

REXTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear RES parents/guardians:

Rexton Elementary School will be conducting a pre-announced lockdown drill on Monday, September 25th, 2017.

All schools in the province are trained and required to prepare for the possibility of a variety of emergency response situations. The teaching staff at Rexton Elementary School have been taking proactive measures to protect the safety of all of our students and staff members (sign-in/sign-out sheets, visitor passes, all doors locked at all times, walkie-talkies & classroom keys for staff). We have just recently completed our first of our six required fire drills for the 2017-2018 school year, our bus evacuations drills, and our teachers are currently preparing students so that they would know what to do if our school needed to go into lockdown.

Lockdown drills dramatize what to do if an unwanted intruder enters our school (or surrounding environment) and/or other dangerous situations that may put students or 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's Monday, September 25th lockdown drill 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 <u>NOT COME</u> to Rexton Elementary on the morning of Monday. September 25th, 2017.

Your role as parent/guardian is absolutely critical. We ask that you help us prepare your child for our school lockdown drill by speaking with him/her about our upcoming lockdown drill in a calm manner, much as you would have discussed the necessity of doing home and school fire drills.

By working together as a community, we will continue to ensure that our school is a safe and positive environment for all our children!!

Thanking you in advance,

Diane Wilson, Principal