We will reach out when those dates become available.



# Frequent Questions



At what age can my child start school?



How can we register?





What's our designated school?



How do we arrange busing?

# Age



Kindergarten: Join us if your child turns 5 on or before December 31, 2023

December 2023

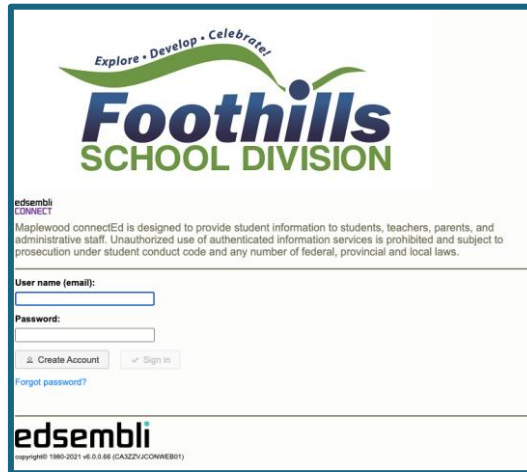
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Jr Kindergarten: Join us if your child turns 4 on or before December 31, 2023



# How to Register

[Click Here](#) for full registration information



The screenshot shows the registration page for edsembli CONNECT. At the top, it features the Foothills School Division logo with the tagline "Explore • Develop • Celebrate!". Below the logo, there is a disclaimer: "Maplewood connectEd is designed to provide student information to students, teachers, parents, and administrative staff. Unauthorized use of authenticated information services is prohibited and subject to prosecution under student conduct code and any number of federal, provincial and local laws." The form includes fields for "User name (email):" and "Password:", followed by "Create Account" and "Sign in" buttons. A "Forgot password?" link is also present. At the bottom, the edsembli logo and copyright information "© 2019 1980-2021 48.6.6.68 (CANZZU/CONNED)" are visible.

Step 1: Click [Here](#)

Step 2: Create a new account or sign in if you already have one

Step 3: Complete the registration form

You will need:

- Child's proof of citizenship (e.g. birth certificate)

If you are having problems with online registration, please call your designated school for support.



# Registering for Full Time Kindergarten



We are offering Full Time (full days M-F) kindergarten at 4 school sites:

C. Ian McLaren, Spitzee, Big Rock, and Dr Morris Gibson

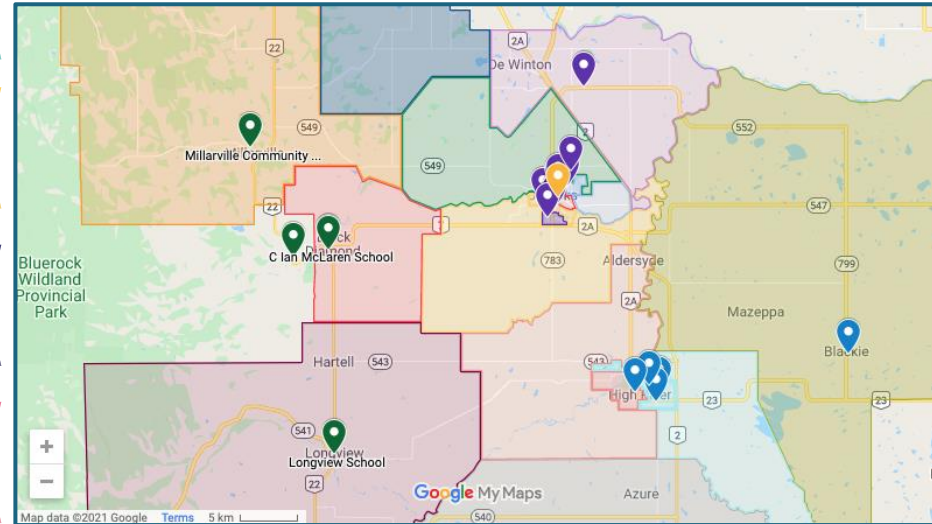
To apply:

When you register online, you will have the option to select either 'Part Time' or 'Full Time' kindergarten.


\*Selecting 'Full Time' is your way of indicating you are interested in full-time kindergarten. It does not mean a guarantee of a full-time program in September. We will connect with all families by Mid-May to indicate if we have enough children registered to run!

# School Boundaries

## Interactive Boundary Map



# Busing



**Kindergarten only:** If you live **2.4 km** or farther from your designated school (for students in K-3 without siblings, or K-3 students with an older sibling in the same school), you may qualify for busing.

[Application Form](#)  
[Transportation Rules](#)  
[Transportation Contact & FAQ](#)

**Jr K:** We do not provide busing for Jr K students

Questions?  
T: 403-652-6547  
E: [Transportation@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:Transportation@fsd38.ab.ca)

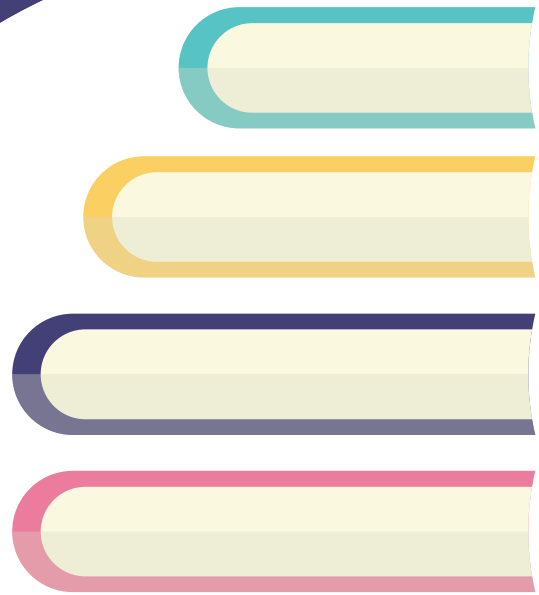
# Next Steps

1. Register your child!
2. Screening (in February & March)
  - a. Why:
    - b. To help students get excited and feel comfortable for school! We can't wait to meet you!
      - i. To determine if any students require extra support (Early support can make a big difference for Gr 1-12)
  - c. What:
    - i. Kindergarten: The EYE
    - ii. Jr Kindergarten: The EYE
  - d. When:
    - i. March/April 2023
    - ii. We will be reaching out to all registered families to schedule a specific date and time.
3. When you come on your screening day you will also have the opportunity to tour a bit and ask any questions.





# How you can help your child get ready for school

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- Read books together every single day and point to the words. Ask questions too!
  - Develop fine motor skills (how to hold a pencil, use scissors, play with playdough)
  - Follow 2-3 step instructions
  - Practice letters and letter recognition
  - Find letters/numbers in the environment
  - Count with concrete items (toys, rocks, Lego)
  - Build your child's self esteem with praise, hugs and listening
  - Help your child take responsibility (cleaning up toys, using the bathroom, getting their own healthy snacks)

# Supports from Alberta Health Services



Alberta Health Services provides Speech Language (SLP), Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physiotherapy consultations and support for children aged 0-5.

Parents can connect to access a "Speech Chat" with an AHS Therapist by calling: 403-995-2638.

Also, AHS OT/PT/SLP has drop-in clinics out of the Okotoks Wellness Centre early spring 2023.

# Helpful Resources

- ★ [Developmental Milestones](#)
- ★ [Calgary Reads](#)
- ★ [Resources Galore:](#)
  - [9 Things to do this Winter](#)
  - [Getting Ready for Kindergarten](#)
  - [Age 5 Activities](#)





# Questions

If you have any questions or difficulty with the registration process, please visit or call the school at 403-938-6666

