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Hailey C. & Aeda carry walls from the Play to TNB's truck.

RES's February 2017 Newsletter Student Ballot
 Question:
 When is RES's 2017 Pink Shirt Day?

(Please clip & return to the school by February 20th)
 Student's Name: _____

Class: _____



Hailey F. & Daisy help dismantle the TNB's Play.

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

RES's Student Council Interview the Cast of TNB's "The Damsel in Distress Saves Herself":



Interesting Facts about the Play:

1. Rachel (the princess) is 29 years old and she was also the boy character in last year's Play ("The Space Between"). Rachel was very excited that many of RES's children remembered her from last year's performance! Rachel's favorite part in this year's performance is when she and the Prince pretended to be moving in slow motion. Rachel admitted that she has fallen off of stages!
2. The Wicked Witch in this year's Play is almost 23 years old.
3. The group had rehearsals for 2 weeks before performing and their longest shows are about 2 hours long! Each play is a two month job.
4. "The Damsel in Distress Saves Herself" was written by a 13 year old girl from Fredericton, New Brunswick, and she finished writing the Play when she was 16 years old.
5. Four people worked to create the props for 'The Damsel in Distress Saves Herself': a designer, a constructor, a painter, and an assistant.
6. When putting all the props back into the TNB truck, everything needed to go back in a certain order (it was like putting a puzzle together). The costumes were placed near the back door of the truck because they needed to be hemmed or washed before the next performance. Some items were very heavy (the speakers) and some things were lighter (the pillars). Only pins were used to hold together the walls for this Play! *Special thanks to our Student Council Executive members for helping the theatre group set-up/dismantle AND for interviewing the cast/crew!*

February 2017 Updated Events Calendar (as of Feb. 14th)	
Date	Event
Friday, Feb. 17th	RES Students Will Exchange Valentines
Monday, Feb. 20th	RES's 2017 K-5 Chess Tournaments Begin
Wednesday, Feb. 22nd	PINK SHIRT Anti-Bullying Day (no fee to participate)
Thursday, Feb. 24th	Bubble Gum Day (fee: \$1)

Rexton Elementary's Newsletter

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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.

February 2017

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RES's 2017 Family Literacy Day



- Skating Reminders:**
- All RES students will be go with us to the JD Irving Bouctouche Arena on **Wednesday, March 1st** (it was reported in error on RES's February Calendar that we would be having this event on another date) to enjoy an hour of skating!
 - Our K-2 students will be skating from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and our grades 3-5 students will be on the ice from 10:30-11:30 on **Wed. March 1st**.
 - All students **must wear a helmet** if they are skating (a face-cage is recommended).
 - If your child does not have skates or a helmet, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible (we do have a few pairs of skates at our school that we could lend to students).
 - If you have skates or helmets that you would be willing to donate or lend to us for March 1st that would be very much appreciated (please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible)!
 - Parents who have **Policy 701 training and a recent criminal record check** are welcome to join us for our skating event BUT you are required to notify your child's teacher prior to Monday, February 27th.
 - For Your Information: Students **will not** be permitted to purchase items from the Arena's canteen on March 1st.

Rescheduling Special February Events:
 The numerous snow days in the month of February and the fact that some of our students did not have their class lists to work with when creating their Valentines has resulted in Rexton Elementary School deciding to celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 17th.

Monday, February 20th will be Heritage Day across our great nation. RES students and staff will have our annual Flag Raising Ceremony in the morning and we encourage every proud Canadian student and staff member to wear red/white on this date!

RES's Student Council Bubble Gum Day has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 23rd. There will be prizes and certificates for the students at each grade level who are able to blow the biggest bubble!



NO SCHOOL for students on:

1. Friday, February 24th (Professional Learning Day for teaching staff)
2. Friday, March 31st (Parent/Teacher meetings).
3. March 6th–10th (March Break)



Parents who have a child who will be 5 years old by Dec. 31st, 2017 are asked to contact Rexton Elementary to register their child for our 2017-2018 Kindergarten classes. Please be aware that Kindergarten is compulsory for all students in our province.

Information required to complete your child's registration for Kindergarten includes your child's:



- i) Birth Certificate
- ii) Immunization Record
- iii) Medicare Card

Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day: Wednesday, Feb. 22nd



Anti-Bullying or Pink Shirt Day will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd. Everyone is encouraged to wear pink shirts (pants, coats, mitts, hats, etc.) to school, work or wherever they go on Wednesday, February 22nd to show support for putting an end to bullying.



As you may already know, Pink Shirt Day originated in Nova Scotia where two young men stood up to bullying in their high school. A new student was bullied when he showed up at school wearing a pink shirt. These two students bought pink T-shirts and enlisted fellow students to wear the shirts to support the new student who was being bullied (www.pinkshirtday.ca).



We encourage all RES staff, students and families to "stand up against bullying" by wearing pink on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017.

RES's February 2017 Home & School Meeting

Weather permitting, our next Home & School General meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16th beginning at 7 p.m. in our Library Learning Commons. We hope you will make plans to join us for this very important meeting. FYI: if the district closes our school on Thursday due to the weather, this meeting will need to be rescheduled.



Early Education and Childhood Development's Ten Year Improvement Plan:
The Anglophone sector report, *Expecting the Best from Everyone*, contains more than 200 recommendations about how to improve the system for the benefit of children and youth in New Brunswick. Priorities, determined through an examination and clustering of the report's findings and recommendations, are as follows:

- Goal #1: Establishing a culture of belonging and valuing diversity;
- Goal #2: Ensuring pre-school children develop the competencies they need;
- Goal #3: Improving literacy skills;
- Goal #4: Improving numeracy skills;
- Goal #5: Improving learning in, and application of, the arts, science, trades and technology;
- Goal #6: Meeting the needs of First Nation children and youth;
- Goal #7: Nurturing healthy values, attitudes and behaviours;
- Goal #8: Ensuring learners graduate with fundamental French language proficiencies; and
- Goal #9: Fostering learner leadership, citizenship and entrepreneurial spirit.

We encourage you to explore the Department's 10-year Education Plan online @ www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/K12/Everyone



Family Literacy & Storybook Character Day!

On Friday, February 3rd RES celebrated national Family Literacy Day by hosting its annual Dress-Up as a Storybook Character Day AND inviting our students' family members into our school to read to our students! As a special literacy treat, Theatre New Brunswick's Young Company theatre group were with us on this special date and they presented a play entitled: "The Damsel in Distress Saves Herself!"

We want to sincerely thank RES's Home & School Association for bringing TNB to our school once again this year, the show was a great hit with all of our students! The winners of a \$10 gift card to the Rexton Canadian Dollar Store for dressing up as a Storybook Character were: Jazmyne, Jessie, Jayda, Kyron, Connor, and Faith!



Please find below a collage of photos taken on RES's 2017 Family Literacy Day:



Pictured to the right are Ms. Wood's proud K-1 students. These students, along with Ms. Gallant's talented Kindergarten students, created a beautiful mural that is based on the children's story, "Grandpa Dan's Toboggan". Thank you for all your hard work, KA & K-1C ~ we LOVE the whimsical manner in which your mural adorns our lobby!!



Safety First!



Due to serious health concerns for some of our students, our school and busses **need to be nut-safe** (no peanuts, nuts, or almonds) and **scent-safe** (no perfumes or scented hair/body sprays).



Supervision @ RES begins at 8 a.m. Parents who drop their children off at the school in the mornings are asked to remain with their child until one of our supervising staff members (who'd be wearing a bright orange safety vest) arrives for supervision.



Thank-you for not parking in RES's Handicap Zone. This spot is reserved for the driver of one of our students who is not yet able to walk independently and/or for adult visitors who have physical challenges.

