



BIG ROCK BEACON

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THIS SCHOOL IS FOR KIDS



Welcome to the final issue of the Big Rock Beacon for the 2021-2022 School Year. It's almost time to say see you later to all our friends at Big Rock School!

June Upcoming Events

Friday, June 10: Field trip to Heritage Park (*4H and 4L*)

Historic walking tour (*1/2 Montessori, 2L, 1/2S*)

Library Books are due

Wednesday, June 15: Year-end swim (*3/4 Montessori and 5/6 Montessori*)

Thursday, June 16: Grade 6 Mobile Escape Room

Friday, June 17: Grade 6 PAT – ELA Part B

Zoo field trip (*1E, 1/2S, 1/2 Montessori, 3L, 3P, 3/4 Montessori*)

Monday, June 20: Grade 6 PAT – Social Studies

Tuesday, June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day

Wednesday, June 22: Grade 6 PAT – Math

Grade 6 moving-up/awards assembly 2PM – families are invited.

Thursday, June 23: Last Day of Junior Kindergarten

Friday, June 24: Grade 6 PAT – Science

Sports Day (afternoon)

Monday, June 27: Learner Profiles emailed home

Splash Park field trip (*1E, 1/2S, 2L*)

Tuesday, June 28: Early Dismissal 12:10PM

Grade 6 Moving Up Assembly



Grade 6 families are invited to join us for the moving up/awards assembly.

Date: Wednesday, June 22

Time: 2PM

Location: Big Rock School Gym

2022-2023 FSD Calendar – Important changes



Please check the updated 2022-2023 FSD Calendar for some important date changes. The Foothills School Board has approved an extension to the Spring Break by 3.5 days.

Spring Break 2022: April 3 – April 14, 2022

If you have received a printed card with next year's dates, please be sure to make a note of the change.

****The calendar can always be found on the Foothills School Division Website****

Updated calendar link: [2022-2023 Calendar](#)

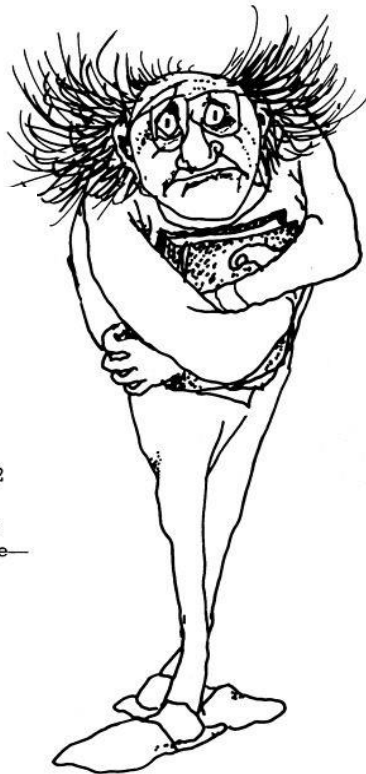
Library house-keeping important dates

- Last day to borrow books: **June 3rd**
- Library books due back for inventory: **June 10th**
- Billing for lost items: **June 13-17**

Overdues by
"Shel Silverstein"

OVERDUES

What do I do?
What do I do?
This library book is 42
Years overdue.
I admit that it's mine
But I can't pay the fine—
Should I turn it in
Or hide it again?
What do I do?
What do I do?



Sports Day: Friday, June 24th

Volunteer Opportunities Available:
please contact Mr. Alec Gill
(gilla@fsd38.ab.ca).

When: Friday, June 24

Where: Big Rock School (most events are outdoors)

Time: 11:45 volunteer check in at gym, 12:00 set up outside, 12:20 start, 2:30 ends and clean up

Job Description: Run individual event (10 min duration before next class arrives)

Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test Dates May/June 2022

Grade 6 English Language Arts (Part A)
Grade 6 English Language Arts (Part B)
Grade 6 Social Studies
Grade 6 Math
Grade 6 Science

Wednesday, May 18
Friday, June 17
Monday, June 20
Wednesday, June 22
Friday, June 24

School Phone



Did you get a phone call from 403-938-6666? If so, it could be from **ANY** phone within the school. If your child needs to call home, please advise them to leave a message as we can't be interrupting class unless it's an emergency.

Registration open

Big Rock School is pleased to offer Junior Kindergarten (Preschool), Part-Time Kindergarten, and a Full-Day Kindergarten program for the 2022-2023 School year.

- Details can be found online:

[Junior Kindergarten \(Preschool\) – Space available in our afternoon program](#)
[Kindergarten \(Part-Time and Full-Time\) – Full time program is now full](#)

School Fees are past due: [Link to: Big Rock Edsebli Parent Login](#)

Please arrange to get your child's account up to date. Payment options include:

- a) Online using your Edsebli account: The link can be found on the Big Rock School Website >> Family & Community >> [Edsebli Parent Login](#)
- b) Cheque or Cash – Please make your cheque payable to The Foothills School Division

Are you moving?



- If you anticipate a move to a different school, please let the office know as soon as possible.
- If you have a child in Grade 6 that will not attend Okotoks Junior High School, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Bell Times

1st Bell 8:35 am

Recess 10:00 – 10:15 am

Lunch Recess 11:35 – 11:55 am

Lunch 11:55 am - 12:15 pm

Recess 1:35 – 1:50 pm

End of Day 3:10 pm

School Protocols

Attendance/Lates

When a child is going to be absent from school, please advise the school as soon as possible with name of student, class, and reason for the absence.

Bigrock@fsd38.ab.ca

403-938-6666

If students are leaving early from school for any reason or have made other home time arrangements (pick up, transportation), parents must contact the office and their bus driver.

Communication

Communication between individuals can open doors and build trust. Open and frequent communication cultivates a climate of mutual respect that builds rapport and fosters relationships between students, staff, parents and community members.

Student Agendas: Please check your child's agenda **daily and initial**. The school, teachers and parents use the agenda to communicate with each other including messages, classroom notes, school notices, information bulletins and newsletters.

Phone/email/eblasts: The school, teachers and parents will use these tools for communicating.

Class and School Newsletters and Notices: Newsletters and notices pertaining to student learning and school activities and are distributed throughout the year.

School Website: <https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/bigrock>

Student Illness

- Please continue to **keep your children home if they are sick** and monitor their condition before sending them back. We thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping Big Rock School safe and healthy for our students.

Note from our Patrollers

Crosswalk Safety



When you are in your car and you see the Patrollers on the crosswalk, please **STOP** when their signs are out. If you are a pedestrian, please wait until the Patrollers have opened the crosswalk before you proceed to cross. Remember that these students are all volunteering their time and are doing their best job to keep our crosswalks safe.

Lost and Found

We still have a lot of items in our lost & found. Please ask your child(ren) to check for any items they are missing. Parents are also welcome to check the lost & found **(Please check in at the office first)**. Any remaining lost & found items will be donated at the end of the school year.

2022-2023 School Supplies

Supply lists for the 2022-2023 School year are now posted on our [website](#). Please note that Full-time Kindergarten and Part-time Kindergarten have different supply lists. Montessori grades 1-6 also have a separate supply list.

We have also provided families with a couple options to make your back to school shopping easier:



Big Rock School is once again offering our Grades 1 - 6 the opportunity to purchase school supplies through School Start for the 2022/2023 school year. School supplies can be ordered online at: www.schoolstart.ca. The School Start parent letters for each grade are posted on our Big Rock School website.



Staples School Tools is another program parents can use to make their back to school shopping a little more convenient.

<https://www.staples.ca/pages/schooltools#parents> – search by Big Rock School and you will find your list.

Staples is also running a “We love teachers contest”. You can nominate a teacher who inspires you and win a gift card for yourself, your teacher, and the classroom. This contest closes on June 15, 2022.

<https://www.staples.ca/a/content/we-love-teachers-contest>

All School Supply Lists can be found on the Big Rock School Website.

<https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/bigrock/page/1239/supply-lists>



School Parent Council **Home and School Association (Society)**

We'd like to extend our appreciation for all our hot lunch volunteers this year and the coordinators Mandy and Lyndsay, without you our program would not function.

Our next council meeting will be **September 15th**. We look forward to another great year with Big Rock

Your council team for 2022 – 2023:

- **Alesha Manning** - Parent Council Chair / Society President (returning member)
- **Charlotte Miller** - Parent Council Vice-Chair / Society Vice-President (new to the board)



"We have lived in Okotoks since 2018 and absolutely adore the community. My son is a first grader in the Montessori program at Big Rock, and I have another little guy starting in 2023. I believe "you get out what you put in" and I hope that by becoming more involved in my childrens school atmosphere, I will see even greater engagement from them within their school and community. I am excited to join the Big Rock Parent Council!"

- **Megan Belland** - Parent Council & Society Treasurer (returning member)
- **Breanne Thompson** – Parent Council Secretary (new to the board)



"I have two daughters (Grade 5 and 3)! We moved to town in 2020 and love it here! I am looking forward to this opportunity to volunteer for the school council for the 2022-2023 school year!"

We look forward to seeing you all in September and hope you have the most wonderful summer.

- ❖ **Hot Lunch** ordering is over for the year. See you all back in the Fall.
<http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/bigrock>
- ❖ Check out our Facebook page for info and updates @bigrockschoolparentcouncil
- ❖ Email us: schoolcouncilbigrock@gmail.com
- ❖ School Parent Council Meetings:
 - Held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 6:30-7:30PM.
 - **NO MEETING FOR JUNE**
 - **Next Meeting: September 15**

Community Connections

MY FIRST BICYCLE



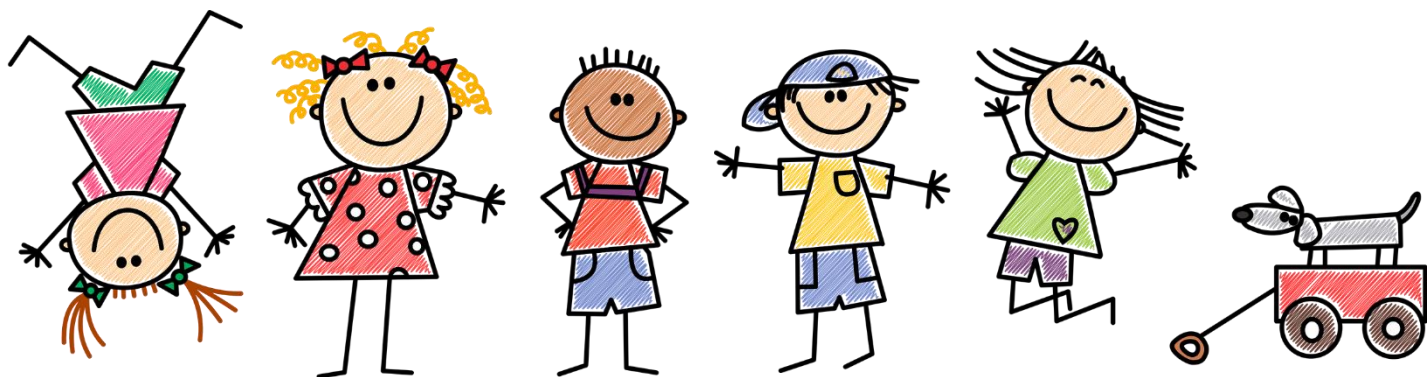
The My First Bicycle Foundation is a registered Canadian charity established in 2014. We began as a foundation that helped financially disadvantaged kids play hockey. We have now transitioned to donating bicycles to under privileged children across Canada.

Our foundation believes that all youth deserve access to outdoor activities and exercise. Physical activity and sports give kids an extra opportunity to grow and develop physically and mentally while building character, confidence, and relationships.




The My First Bicycle Foundation provides bicycles to youth in financially disadvantaged households across Canada. The package includes a bicycle, helmet and lock. Our charity encourages physical and mental well-being through outdoor activities and exercise. **Applications open January 1, 2022**

[My First Bicycle | More than transportation, more than sport](#)

A promotional graphic for the 'Diamond Valley Splash and Dash' event. It features a photo of three people (two adults and one child) smiling outdoors. The text 'Diamond Valley Splash and Dash' is in a green circle. Below it, a red banner says 'July 1st, 2022' and 'Turner Valley, AB'. A list of details includes: 'Family Friendly Event (all ages)', 'each racer gets to race, a Diamond Valley Splash and Dash towel, a finishers medal and lunch'. At the bottom, it says 'Registration and more information at: diamondvalleysplashdash.ca'. There are also small circular logos and photos of participants.



MONTH of JUNE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Badger Blast (fitness, aerobics, yoga) with Mrs. Somers	7 Badger Blast Mrs. Somers	8	9	10 Heritage Park 4H and 4L Historic Walking Tour for 1/2 Montessori, 2L, and 1/2S
13	14	15 Year-end swim 3/4 Montessori 5/6 Montessori	16 Grade 6 Mobile Escape Room	17 Grade 6 PAT – ELA Part B Zoo Field Trip 1E, 1/2S, 1/2 Montessori, 3L, 3P, 3/4 Montessori
20 Grade 6 PAT – Social Studies	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	22 Grade 6 PAT – Math Grade 6 Moving- up Assembly 2PM	23 Last day of Junior Kindergarten Have a great summer! 	24 Grade 6 PAT – Science Sports Day Afternoon 
27 Learner Profiles emailed home	28 Early Dismissal 12:10 PM Have a great summer! 	29	30	See you back at school on Tuesday, September 6th

Our communication will be taking on a new format for the 2022-2023 school year. You will still be receiving our biweekly Big Rock Updates/Reminders, but we will no longer be sending out the newsletter. To keep you up to date, our [website](#) will continue to be updated with all the information our newsletter would normally cover in a timely and relevant format. It has been fun sharing the Big Rock Beacon with you! Enjoy the summer!