

December 2010 Newsletter

School Mission: To encourage the development of each student's full potential by nurturing a love of learning and fostering respect for the uniqueness of each individual through a safe and friendly school community.



Rexton Elementary's 2010 Tea & Craft Sale was a HUGE Success!



Carla Hudson (Home & School President) and Nicole Robichaud (parent volunteer) greet shoppers at RES' annual Tea & Craft Sale shoppers with a smile!

On a chilly, snowy Saturday morning in mid-November, RES' Home and School members and teaching staff were up bright and early baking, decorating, and finalizing last minute details for Rexton Elementary's 2010 Tea & Craft Sale. The doors to this annual event opened at 9 a.m. to hundreds of eager shoppers and school supporters. The aroma of freshly baked muffins ribboned through the corridors of our fine, fine school and sounds-of-the-season filtered throughout our school resulting in a yuletide spirit of great anticipation. Eager Christmas shoppers scurried to RES' school gymnasium to browse through our artisan's treasures.

RES' annual Tea & Craft Sale is our Home & School's most significant fundraiser; the funds raised are utilized to pay for: a) new children's books for our 13 classrooms, b) RES' annual Grade 5

Farewell celebration, c) RES' Winter Carnival activities, d) RES' Heritage week celebrations and e) new playground equipment. The grand total for this year's Tea & Craft Sale was just over \$7100!!

A sincere "thank-you" is extended to all parents/staff who contributed to this year's Tea & Craft Sale whether you helped to decorate our school to look its festive best, assisted with the setting-up of scores of tables, baked tasty treats, lugged groceries for Frosty's Cafe, waited on tables, sold tickets, or assisted with the Herculean task of cleaning-up after the doors were closed at 2 p.m. We would also like to thank our small group of performers who entertained the hungry customers in Frosty's Café: the EGMS' Drummers,



Dana Ferguson (left) and Angela Savory (right) present RES' Tea & Craft 50/50 prize winner, Mireille Allain (center), with a cheque for \$686.00!!

vocalist & guitarist, Ali Daigle, Mackenzie Wilson who serenaded us with Christmas music by tickling the ivories on EGMS' new keyboard, and Valerie Thompson & her daughter, Alayna, who delighted our audience with Christmas carols.

Finally, we need to thank all our remarkable Tea & Craft Committee members, Lynn Hutchison and Allison Ferguson. A great big tip of the Santa hat also goes out to our sensational Home & School Executive members—Carla Hudson, Dana Ferguson, Denise Weidema, and Rose Morris—who surpassed even their expectations for this phenomenal fundraiser. The real winners ... Rexton Elementary's 258 students - God bless us everyone! ☺



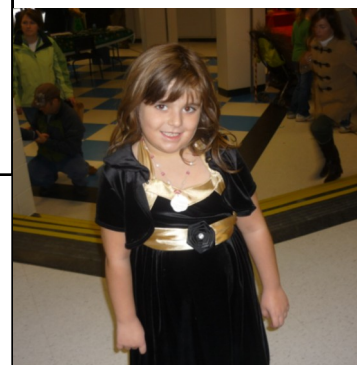
Tea & Craft Sale greeters, Valerie Thompson & Rose Morris

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Frosty's Café Helpers:

Connie Agnew, Ginny Richard, Melanie Cox, Wendy McLaughlin, Gisele Carter, Marie Walsh, Sheila Vautour, and Cynthia Wood



Pictured above, in her beautiful Christmas dress is Miss Alayna Dunlay who was just one of the many young performers at this year's Tea & Craft Sale

This edition of RES' Newsletter is dedicated to RES' very dear friend, Mr. Kenneth Augustine, who passed away on Friday, December 3rd, 2010.



Kindergarten Registration

We are still accepting
Kindergarten
Registrations
for the 2011-2012
school year.

For further informa-
tion, please contact our
school secretary, Mrs.
Agnew @ 523-7152.



Are you missing some of the notices that are sent home from our fine, fine school?

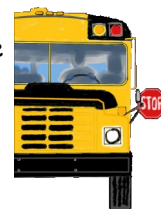
We recommend that you
visit our school website
regularly for the most
up-to-date information
about Rexton Elementary
events/news. Our web-
site address is:

<http://rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca>



RES' Safe & Positive Learning Environment

District 16's NO BUS TRANSFER Policy: To ensure the safety of all RES students who travel on either District 16 or District 11 school buses, Rexton Elementary's NO BUS TRANSFER policy will be strictly adhered to even during the hustle-and-bustle of the upcoming Christmas season. This policy is intended to provide security to our 260 students, 25 bus drivers and 30 teaching staff. On any given day we could have a number of substitute teachers, bus drivers, and/or administrative staff who might not be aware of the intricacies of our transportation system. Rexton Elementary only provides bus transfers for authentic **emergencies**. We encourage all parents to make arrangements with a family member or friend to meet their child at his/her regular bus stop when they are unable to be there when their child arrives home from school. Please refer to page 3 of our Student Agenda for further clarification on RES' NO BUS TRANSFER policy.



Supervision Starts @ 8 a.m. — Recently, we have noticed that some of our students are being left unsupervised in front of our school in the minutes before supervision begins at RES. A reminder that children under the age of 12 are too young to be left unattended and **supervision at RES does not begin until 8:00 a.m.**



Have Your Child Ride on the Bus: If at all possible, we encourage all parents to **avoid picking-up their children prior to dismissal**; we are still conducting "business-as-usual" at this time of year and pulling your child out of class for shopping trips, hair appointments, etc. can be extremely disruptive to your child's classmates.

No Parking Signs: are placed in front of our school to protect our very young students, many of whom are not tall enough to see a car zooming into our entrance. **Parking between our no parking signs, parking in our handicap zone and/or drop-off zones is strictly prohibited.**



RES' Entrance/Exits: everyone is asked to be mindful of where our entrance and exit to our fine, fine school is. New parents might not be fully aware of the correct routes into and out of our school yard, so **please be extremely cautious when entering/exiting our school pathways.**

Visitor's Pass: With the large number of visitors entering our school building during the upcoming Christmas season, we must be even more vigilant about who is in our building. Therefore, all visitors to RES are required to **sign-in at our office, ask to obtain a visitor's pass before proceeding past our lobby, and sign-out before they leave our school.**



THANK-YOU to all RES parents who continue to supported us in our ongoing journey towards ensuring that our school is a safe and positive place to live & learn together!! 😊

Provincial Perception Surveys

In the weeks leading up to the Christmas break, all parents of students enrolled in the public school system are encouraged to complete a Perception Survey about their child's school. These surveys were sent home to parents on December 3rd and we will be sending all returned surveys back to the Department of Education on Friday, December 17th.

For your information, RES' grade 4 and grade 5 students will be completing individual Perception Surveys about their school on Wednesday, December 15th.

Message from RES' Home & School President

This year's annual Tea and Craft Sale was a huge success! We raised \$7106 for the Home and School and over \$1200 for our Playground Committee. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who baked for the sale and gave their time. Without you all this fundraiser could not happen. A special thanks to Allison Ferguson and Lynn Hutchison who worked very hard to make everything run smoothly. We will be holding another Home and School General meeting during the month of January. Please come on out to help decide what to use these funds for this year.

Carla Hudson, Home and School President

RES' Late-December 2010 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday, December 15th	Grades 3-5 students will attend BLMS' Play Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
	RES' Christmas Dinner (for students/staff only)	11:50-12:40
	RES' Christmas Musical, Is Santa Smarter? (each student was given 4 admission tickets)	6:30 p.m.
Monday, December 20th	Breakfast with Santa (for RES students only)	8:35-9:35 a.m.
	Caroling at Rexton's Nursing Home (RES' K-2 students only)	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 22nd	RES' K-2 Caroling-for-Cans Christmas Concert Admission: a non-perishable food item	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 23rd	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE XMAS Bring your favorite toy to school day (no hand-held or electronic devices please!)	8:00-3:10
Tuesday, January 11, 2011	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAK	8:00-3:10

RES' November PSSC Meeting

RES' most recent 2010 PSSC meeting was held on November 30th. Items of interest include:

- 1) RES' PSSC Vice Chair is Debbie Wry
- 2) A list of possible Appeal Committee members was selected.
- 3) Various RES' Committee reports were presented

RES' next PSSC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please see RES' PSSC minutes located on the bulletin board in our lobby or check out our website homepage.



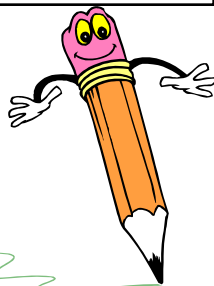
Picture above is Ms Haley Murphy selling tickets for RES' Dream Playground at RES' Tea & Craft Sale. Total funds raised for our greatly anticipated Dream Playground was a whopping \$1200.00



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RES' December 2010
Newsletter Student Ballot
Question:
Please clip & return to the
school by December 20th

Who will be eating
Breakfast With Santa on
December 20th?

Student's Name:

Class:



Mrs. Angela Savory and her daughter, Kiera, working to sell tickets for RES' DREAM PLAYGROUND at RES' Tea & Craft Sale on November 2010.

We're on the Web @
<http://rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca/>

**RES' 2010 K-2 Caroling for Cans
Christmas Concert**



WHAT? RES' K-2 Caroling-for-Cans Xmas Concert

WHEN? Wednesday, December 22nd @ 9 a.m.

WHERE? RES' Cafeteria

WHO? RES' Parents/Guardians are invited!

ADMISSION? Non-perishable food items for the Richibucto Food Bank would be greatly appreciated!!

PLEASE NOTE: RES' DOORS WILL OPEN @ 8:45.

Parking is strictly prohibited in our handicap, drop-off & fire exit zones. Please park in our school parking lot

What I Want for Christmas

by Grade RES' Kallum Fletcher from 1-Campbell

I want a Nerf gun and world peace and a battery car. I don't just like getting presents I also like spending time with my family too. It is fun spending time with my family. Seeing what they get for Christmas.

