



# BIG ROCK BEACON

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## January/February Upcoming Events

January 11: 1<sup>st</sup> Day back to school

January 21: School Council Meeting

January 22: PD Day NO SCHOOL

February 4: Virtual OPEN HOUSE – Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten

February 15: Family Day No School

February 16 - 19: NO SCHOOL

February 24: Pink Shirt Day

February 23-24: Life Touch Spring Photos and Jr. Kindergarten/Kindergarten Grad Photos

February 25: School Council Meeting

\*\* Please note that our Foothills School Division Calendar has changed to add an additional PD Day in March.

March 12: PD Day NO SCHOOL

## Important Reminders

Please remind your children of our important protocols to ensure a safe return to school:

- Do not come to school sick
- Complete the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#)
- Remember to bring your mask to school
- Stick with your class/grade cohorts
- Wash hands frequently
- Remember to respect social distances of 2m



### **New Maplewood/Edsembli Account Information:**

Our new Maplewood/Edsembli Student Information System is now operational across the Foothill School Division. The link can be found on the Big Rock School Website >> Parents >> Maplewood Connect.

[Maplewood/Edsmebli Parent Link](#)

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

**Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 School fees are 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.
- 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.

### **Student Illnesses**

- 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 Updated Checklist: [Covid-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist \(For Children Under 18\)](#)
- Another useful pdf from AHS: [Covid-19 How Long to Stay Home from School](#)



AHS Flow charts: [Core Symptoms](#) , [Secondary Symptoms](#) , [Close Contact](#)



# Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Virtual Open House

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

More details will be communicated on our website <https://bigrock.fsd38.ab.ca/>



## **Jr Kindergarten: \*must be 4 years old by Dec 31, 2021**

- Registration will be accepted starting **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Big Rock School for a registration package.
- We will require a completed Registration Form, Junior Kindergarten Agreement and a copy of your child's Birth Certificate.

## **Kindergarten: \*must be 5 years old by Dec 31, 2021**

- Online Registration is NOW OPEN.
- Although registration is on-going, please register before February if possible so we can schedule a kindergarten assessment.





## Message from the Principal

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Welcome to 2021 Big Rock families! I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break and you are all ready for the second half of the school year in 2021. I would like to start off by thanking all of you for adapting to learning at home for last week. It was a reminder of the vital role you all play in your child's education. Thank you for your commitment to be flexible and adapt to maintain high levels of learning during at home learning. Let's hope that last week was our last stretch of at home learning for the foreseeable future.

As much as I applaud everyone for making at home learning work, it was great to see everyone back at Big Rock this week. Classrooms, hallways, and playgrounds are once again busy places of learning and development. In person learning is important for educating the whole child; we are glad to be back and hope we're back for the long haul. With that said, COVID is still very much part of our daily lives. We are spending this week reminding ourselves of safe practices of hand hygiene, social distancing, and the value of masks to ensure that we are keeping ourselves, and those around us safe. Please help echo these good practices at home as we adjust to being back to school full time.

I do want to bring a couple of calendar items to your attention. Our Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten open house will be held virtually this year on **Thursday, February 4th**. More information with a link to join the open house will be coming soon. Please pass this information on if you know of any new to Big Rock families that have children starting Kindergarten or Junior Kindergarten in the fall. Also, the division has added a professional development day to the school calendar on **Friday, March 12th**. There will be no school for students on that day.

The next few months are very busy learning months at Big Rock School. Access to the school may be restricted, but we still want to keep lines of communication open. If you have any questions about your child's learning, do not hesitate to contact their teacher. Also feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns by email ([careys@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:careys@fsd38.ab.ca)), or by phoning the school 403-938-6666. Happy new year and may this be an amazing year for learning at Big Rock School.

Yours in Learning,

Scott Carey





## **School Parent Council**

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

#### ❖ Hot Lunch



- Hot Lunch ordering for **February: Opens on Thursday, January 14th and closes on Thursday, January 28 at 6PM.**
- Please note that late orders will not be accepted and orders not paid by close date will not be processed.
- <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

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

❖ **Check out our facebook page for the most up to date information: Big Rock School Parent Council.**

❖ School Parent Council Meetings:

- Next meeting will be Thursday, January 21



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## JANUARY 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 WELCOME BACK	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21 School Council Meeting 6:30pm	22 PD DAY NO SCHOOL
25	26	27	28	29
FEB 1	FEB 2	FEB 3	FEB 4 Virtual Open House Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten	FEB 5