

Halloween 2017 at Rexton Elementary

🎃 K-5 students will be celebrating **Halloween** in their classrooms on the **afternoon** of **Tuesday, October 31st**. **THERE WILL BE NO HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTESTS.**



🎃 For safety reasons, 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 wear their costumes after noon recess on Tuesday, October 31st. All costumes must be kept in a bag, in the child's locker, until after lunchtime.

🎃 Rexton Elementary School will be adhering to our regular dismissal schedules on Tuesday, October 31st. Our K-2 students will be dismissed at 1:55 and our grades 3-5 students will be dismissed at 3:10. We strongly discourage parents/guardians from picking their children up early on Halloween to go trick or treating because this practice is extremely disruptive to our safe and orderly dismissal procedures. If parents need to pick-up their child at dismissal time on October 31st please send a note to your child's teacher (so as to keep our school phone line 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 expect that parents/guardians will not send **cupcakes, candies, chocolate bars and potato chips (or other low nutritional food items as Halloween treats for their child's class)** to school on Halloween. If parents **want** to send snacks for their child's classroom Halloween party, please **send healthy options only** such as **fruit, vegetables, cheddar, or yogurt.**

🎃 **LIFE-SAVING REMINDER:** A gentle reminder that some of Rexton Elementary's students are allergic to peanuts/nuts. Therefore, we **need everyone to be particularly diligent about reading food labels next week and do not send food that do/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 only be permitted to eat **only** two (2) junk food treats per day (one for morning recess and one at lunchtime) - **soda pop is not 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.** A reminder that according to provincial school bus regulations, children are not permitted to eat food when travelling on provincial school busses.

We thank you for your anticipated support and wish you a safe & very happy Halloween!!

Thanking you,

Diane Wilson, Rexton Elementary Principal