Rexton Elementary's 2015 Halloween Celebrations

- K-5 students will be celebrating Halloween in their classrooms on the <u>afternoon</u> of Friday, October 30th. THERE WILL BE NO HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTESTS.
- For safety reasons, please do not send your child to school wearing his/her Halloween costume. Parents are asked to send costumes that their child can easily put-on and take-off independently.
- Students will only be permitted to <u>wear their costumes after noon recess</u> on Friday, October 30th. All costumes must be kept in a bag, in the child's locker, until after lunchtime. RES' Student Council has been preparing a slightly "haunted" room for student viewing on the morning of Friday, October 30th; parents who would prefer that their child not visit this room as asked to send a note to their child's classroom teacher before Wednesday, Oct. 28th.
- Parents who would like to volunteer in their child's class in the afternoon on October 30th are asked to contact their child's classroom teacher before Wednesday, October 28th. A gentle reminder that all classroom volunteers must have Policy 701 training and a criminal record check before working in our classrooms.
- We will be adhering to our regular dismissal schedules on Friday, October 30th: Our K-2 students will be dismissed at 1:50 and our grades 3-5 students will be dismissed at 3:05. We strongly discourage parents/guardians from picking their children up early on Halloween to go trick or treating because this practice is extremely disruptive our safe and orderly dismissal procedures. If parents need to pick-up their child at dismissal time on October 30th please send a note to your child's teacher (our school phone line needs to be kept free in case of an emergency).
- New Brunswick's Policy 711 (Nutrition Policy) states that:
 - "... whereas students in New Brunswick public schools have plenty of opportunity off-school grounds to indulge in foods that have minimum nutritional value, every **effort is to be made to model** healthy eating in schools".

The policy also states that all partners in the school community - parents, teachers and administrators - have the responsibility to promote and provide healthier foods in public schools.

For the health AND safety of all of our youngsters we ask that parents <u>avoid sending</u> cupcakes, candies, chocolate bars and potato chips (or other <u>low nutritional food items</u> as Halloween treats for their child's class). If parents <u>want</u> to send snacks for their child's classroom Halloween party, please <u>send healthy options only</u> such as *fruit*, <u>vegetables</u>, <u>cheddar</u>, or <u>yogurt</u>.

- LIFE-SAVING REMINDER: Rexton Elementary has two students who are allergic to peanuts/nuts. We <u>need</u> everyone to be particularly diligent about <u>looking at food labels</u> and <u>not</u> sending food/treats that do or may contain nuts.
- In the days/weeks following Halloween, RES student's snacks & lunches will be closely monitored to ensure that our students are not filling-up on non-nutritional food items. For your information, RES students will be permitted to eat <u>only</u> two (2) junk food treats per day (one for morning recess and one for lunchtime) soda pop <u>is not</u> allowed at our school or on the buses. Following these procedures will help to ensure that our students do not have upset tummies and that they are able to focus on their school work.

We thank you for your anticipated support ~ have a safe & happy Halloween!!

RES' 2014 Family Halloween Craft Night Invitation

WHO's INVITED? RES' Students who bring parent/adult

WHAT? Family Halloween Craft Night

WHEN? Thursday, October 30th

TIME? 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

WHERE? Rexton Elementary's Cafeteria



WHY? To make spooky crafts, have a chance to win prizes, dress-up in your Halloween Costume AND ... support re-inventing RES library!!

ADMISSION? \$10.00 per family

All funds raised from this event will be used to renovate and update RES' Library. Some of our plans for our new Library Learning Commons include:

- 🍍 Establishing a sensory room, exploratory areas, LEGO land, aquariums/terrariums
- Purchasing new child-friendly furnishings (tables, chairs, shelving),
- 🎳 Painting our library walls (with vibrant/engaging color),
- Adding murals and developing new areas for exploration,
- Installing new flooring and lighting,
- * Purchasing new technology: IPads, Smart-board tables, AND of course,
- Purchasing new and appealing story books, graphic novels, and website licenses!!

So please join us for a great evening of spooky fun and help to support RES' 21st Century Library Learning Commons!!