



# BIG ROCK BEACON

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THIS SCHOOL IS FOR KIDS



## The Big Heart Kindness Button Fundraiser raised \$493

Well done Badgers and thank you to our teaching staff for your creative work organizing and running this fundraiser!



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on **March 23-24**.

Please watch your email in the coming days for more information on booking a time with your student's teacher.

## Kindergarten Registration OPEN

Please remember to register your child for Kindergarten if Big Rock School is your designated school.

<https://www.fsd38.ab.ca/Registration.php>

## March Upcoming Events

**March 7:** Hot Lunch ordering for April open

**March 9:** 3S Okotoks Art Gallery

**March 11:** 3P & 3/4M Okotoks Art Gallery

**March 16:** School Parent Council Meeting

**March 17:** **Wear Green Day**

**March 17:** Learner Profiles emailed home

**March 18:** **PD DAY – NO SCHOOL**

**March 21-25:** Book Fair

**March 22:** Fire Drill PM

**March 23:** Parent/Teacher Conference 3:30-7:30pm

**March 24:** Parent/Teacher Conference 3:30-5:30pm

**March 25:** Wear Jersey/Sport T-Shirt day

**March 28:** Kindergarten Screening (**No Class for KFT**)

**March 28:** Kindergarten Screening (**No Class for KCT**)

**March 30:** Hot Lunch ordering for April closes at 6pm

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**



## **Scholastic Book Fair March 21-25, 2022**

Mark your calendars! The Scholastic book Fair is coming to Big Rock School.

You can also join the book fair virtually! The online shop will be open March 19<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Reading!

**[CLICK HERE FOR OUR SCHOOL'S  
VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR LINK](#)**

### **Important Reminders**

#### **School Fees are now past due:**

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

- a) Online using your Maplewood account. Login info has been emailed to you December 1, 2020. The link can be found on the Big Rock School Website >> Parents >>Maplewood Connect
  
- b) Cheque or Cash – Please make your cheque payable to The Foothills School Division

Please contact our Office 403-938-6666 should you require further assistance.

#### **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 \(Preschool\)](#)

[Kindergarten \(Part-Time and Full-Time\) – Full time program is now full](#)

[Early Learning with Foothills School Division](#)

## Bell Times

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 and Masking

- 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.
- Link to the Alberta Health Daily Checklist : [AHS Daily Checklist \(For Children Under 18\)](#)





Note from our Patrollers

AMA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL CORNER

*Friendly* TIPS FOR SCHOOL ZONE *Safety*

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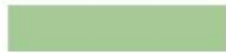
Crossing the street safely means making eye contact with drivers and waiting for them to stop before stepping off the curb. Use the crosswalks and teach your kids to Point, Pause and Proceed safely. Show junior jaywalking is for the birds.

Teach 'mini-me' to be safe at school with fun activities at [www.WayToBe.ca](http://www.WayToBe.ca)

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## Parking Reminders at Big Rock



-  FSD Bus Parking Only
-  Please do not block the crosswalks.
-  Drop-off/Pick-up



## School Parent Council

### ❖ Hot Lunch



- Hot Lunch ordering for **April** opens Mar 7<sup>th</sup> and will close March 30 at 6pm No late orders will be accepted.

<https://munchalunch.com/login.aspx>

- If you have any questions or concerns about the Hot Lunch program, please contact the Lunch Coordinator at: [bigrocklunch@gmail.com](mailto:bigrocklunch@gmail.com)

### ❖ Bottle Depot donations would be greatly appreciated

### ❖ Check out our Facebook page for info and updates @BigRockSchoolParentCouncil

### ❖ Email us: [schoolcouncilbigrock@gmail.com](mailto:schoolcouncilbigrock@gmail.com)

### ❖ School Parent Council Meetings:

- Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, 6:30-7:30PM.

- Next meeting will be March 16, 6:30pm

## Community Connections

# ORENDA girls



8 - 10 YRS

**ORENDA GIRLS // Monday // 4:15-5:15pm // April 4th - May 11th**

This registered youth yoga program is a unique opportunity for youth ages 8 -10 to connect with their peers, and with themselves in a safe and supportive community. The ORENDA Team uses yoga and mindfulness as a gateway to create raw discussion and transformation with youth, introducing yoga and mindfulness practice, group discussion, journaling, and leadership activities.

**MONDAY'S  
4:15 - 5:15 PM  
APRIL 4TH - MAY 9TH**

Check out <https://orendasociety.ca/> for more details about what Orenda Society has to offer and other spring programs available.

Are you getting questions about war and Ukraine from your elementary-aged students and wondering how to address them? The podcast below is one of many that might provide support in the home for these hard questions:

@raisinggoodhumanspodcast Instagram account.  
"Talking About Ukraine with Our Children  
This is on all of our minds, and we need to talk to our kids"



Talking About Ukraine with Our Children

<https://draliza.bulletin.com/talking-about-ukraine-with-our-children>

### Resource for Grandparents

Grand Connections is a six week workshop intended to assist grandparents who are providing care and support for their grandchildren in some way.

Grandparents will learn how essential their role is while understanding to developmental needs of children.

Friday Mornings 10am-12pm (April 29-June3)

More information: [Grand Connections](#)



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[Link to Grand Connections](#)

# Happy Patrick's Day

## MARCH 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9 3S Okotoks Art Gallery Field Trip 	10	11 3P & 3/4M Okotoks Art Gallery Field Trip 
14	15	16 School Parent Council Meeting 6:30PM	17 Learner Profiles emailed home 	18 PD DAY – NO SCHOOL
21 Book Fair 	22 Book Fair  <b>AM FIRE DRILL</b>	23 Book Fair  Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30pm	24 Book Fair  Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-5:30pm	25 Book Fair  Wear a jersey or sport t-shirt 
28 Kindergarten Screening (No School for Mrs. Newman's KFT Kindergarten class)	29 Kindergarten Screening (No school for Ms. Clarkson's KCT Kindergarten class)	30 HOT LUNCH ORDER CLOSSES AT 6PM 	31	