



## **Rexton Elementary School**

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Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Dear RES parents/guardians:

The purpose of this notice is to advise you of Rexton Elementary's upcoming school LOCKDOWN DRILL.

As you may already know, all schools in the province are required to prepare for the possibility of a variety of emergency response situations. Rexton Elementary has been extremely busy over the last couple of weeks taking proactive measures to protect the safety of all our students and staff members (sign-in/sign-out sheets, visitor passes, all doors locked except the front door). We have just recently completed three of our six required fire drills for the 2012-2013 school year as well as our 2012 bus evacuations drills. Most recently, RES teachers have also been preparing their students so that they will know what to do if our school needs to go into lockdown.

On the morning of Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the students and staff of RES will be participating in this year's first *pre-announced* LOCKDOWN DRILL for the 2012-2013 school year.

Lockdown drills are intended to dramatize what to do if an unwanted intruder enters our learning environment or how to respond if other dangerous situations arise that may put students/staff at risk. During a fire drill, everyone exits the building; during a lockdown drill, teachers lock their doors and students move to a corner of the classroom that is away from the windows/doors and wait *silently* for the announcement that the lockdown drill is over. For your information, RES' lockdown drill on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> will last approximately 10 minutes.

To ensure that our lockdown drill goes as efficiently as possible and to prevent unnecessary distractions, we ask that all RES parents/guardians NOT COME to the Rexton Elementary between 8:45-11:50 a.m. on the morning of Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Your role as parent/guardian in tomorrow's lockdown drill is absolutely critical. *We ask that you help us prepare your child by discussing the upcoming lockdown drill with your child in a calm manner, much as you would have discussed the necessity of doing home/school fire drills.* By working together as a community of learners, we will be able to keep our school a safe and positive environment for all!

Thanking You in Advance,

Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. Richard, RES' Administrators