



Rexton Elementary School  
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## School Mission Statement:

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 community.

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

# September 2016



**Welcome Back** to Rexton Elementary ... where we work collaboratively to make a difference for each of our little starfish by nurturing a love of learning! We are especially happy to welcome our youngest learners to our fine, fine school ~ our 35 Kindergarten students! In addition to our new Kindergartners, we want to extend a REX-E welcome our new grades 1-5 students (and their families) who moved into the greater Rexton-area during the summer months.

### **Rexton Elementary's Code of Conduct**

#### **I will respect myself by:**

- Being responsible for my own behaviors(s) to the best of my abilities.
- Being responsible for my own personal choices.
- Attending my classes, do my homework, and be prepared and on time.
- Solving my disagreement(s) in a positive and helpful manner.

#### **I will respect others by:**

- Respecting others' differences, ideas, and opinions and treat everyone fairly.
- Not tolerating bullying of any kind and I will report bullying when I have knowledge of it.
- Doing whatever I can to help those around me who may be struggling.
- Being responsible, polite, and friendly to others.

#### **I will respect my environment by:**

- Following the school's rules.
- Treating the school property and the property of others with care & respect.



### **RES Strives to be More Environmentally-Friendly:**

This school year Rexton Elementary's school newsletter will only be available to parents via our school website at: <http://rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca>. We'll send a small notice home with our K-1 students and our Grades 2-5 students will write a note in their Student Handbook when a new newsletter is available online. RES will also continue to send important school news to parents/guardians via our School Connects (also known as "Synrevoice") system; if you want to be a part of our distribution list, please provide us with your phone numbers and/or email address as soon as possible (thank you to those of you who have already provided us with this information on your child's Student Information Sheet).

RES will continue to send home a paper copy of our monthly calendars with our students and we encourage families to place these calendars on their refrigerators for easy access.



**Cafeteria:** Parents/Guardians are now able to pre-order their child's lunch online from our cafeteria provider, Chartwells. The website is [www.schoollunchorder.ca](http://www.schoollunchorder.ca). Pre-ordering your child's lunch must be completed prior to 7:45 a.m. and we ask that parents/guardians please send a note to their child's teachers on days that you pre-ordered your child's lunch. Please click on this link to access our [2016-2017 School Menu](#).

**Staffing:**



RES is also very pleased to welcome the following new classroom teachers to our school this year:

- a) Mrs. Jillian Girouard (Grade 2 teacher),
- b) Ms. Catherine Theriault (Grade 4 teacher),
- c) Mrs. Kim Beers (Grade 5 Intensive French teacher),
- d) Ms. Kelly Ann Leonard (Grade 5 French Immersion).

**We are absolutely thrilled-to-pieces to introduce our K-2 & 3-5 First Nations Literacy & Numeracy Leads:**

- a) Mrs. Nancy Scully (K-2 Literacy Lead),
- b) Ms. Tatum Sanipass (K-2 Literacy Lead Apprentice),
- c) Karen Thibeault (Grades 3-5 Literacy Lead),
- d) Haley Murphy (K-2 Numeracy Lead), and
- e) Mrs. Virginia (Ginny) Richard (Grades 3-5 Numeracy Lead).

RES also proud to inform you the following Support Staff members are working to better meet the needs of our young starfish:

- a) Donna Hebert (Educational Assistant)
- b) Kate Cornish (Educational Assistant)
- c) Keitha Gallant (School Intervention Worker)

**New Student Data System for Anglophone School District North:**

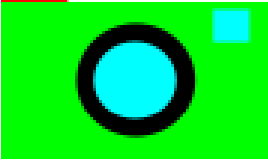


Beginning this school year, schools throughout our district/province will be operating under a new student data system entitled, "Power School". It is critical that parents/guardians complete the long, blue information sheet that was sent home with their child the first week of school AND return it to their child's teacher as soon as possible. This new system requires us to use a new naming procedure for homeroom classes (classes are no long named according to the first letter of the homeroom teacher's surname):

Kindergarten (Kari Gallant): KA  
Kindergarten-Grade 1 (Cynthia Wood): KD  
Grade 1 (Susan Campbell): 1A  
Grade 2-1 (Brenda McFadden): 12C  
Grade 2 (Stephanie Flanagan): 2A  
Grade 2 (Jillian Girouard): 2B  
Grade 3 English (Candice Gallivan): 3A

Grade 3 French Immersion (Julia Mazerolle): 3B  
Grade 3 French Immersion (Kevin Rioux): 3C  
Grade 4 English (Catherine Theriault): 4A  
Grade 4 French Immersion (Ashley Hitchman): 4B  
Grade 5-4 French Immersion (Breanna Flanagan): 5-4C  
Grade 5 Intensive French (Kim Beers): 5A  
Grade 5 French Immersion (Kelly Ann Leonard): 5B

### RES School Photo Days:



Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>: Kindergartners, Grade 2, and Grade 4A & 4B Students

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Grade 1, Grade 2-1C, Grade 3, Grade 5-4C, and Grade 5A & 5B Students

### Crucial Allergy Alert:



It is critical that RES be a **peanut/nut AND shellfish-safe school**. All parents are asked to please continue to be vigilant about checking food labels when packing their child's lunches.

Also, some of our learners and staff members have allergies to pet hair and perfumes. We urge everyone to keep their pets at home and to avoid wearing perfumed products.

### Emergency Medical Needs:



Parents/guardians whose children have medical needs are asked to please schedule an appointment with the school principal as soon as possible. Parents who established a medical plan for their child last year need to contact the school, as soon as possible, to arrange an appointment to sign-off on the plan for this school year.

### School Parking/Drop-off & Handicapped Zone Reminders:



1. RES's **handicap parking spot** in front of the school is reserved for **disabled drivers only** from 8:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m. from Monday—Friday.

2. RES has two drop-off spots *in front of the school and they are only to be used as "Kiss Your Child & Drive Away" spots* —**not** as parking spots. Parking in front of our school backs up other vehicles attempting to enter our parking area (buses, other parents, and staff).

If you require more time with your child when you arrive at our school, please park your vehicle in our parking lot.

**Open House, Ice-Cream Social & Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) Election:**

Please join us for RES's 2016 Open House, Ice-Cream Social & PSSC Election!



**WHAT?** RES's 2016 OPEN HOUSE, Ice-Cream Social, and PSSC Election!

**WHO's INVITED?** RES students and their parents or guardians.

**WHEN?** Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**WHERE?** Rexton Elementary (cafeteria, then classes, & finally the playground!)

**WHY?**

- a) To meet & greet your child's teachers and Support Staff,
- b) **Nominate/vote for new PSSC members,**
- c) To receive information pamphlets about grade level curriculum expectations, class/school routines and procedures, and health & nutritional information,
- d) **To purchase your 2016-2017 Home & School membership,** and
- e) To enjoy a yummy, frozen treat with RES students & staff!!

Please note that our Open House is NOT a parent/teacher meeting. After a few important announcements in the cafeteria you will be able to meet & greet with your child's teacher in his/her classroom; if you would like to meet with your child's teacher to discuss an academic or social issue, please call the school (523.7152) and schedule an appointment.

Ice-cream will be distributed by the classrooms teachers after they have reviewed a few important grade level expectations to the students and their parents.

For your information, the class with the greatest percentage of parents attending this year's OPEN HOUSE will win an extra recess on our playground equipment! Parents who attend our Open House will also have a chance to win great door prizes. Please join us on **Thursday, September 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.!!**



**NO SCHOOL:** There will be no school for students on **Thursday, October 6th or Friday, October 7th** because these will be Professional Learning Days for all teaching staff in our district.

A gentle reminder that there will be no school on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> because it will be Thanksgiving Monday.

**School Supplies:**

Rexton Elementary grades 1-5 Student Handbooks cost only \$5 and are one of the items on the grades 2-5 school supply list so if you haven't already purchased your child's Handbook, please send your child's \$5 fee to his/her classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Kindergarten & Grade 1 teachers want to thank all parents who paid their child's student fees! If you are new to our school and you haven't paid your child's fee yet, please do so as soon as possible.



## Rexton Elementary's Instructional Day:



- **Our first priority is the safety of our students and the security of our building.** Rest assure that all doors to our building are locked during the instructional day. In order to enter our building during the instructional day, visitors must press the button on the monitoring system that is located outside of our front doors and speak to an office staff member regarding the purpose of your visit before entering our building.
- In order to ensure the safety and security of our students all visitors (including parents & district staff) are required to obtain permission AND a visitor's pass prior to going beyond our school lobby area ~ thank-you.
- Supervision for RES's K-5 students begins every school day at **8:00 a.m.**
- Dismissal of our K-2 students is at **1:55**. Dismissal for RES's Grades 3-5 students is at **3:10**.
- At the end of each school day, parents of K-2 students **must greet/signal to their child's bus driver when the bus arrives at their homes**, otherwise bus drivers are required to return the child to the school and the parent will need to drive to the school to pick-up the child.
- Parents who arrive at our school to **pick-up their child before dismissal need to wait until the students are dismissed unless they have sent a note** to the child's teacher indicating the reason for the early dismissal (for an example, your child has a medical appointment). This procedure is necessary so as to **not interrupt our learning environment**, classroom procedures at the end of the school day, and our very busy office.
- **Parents who do pick-up their child during or at the end of the day are required to come up to our front door monitoring system** and notify the office of their arrival (we will not permit our children go out into our very busy parking lot area without a supervising staff member or parent/guardian).



## Help Your Child Have the Best Learning Day by Ensuring He/She:



- Arrives on time and remains at school for the **entire instructional school day**.
- Brings a healthy recess snack **and** lunch to school with them every day (please do not get in the habit of dropping your child's lunch off during our very busy day, have the child come to school prepared for his/her day). **Junk food items are not permitted.** RES does not offer a free-lunch program.
- Completes and returns his/her assigned homework materials daily.
- Remains at home if he/she is not feeling well; parents are asked to please notify the school as soon as possible when their child is ill.
- Brings a note for his/her teacher if he/she will be picked up by a parent or guardian before dismissal **OR** at the end of the day. Please be advised that numerous unexpected parents arriving at the end of the day can lead to delays at dismissal time, which in turn can cause our buses to leave our school later than usual; these delays naturally result in scores of phone calls from concerned parents who are worried about the whereabouts of their children. **We urge parents of bus students to avoid driving their child to and from school ~ please have them ride the bus!**