Badger Bulletin

Friday November 6th, 2026

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Remembrance Day Ceremony. We appreciate you joining our students and staff as we took time together to remember, reflect, and honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Fall Break Reminder: There will be no school next week. We hope everyone has a wonderful break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, November 16th!

Ms. Andrew & Mrs. Griffin

Did You Know... Big Rock School is now a part of a Regional Band Program?

At Big Rock School, our Grade 6 students have the exciting opportunity to participate in a regional band program alongside Grade 6 students from schools across Okotoks. The program is taught by Mrs. Breanne Jamieson, Band Director at OJHS, with students receiving band instruction at their home school twice each week. Students learn to play a band instrument, develop their musical skills, and experience the excitement of making music as part of an ensemble.

Soon, all our Grade 6 musicians from across Okotoks will come together for a Christmas concert, giving students the opportunity to perform as one larger ensemble and celebrate all they have learned so far. We are excited for our Big Rock musicians to be part of this special experience!

Dark Mornings

As our mornings get darker, we encourage families to consider visibility when choosing clothing for the walk to school. Adding a small strip of reflective tape to a backpack or jacket, wearing reflective outerwear, or choosing a toque or hat with a light can make students easier for drivers to see. These simple additions can help enhance safety, particularly when students are crossing streets and using crosswalks.

Decidedly Jazz Danceworks: Artist in Residence Program

From November 16th to 20th, students in Grades 3-6 will participate in an exciting Artist In Residence program with Decidedly Jazz Danceworks. The residency week at Big Rock School will provide students the opportunity to dance with a local professional dance educator. Sessions will lead students through dynamic movement and activities that will bring understanding of jazz music, jazz dance, and the vibrant histories of each.

We are excited to welcome these artists to Big Rock and provide our students with this unique opportunity to learn, move, and create together! Students are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing for this program.

Staff members will also be participating alongside their students.

Here is a little more information about Decidedly Jazz:

- *In 1984, Vicki Adams Willis who had founded the jazz dance department at the University of Calgary, and two of her graduating students, Michèle Moss and Hannah Stilwell, co-founded DJD to help keep the spirit of jazz alive. The DJD Company has performed in Calgary, across Canada, and internationally since its inception. The DJD Dance Centre opened in 2016 and is a home for jazz dance to live and thrive. DJD exists to contribute meaningfully to the future of jazz dance and our community is wide and inclusive. We believe in human connection, personal expression, and the dignity of all people. We believe in dancing to music where we embrace improvisation, rhythmic sophistication, the individual, and the community.*

Student-Led Impact Initiative: Warm Clothing Drive

A group of Grade 6 students is putting our Impact theme into action by organizing a warm clothing drive in support of Project Warmth Society. Through this student-led initiative, they are demonstrating how noticing a need, taking action, and encouraging others to join in can create a positive impact beyond the walls of Big Rock School.

From November 16–25, a collection box will be located near the school office for families to drop off donations. These donations will help individuals and families stay warm throughout Alberta's colder months.

What can you donate?

- New or gently used clothing that is in mint condition (and freshly laundered)
- Winter jackets
- Coats
- Gloves/mittens
- Toques
- Boots
- Blankets

- Sleeping bags

What cannot be donated?

- Baby Clothes are not accepted

Lifetouch Photo Retakes – In Studio

In case any families missed photo and retake day, Lifetouch will be having fall photos in their studio on Friday Nov. 13 and Saturday Nov. 21.

They are located at, 5329 72 Ave SE #30, Calgary, AB T2C 4X6

Book your portrait session by clicking the link.

Important Dates:

This month:

Monday, Nov 9 – Friday, Nov 13: Fall Break
Monday, Nov 16 – Friday, Nov 20: Artist In Residence: Decidedly Jazz Danceworks – Grades 3-6 students
Monday, Nov 23: Rowan House (Grades 2 and 5)
Tuesday, Nov 24: Elder Shirley Hill visiting Big Rock School
Wednesday, Nov 25 & Thursday, Nov 26: Fall Learner Conferences
Friday, Nov 27: Non-Instructional Day