



# BIG ROCK BEACON

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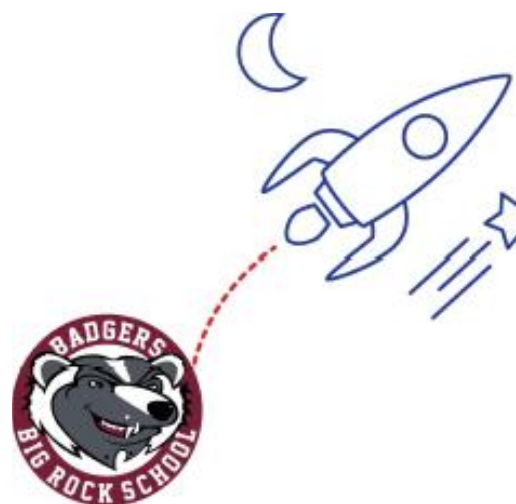


Welcome to the final issue of the Big Rock Beacon for the 2021-2022 School Year. It's almost time to say see you later to all our friends at Big Rock School!

**“What lies behind us, and what lies before us  
are small matters compared to what lies within  
us.”**

**-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

To our grade 6 students leaving us for new schools  
and new adventures, we will miss you!



## June Upcoming Events

**Friday, June 4: PD Day NO SCHOOL**

**Friday, June 11:** Last day for Library. Please return all library books.

**Thursday, June 24:** Last day of classes for Junior Kindergarten

**Friday, June 25:** Last day of classes and early dismissal 12:10pm

## Important Reminders

As we finish off our last couple weeks of school, we want to thank you for reinforcing hygiene at home and for supporting our staff in keeping our school a safe place to be. Please don't come to school sick and remember to complete the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#)

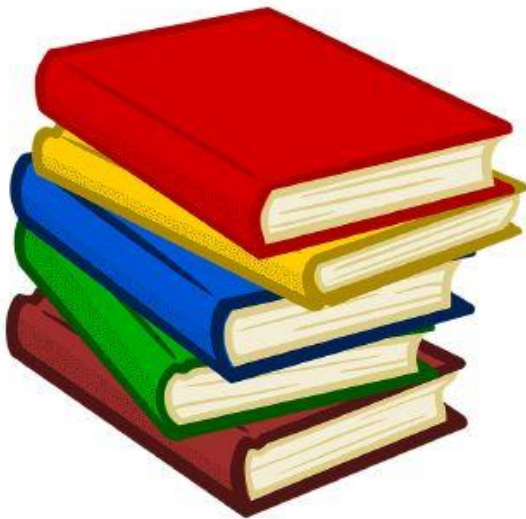
**Is your Maplewood/Edsembli Account up to date?** Please make sure to check that all school fees have been paid. [Maplewood/Edsembli Account Link](#)

**No School this Friday!**



## Are you Moving?

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



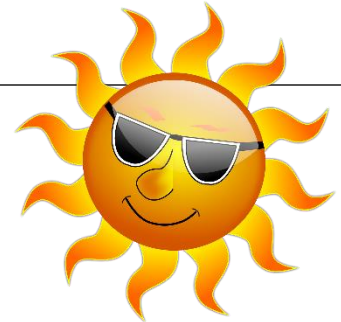
It's time! It's time!  
It's time for all library books to  
return to the library for the  
summer!

Please look carefully...books can be  
tricky...& return any overdue books.  
Not sure if you have a book at  
home? Talk to Ms. Latta in the  
library.

Please arrange to  
get all your library  
books back before  
**June 11, 2021** to  
be entered into  
the poster draw!

# Beat the Heat

**Please make sure to send your kids with lots of water, a hat for outside, and sunscreen before they come to school. We love these hot days, but need to make sure our kids stay safe!**



Big Rock School is once again offering our Grades 1 - 6 the opportunity to purchase school supplies through School Start for the 2021/2022 school year. Watch your inbox for an updated School Start list. We will not be collecting these manually at the school this year, but you are able to order online:

School supplies can be ordered online at: [www.schoolstart.ca](http://www.schoolstart.ca) Visa & MasterCard are accepted.

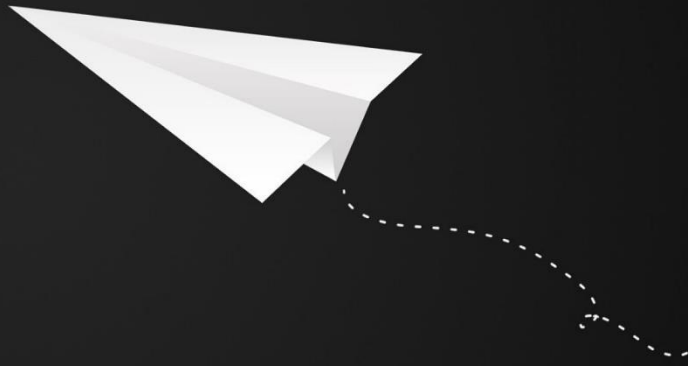


Staples School Tools is another program parents can use to make their back to school shopping a little more convenient. More information will be posted on our website shortly.

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

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

<https://bigrock.fsd38.ab.ca/view.php?action=documents&id=419>



## Message from the Principal

Welcome to June!

June has officially arrived! It is hard to believe that we have made it to the last month of the school year. I can honestly say that this has been the most unique year in my teaching career. This year demanded that we all learn to be patient, cooperative, understanding and resilient as we navigated the evolving guidelines and expectations. I am grateful for the Big Rock community and our commitment to overcome obstacles in the name of student well-being and learning.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all of our parents and families for working with us this school year. Without your support, this school year would have been an impossibility. This has been an incredibly difficult year for our children, and we are blessed to have such amazing parents to help normalize this year as much as possible. Thank you to all of our parents and caregivers for your extended support to maintain continuity of learning, and more importantly the well-being of our children.

Looking towards next year, we haven't received official direction pertaining to health and safety guidelines for back to school, but if the province's current reopening plan is an indicator, guidelines for schools look to be minimal. Most significantly, we will continue to emphasize good habits of hand and mouth hygiene, and the practice of staying at home when sick.

Also on the topic of next year, we are currently working on our class placements for the fall. A number of factors go into placing your child into their homeroom each year. We understand that you may make requests for a specific class for your child, and we take that into account but we can not always guarantee that a request will be fulfilled. Our hope is to notify you of your child's placement prior to the end of this school year. We will also be sharing some more back to school information near the end of June.

The coming weeks will be bittersweet as we still won't be able to participate in all of the classroom, school, and community celebrations that usually mark the end of a school year. However, we will still get to come to school every day and enjoy our final days together, in-person and find unique ways to celebrate a difficult year. Things will never truly get back to normal, but next year will bring new opportunities to learn and grow as a community once again. Experience has been a valuable teacher this year, we have learned new ways of learning and growing together and will continue to make Big Rock a truly amazing place to learn and grow!

I hope everyone has an amazing summer and I can't wait to see what amazing opportunities we will uncover in the fall!

Take care,

Scott Carey



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

***Members of parent council would like to send a heart felt thank you to all our amazing teachers, staff and parents for making this year a great one. Special thanks to our hot lunch coordinator Mandy and the volunteers who donated their time to ensure our children still had the opportunity to have hot lunch and stay safe. We would also like to extend our thanks to Mr. Darren Stuber who will be leaving council this year as his youngest heads off to O.J next year. We have appreciated your input and efforts as our council secretary. Returning next year, your council team:***

***Returning next year, your council team for 2021 – 2022:***

- Alesha Manning - Parent Council Chair / Society President
- Lorraine Harley - Parent Council Vice-Chair / Society Vice-President
- Megan Belland - Parent Council & Society Treasurer
- TBD – Parent Council & Society Secretary

***\*\* Big Rock School Council is seeking a secretary for the 2021/2022 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>

- 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)
- Volunteers are needed for about 1hr/shift. If you're interested please contact [bigrockhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:bigrockhotlunch@gmail.com) for more information

❖ 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.
- **NO MEETING FOR JUNE**



## MONTH of JUNE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4 <b>PD DAY – No School</b>
7	8	9	10	11  <b>Last day for Library</b>
14	15 <b>Staff Appreciation Lunch provided by School Council  Thank you!</b>	16	17	18
21	22	23	24 <b>Last day of classes for Junior Kindergarten</b> 	25 <b>Early Dismissal 12:10pm</b> <b>SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER – See you back on Sept 1</b>