

BADGER BULLETIN



Issue #1
September 4, 2026

What's New at Big Rock

Bell Time Have Changed!

UPDATE SCHEDULE

for Parents ♥

	8:25 am	Morning Bell
	8:25 - 8:40	Classroom Meeting Time <i>Connecting, Belonging & Setting Up for Success</i>
	10:00 - 10:15	Morning Recess
	11:35 - 11:55	Lunch Eating Time
	11:55 - 12:15	Lunch Recess
	1:35 - 1:50	Afternoon Recess
	3:10 - 3:15	Badger Connect & Wrap Up
	3:15	Dismissal

♥ Thank you for partnering with us! ☺

ROCK STARS IMPACT TOUR 2026-2027

Principal Message

Dear Big Rock Families,

What a fantastic start to the school year! This week, our building came alive with the sounds of happy children, laughter in the hallways, and the excitement that comes with a new beginning.

Students arrived with smiles on their faces, eager to reconnect with friends and meet new classmates. It has been wonderful to watch them get to know their homeroom teachers, settle into their classrooms, and begin building the relationships that will support their learning throughout the year.

The first days of school are all about connection, belonging, and establishing routines. Our staff has been focused on creating welcoming classroom communities where every student feels seen, valued, and excited to learn.

As we begin our Rock Stars Impact Tour 2026-2027, we look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and opportunities for students to make a positive impact on those around them.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are excited for the year ahead!

Warm regards,
Tammi Andrew
Principal, Big Rock School



Why Circle Time And Morning Meetings Matter

At Big Rock School, we are placing a strong emphasis on starting each day with a meaningful classroom meeting or circle time. This time is much more than taking attendance or reviewing the schedule. It is an essential part of building a positive classroom community where every child feels welcomed, connected, and ready to learn.

Morning meetings provide students with opportunities to greet one another, strengthen relationships, develop social and emotional skills, and practice respectful communication. Teachers use this time to establish a positive tone for the day, discuss important classroom expectations, celebrate successes, and prepare students for upcoming learning. Research consistently shows that students who feel connected to their classroom community are more engaged, confident, and successful learners.

We sometimes refer to this as "framing time" because it helps students frame their day. Just as a strong foundation supports a building, a strong start helps students feel grounded, organized, and prepared for learning. During this time, students may set intentions, address questions or even problem-solve any classroom community concerns.

For this reason, punctuality is extremely important. When students arrive late, they miss the opportunity to connect with their classmates, receive important information, and participate in the discussions and routines that help set them up for success.

While students can catch up on missed academic work, it is much more difficult to recreate the sense of belonging, connection, and community that develops during these shared moments.

We greatly appreciate families' support in helping students arrive at school on time each day. By ensuring children are present for morning meetings, you are helping them begin each day feeling connected, confident, and ready to make a positive impact in their classroom and throughout our school community.

Important Dates

Sept 16: School Council from 6 - 7:30 pm. All parents welcome!

September 17: Terry Fox Walk in pm

September 18: Non-Attendance Day for Students

September 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - Non-Attendance Day

