



BIG ROCK BEACON

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THIS SCHOOL IS FOR KIDS



Lest We Forget

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY – Tuesday, November 10th 10:50am

- Classrooms will be hosting their own class-based Remembrance Day activities followed by a school-wide video presentation at 10:50am
- Poppies have been provided to all of our students, and donation has been made to the Okotoks Legion on behalf of Big Rock School, our students, and our families. You can continue to show your support by sending in food items for the Veteran's Food Bank.
- **Please bring food items or donations to help support the Veteran's Food Bank**



Winter Weather is here - please come to school prepared:

- winter jacket
- boots
- snow pants
- mitts
- hats

If your child is not dressed properly, we may have to call home

Attendance Safety

Please make sure to call the office or email when your child will be away from school. We also ask that if you are picking up a student for an appointment, that you call the office when you arrive and we will make sure that your child gets outside safely to you.

Your child's safety is so important to us! **403-938-6666** or **bigrock@fsd38.ab.ca**

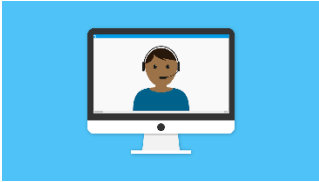
STUDENT LEARNER PROFILES

Learner Profiles will be emailed home on Thursday, November 26th.

ONLINE BOOKING FOR CONFERENCES

Virtual Parent Conferences on **Wednesday, Nov. 25th 3:30pm-7:00pm**

For our upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences, we will be using an on-line system to book conferences. Parents will be able to access the Online booking system starting on **Tuesday, November 24, 2019 at 9am.**



Parent conferences will be held via video conference. Details regarding how to join the conference will be communicated through the student's homeroom teacher. More information will come home in your student's agenda and by email.

To Book Appointments:

- Log on: <http://bigrock.schoolappointments.com> (All parent and student accounts are deleted every year, so you will have to register yourself and your child(ren) into the system.)
- You can also find the link on our School Web Page. Go to: <http://bigrock.fsd38.ab.ca>, click on Parents – Parent Teacher Conferences.

School Fees

Thank you for your patience as our accounting system gets an upgrade. We appreciate your diligence in keeping your fees up to date. We will send an email as soon as account payment is available. You can make cash payments directly at the office if required. Please call to set up an appointment time if you would like to take advantage of that option.

Payment options include:

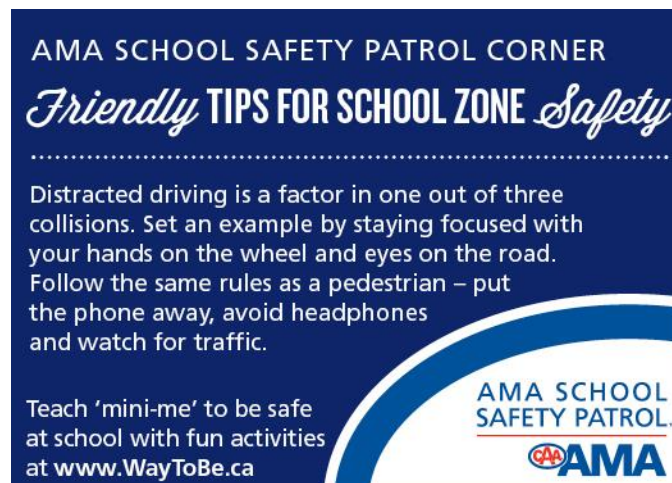
- a) Online through your Maplewood account. Login info was emailed to you in September 2020.
- b) Cheque or Cash – Please make your cheque payable to The Foothills School Division.

Please contact our Office 403-938-6666 should you require further assistance.

Student Illnesses

- The Chief Medical Officer of Health has released a letter for families in [English](#) and [French](#)
- The biggest change you will see on the checklist is the removal of runny nose and sore throat from the mandatory isolation checklist.
- 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](#)

A NOTE FROM OUR PATROLLERS:





Message from the Principal

Welcome to November!

Welcome to November, the time of year when you get to experience all of the seasons each week (and sometimes in a single day)!

I would like to start off by once again thanking everyone for your commitment to keeping your family healthy and our school community healthy as we navigate the realities of school during COVID-19. We're not able to do all of the same things we used to do, but we are learning new ways to learn together, enjoy school together, and celebrate together. Thank you for being allies and helping our students be prepared to protect themselves and their classmates. Everyday we get to be together at school is a great day!

As I mentioned above, we are in the time of year that we can have all types of weather so please make sure your children are "dressed for success". We want students to go out for recess whenever possible so it is important to make sure everyone is dressed for the weather. It is also important to make sure those jackets, mitts, and hats are all labeled so we can help them find their way home when they get lost.

When it does get too cold to go outside for recess, we will have indoor recess. Unfortunately, with COVID guidelines students will have to stay in their classrooms during these situations. There is not an exact temperature that we cancel outdoor recess, but we use -20 Celsius as a guideline. On those days I do go outside frequently throughout the day to check the conditions first hand. In cases of extreme inclement weather, the best way to get up to date information about potential bus or class cancellation is on the division's website (www.fsd38.ab.ca) or local media stations and their websites.

Finally, our first reporting period is coming to a close and our first Learner Profiles will be emailed home on November 26th. We will also be having our first round of parent teacher conferences on November 25th from 3:30 - 7:00. This year we will be conducting the interviews virtually over video conferencing (Google Meets). You will be receiving information about how to book an appointment coming out the week starting November 23rd.

Again, I would like to once again thank you for all you are doing as our partners in education to make this school year a success. It is definitely different, but we are excited to have students at Big Rock everyday, and excited to develop new ways to learn together, be successful together, and celebrate together. As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or contact me directly.

Take care and stay safe!

Scott



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

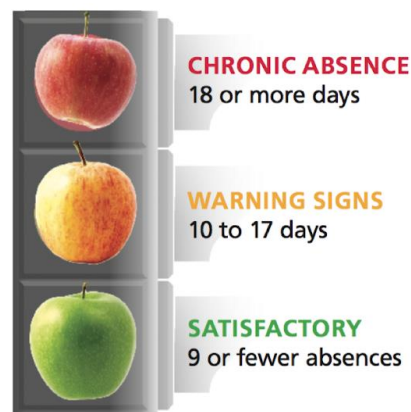
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org



School Parent Council Home and School Association (Society)

❖ Hot Lunch



- <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
- Volunteers are needed for about 1hr/shift. If you're interested please contact Mandy at bigrockhotlunch@gmail.com for more information

❖ Bottle Depot donations would be greatly appreciated

❖ Check out our Facebook page for info and updates

❖ Email us: 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 November 19 @ 6:30pm**

❖ Poinsettia Fundraiser: <https://bigrockschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com/>
Poinsettias, wreaths and planters for sale. Info has been sent home with students.

We will be collecting orders until Nov10 - No late orders will be accepted.

****Please note: It's very important that you pick up your orders.**

WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANTS LEFT UNATTENDED

Big Rock School Community Connections

MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS 2020

Charitable #139636369



I am writing to you on behalf of The Magic of Christmas, a non-profit organization focused on bringing the spirit and cheer of Christmas into many homes that lack the emotional and/or financial resources to do so themselves. Every Christmas season Santa and his elves give many referred families a very special visit as well as donated gifts, baking, and other goodies.

The Magic of Christmas is run by unpaid volunteers and is supported entirely by donations from our wonderful communities. We are very privileged to work with local schools, businesses, and private and corporate citizens that provide for us in so many ways.

Of course without the generosity of our communities we would not be successful. We would greatly appreciate your consideration this Christmas season for a charitable donation in any of the following capacities:

- Monetary donations
- Gift Card donations
- Toys and other gifts (we ask that all items be nonviolent, unwrapped and new)

We would like to thank you in advance for your consideration in partnering with our organization.

Merry Christmas!

Jen Weisgerber: 403 921 0588

Toni Luini: 403 880 1966

See the video: [Magic of Christmas](#)



MONTH of NOVEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9	10 In-Class Remembrance Day Celebration	11 No School Remembrance Day	12	13 Grade 6 Vaccinations All Day
16	17	18	19 Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm	20
23	24 On-line registration for Parent Conferences	25 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 7:00PM	26 Learner Profiles Emailed home	27 No School PD Day
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