



# BIG ROCK BEACON

MAR 2021

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THIS SCHOOL IS FOR KIDS



## The Big Heart Kindness Button Fundraiser raised \$952

Well done Badgers and  
thank you Ms. Strand  
for your creative work  
organizing and running  
this fundraiser!



## Kindergarten Registration OPEN

Please remember to register your child for  
Kindergarten if Big Rock School is your  
designated school.

<https://www.fsd38.ab.ca/Registration.php>

## March/April Upcoming Events

**March 3:** Kindergarten Screening

**March 5:** Jersey Day – wear your favorite jersey!

**March 9:** Hot Lunch ordering for April open

**March 12:** PD Day NO SCHOOL

**March 15:** Junior Kindergarten Screening (parents will  
be contacted with scheduled time)

**March 18:** School Council Meeting 6:30pm

**March 22-25:** Book Fair

**March 25:** Hot Lunch ordering for April closes at 6pm

**March 29:** Learner Profiles sent home

**March 30:** Parent/Teacher Conference 3:30-7pm

**March 31:** Parent/Teacher Conference 3:30-5pm

**April 1:** Early Dismissal for Easter Break 12:10pm

**April 2-April 9:** Easter Break NO SCHOOL

**April 15:** School Council Meeting 6:30pm

## Important Reminders

### **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

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 \(For Children Under 18\)](#)



## **Scholastic Book Fair March 22-25, 2021**

## **Lunchbox Talent Show is back this Spring!**



Our Lunchbox Talent Show is going virtual. Students that want to participate should film their act and share it with Ms. Stoddard ([stoddardl@gm.fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:stoddardl@gm.fsd38.ab.ca)) on google drive through their school google account, or by saving it onto a USB and bringing it to school. The possibilities are endless, but all acts need to be safe, appropriate for school and 2 minutes or less. Videos can be submitted now until March 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Stoddard will put together 15 minute video segments that will be available for teachers to share with their classes. Please email Ms. Stoddard ([stoddardl@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:stoddardl@fsd38.ab.ca)) if you have any questions.



## Message from the Principal

Welcome to March!

It's hard to believe that spring is right around the corner! I don't think that there are enough adjectives to describe this school year, but through everything, I am blessed to come to school daily and see smiling faces in the classrooms and on the playground at Big Rock School. As we officially transition into the second half of the school year, I hope our learning community continues to grow together regardless of the circumstances.

By the end of March, we will have completed our second reporting period at Big Rock. Learner profiles will be digitally sent out in the last week of March. We will also be having parent/teacher conferences on March 30th and 31st. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have in-person conferences and we will once again be hosting conferences via video or telephone based on your preference. Be on the lookout for information regarding booking conferences in the coming few weeks.

This month also marks the one-year anniversary that we were all forced to significantly change our lifestyles as initial restrictions due to COVID were put in place. From this perspective, the last calendar year has been difficult for all of us. I would like to applaud everyone for your ongoing commitment to adapt and pivot as guidelines and regulations evolved over the course of the year. Keeping schools safe is a community effort and we are grateful for all that our parents and communities have done and continue to do for us at Big Rock.

With that said, the cumulative fatigue we are all experiencing is very real as we continue to be vigilant in keeping our school community safe. Now more than ever we need to be mindful of ourselves and those around us. When updating the school sign this month, I came across the following quote from Theodore Roosevelt:

**“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”**

I think these words provide perspective as we continue to navigate COVID in our daily lives. It's easy to be reminded about what we can't do these days, but I also see our school community finding new ways to find joy and thrive this school year. As a school we are focusing on kindness and gratitude as something that is within our control and it is great to witness small and large acts of kindness and gratitude each and every day. Sometimes you have to look a little harder for it, but it's still there.

These words also speak to the fact that we all have limits and need to be aware and honest about those boundaries. Our physical, emotional and psychological safety must remain paramount. As we embark on the second half of the school year, please be mindful of yourself and your children. If your family is struggling, do not hesitate to reach out to the school community. We can't do everything, but we can do something.

I would like to close, by thanking you all once again for your continued support of Big Rock school. We have an amazing school community and that is in no small part to your continued support. I hope you are all able to take some time to pause and enjoy some of the beautiful weather as we start our long-awaited spring!

Yours in Learning,  
Scott



## Note from our Patrollers

AMA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL CORNER

### *Friendly* TIPS FOR SCHOOL ZONE *Safety*

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Crossing the street safely means making eye contact with drivers and waiting for them to stop before stepping off the curb. Use the crosswalks and teach your kids to Point, Pause and Proceed safely. Show junior jaywalking is for the birds.

## Parking Reminders at Big Rock



FSD Bus Parking Only



Please do not block the crosswalks.



Drop-off/Pick-up



## **School Parent Council**

### ❖ Hot Lunch



- Hot Lunch ordering for **April** opens Mar 9<sup>th</sup> and will close March 25 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](mailto:bigrocklunch@gmail.com)

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**HOT LUNCH Volunteers are needed for one hour shifts on Tuesday and Thursday. Please consider volunteering - without our volunteers, the program cannot continue. If you're interested please contact Mandy at [bigrockhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:bigrockhotlunch@gmail.com) for more information**

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- ❖ Bottle Depot donations would be greatly appreciated
- ❖ 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.
  - Next meeting will be March 18, 6:30pm



## MARCH 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 <b>Kindergarten Screening</b> (for students who have never attended Big Rock School)	4	5 <b>Jersey Day</b> 
8	9	10	11	12 <b>PD DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
15 Junior Kindergarten Screening	16	17 <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b>	18 School Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm	19
22 <b>Book Fair</b> 	23 <b>Book Fair</b>	24 <b>Book Fair</b>	25 <b>Book Fair</b>	26
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