



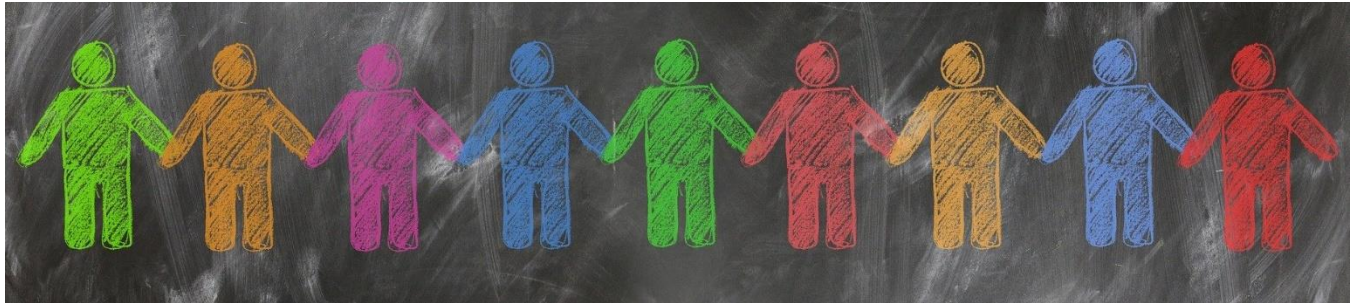
BIG ROCK BEACON

MAY 2022

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THIS SCHOOL IS FOR KIDS



May Upcoming Events

May 9: Grade 6 Vaccinations

May 10 & May 11: Spring Photos

May 11: Kindergarten Full-Time (KFT Newman) – Zoo Field Trip

May 17: Grade 6 Vaccinations (catch-up)

May 18: Grade 6 PAT – ELA

May 18: School Parent Council Meeting 6:30PM Learning Commons

May 19: Fire Drill

May 20: PD Day – No School

May 23: Victoria Day – No School

May 26: Kindergarten Part-Time (KCT Clarkson) - Zoo Field Trip

May 30 – June 3: Inline Skating

Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test Dates May/June 2022

Grade 6 English Language Arts (Part A)

Wednesday, May 18

Grade 6 English Language Arts (Part B)

Friday, June 17

Grade 6 Social Studies

Monday, June 20

Grade 6 Math

Wednesday, June 22

Grade 6 Science

Friday, June 24

Spring Photo Days

Don't forget that Tuesday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 11th are our Spring Photo Days. A notice went home with your child with their class scheduled day.



School Supplies for 2022/2023

Big Rock School is once again offering our Grades K - 6 the opportunity to purchase school supplies through School Start for the 2022/2023 school year. Once school supply lists are confirmed, you'll be able to order supplies online at:

www.schoolstart.ca



More details will be included in the June newsletter and the supply lists for 2022/2023 will be posted on the Big Rock School Website in June.

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

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](#)
[Early Learning with Foothills School Division](#)

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

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.

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

**Check out the new Learning Commons
Website for lots of great learning resources:**
<https://bigrockschoollibrary.wixsite.com/learningcommons>



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

Our Lost & Found is overflowing, so please have your child check if they are missing anything. Parents are also welcome to check the lost & found (**Please check in at the office first**).



School Parent Council

Home and School Association (Society)

❖ Hot Lunch



- Hot Lunch ordering for **JUNE** opens **Friday, May 6th** and will close on **Wednesday, May 25th 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
- Volunteers are needed for about 1hr/shift. If you're interested please contact Mandy at bigrockhotlunch@gmail.com for more information.

❖ Bottle Depot donations would be greatly appreciated

❖ Check out our Facebook page for info and updates

❖ Email us: schoolcouncilbigrock@gmail.com

❖ School Parent Council Meetings:

- **Next Meeting Wednesday, May 18th (6:30PM)**
- **We will be hosting our AGM this month. Anyone interested in getting involved with council is welcome.**

Growing Smiles – Spring Plant fundraiser

Growing Smiles plant delivery is May 10th. Anyone who ordered will get an email with pick up instructions. Pick up will not be at the school.

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](#)

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](#)

Town of Okotoks Events



Check out the Town of Okotoks website for upcoming events and activities in and around the Town of Okotoks.

- Saturday, May 7th – Take part in the Okotoks Community Clean up 9am Saturday
- Saturday, May 28th and 29th – Kite Scavenger Hunt
- Nature Fridays! Environment Education Centre
- Markets
- Much more can be found on the community events calendar:

<https://www.okotoks.ca/your-community/living-okotoks/community-event-calendar>



MONTH of May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9 Grade 6 Vaccinations	 10 Spring Photos Jr K/Kindy Grad Photos	 11 Spring Photos Jr K/Kindy Grad Photos KFT Zoo Trip	12	13
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