

Rexton Elementary School

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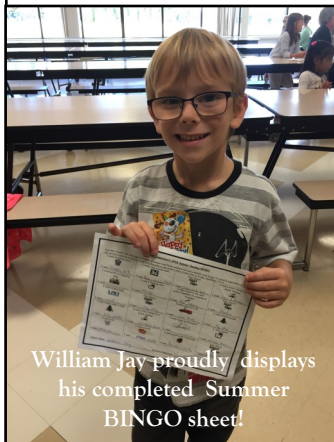
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Anglophone School District North
Storm Line:
523-0900

Fire Fighters' National Memorial Day is commemorated on Sunday, September 9th across Canada by having flags on public buildings flown at half-mast.



Pictured above is Richibucto Firefighter and RES Head Custodian, Fern Mazerolle, re-positioning our Canadian flag in front of our school on Monday, September 10th.



William Jay proudly displays his completed Summer BINGO sheet!

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

WHAT? RES's 2018 Open House, PSSC & Home and School Elections

WHO? RES's Parents/Guardians & Students

WHEN? Thursday, Sept. 20th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

WHERE? Rexton Elementary School

WHY?

- a) To meet & greet your child's teachers and Support Staff,
- b) To **nominate/vote for new PSSC members & H/S Executives**,
- c) To receive information pamphlets about grade level curriculum expectations, class/school routines and procedures,,
- d) To **purchase your 2018-2019 Home & School membership**, and
- e) To enjoy a yummy, frozen treat with RES students & staff!!

Our Open House is NOT a parent/teacher meeting; after a few important announcements in the cafeteria you will be invited to meet & greet with your child's teacher in his/her classroom.

The class with the greatest percentage of parents attending this year's OPEN HOUSE will win an extra recess on our playground equipment and parents will also have a chance to win our door prize. (\$40 gift card).

We hope you will join us for our **Open House on Thurs., Sept. 20th @ 6:30 p.m.!**

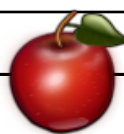
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New Brunswick's Update Nutrition Policy

Beginning this year, New Brunswick's public schools will **not be selling chocolate milk or juices in their cafeterias**. The revamped Policy 711 (also known as the Healthier School Food Environment Policy) will **provide students with greater access to healthier foods**. Education Minister Brian Kenny stated in June 2018, "... public schools in the province of New Brunswick will be serving foods and beverages that are whole, minimally processed, locally sourced (when seasonably available), and prepared in a healthy way. Minister Kenny also stated that the new and improved policy will prevent chronic illness in the future, which will be less of a strain on New Brunswick's healthcare system. (the previous information was derived from <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/milk-chocolate-juice-new-brunswick-schools-1.4704011>).

Deputy Minister John McLaughlin stated last week that practices will be improved along the way as we learn together how to best adhere to and comply with Policy 711 and its spirit: The spirit of the policy is not to eradicate the rare special occasions where students bring food from home to share with their friends, or when special activities are planned with parents to celebrate important events and holidays. Collaboration with parents and Parents School Support Committees is crucial to support healthier school food environments and find, over time, innovative and healthier ways to celebrate and engage students. Minister Kenny is quoted in the Telegraph Journal on Saturday September 1st as follows: "We believe that the spirit of the policy should continue to allow existing fund raisers and the organization of extra-curricular fund raising and holiday events that include treats. The policy should be applied with common sense and good judgement." Minister McLaughlin also stated that "The principal with the support of the Parent School Support Committee will set goals to monitor and support a healthier school food environment." (information received from ASDN's Superintendent, Mark Donovan on Friday, Sept. 7th, 2018).

Rexton Elementary School intends to distribute the 2018-2019 Chartwell's Cafeteria Menu when we receive them (possibly later this week). All parents are encouraged to review the updated menu and we thank you in advance for supporting us in our endeavors to ensure that our children have access to healthier meals and beverages!



Principal: Diane Wilson



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Vice-Principal: Virginia Richard



RES'S SEPTEMBER 2018

STARFISH



NEWSLETTER

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.



Welcome to Rexton Elementary ... where we make a difference for each of our little starfish by nurturing a love of learning! Rexton Elementary is especially happy to welcome our youngest learners to our fine, fine school ~ our 40 Kindergarten students! In addition to our new Kindergartners, we also want to welcome our new grades 1-5 students (and their families) who moved into the greater Rexton-area during the summer months.

RES is very pleased to welcome our new Grade 3 French Immersion teacher, Ms. Melissa Babin, to our learning community! We are also very pleased to welcome four new Educational Assistants to our learning environment this year: Cyndi Gilchrist, Carla Sullivan, Brenda Lawson, and Gloria Asoyuf.

As our smart starfish dive into another year of learning, please know that RES NEEDS and WANTS your help in making your child's school year successful. If you have any concerns about your child's day, please bring your concerns immediately to your child's teacher @ 523-7152 or write a message in your child's RES Student Handbook. Your child's teachers and administration act on your behalf when your child is with us so we need you to communicate with us via notes, phone calls, or by scheduling a meeting with your child's teacher when you have a concern.

Here's to a fabulous year of learning! ~ Mrs. Diane Wilson, Principal.

Rexton Elementary School's Code of Conduct

I will respect myself

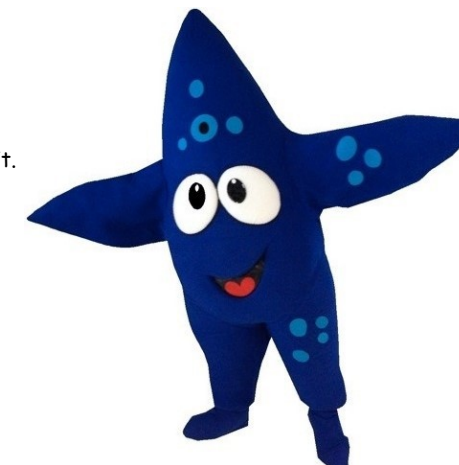
- I will be responsible for my own behaviour to the best of my abilities.
- I will be responsible for my own personal choices.
- I will attend my classes, do my homework, arrive at school on time and prepared.
- I will resolve my disagreements in a positive and helpful manner.

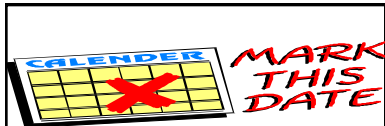
I will respect others

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

I will respect my environment

- I will respect the school's rules.
- I will treat school property and the property of others with respect.





RES's Positive Learning Environment

There will be no school for students on the following dates:

Monday, Oct. 8th: Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 9: Professional Learning Day

Monday, Nov. 12th: Remembrance Day



RES's 2018-2019 Student Handbook is available to purchase for all K-5 students for the cost of only \$7.00. Please send your child's Handbook fee to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Pre-School Registration

Log onto the Kent Family Resource Center website: www.kentcrfk.ca and click on the Rexton region and follow the instructions (or if you prefer, call 524-9192).

Preschool will begin at RES in January 2019.

Crucial Allergic Alerts:

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. FYI: Due to allergies and anxieties, **DOGS are not permitted** on the school grounds during the school day.



School Parking, Drop-off Zone & Handicapped Zone Reminders:

1. RES's **handicap parking spot** in front of the school is reserved for **disabled drivers or passengers only** from 8:00 a.m. — 3:45 p.m. Monday—Friday.
2. RES has two drop-off spots **in front of the school and they are only to be used as "Kiss & Drive Away" spots —not as parking spots**. Parking in front of our school causes other vehicles (bus drivers, other parents, and staff) attempting to enter our parking area to have to stop. If you should require more time with your child when you arrive at our school, please park your vehicle in our parking lot.



Instructional Day: Supervision for RES's K-5 students begins every school day at 8:00 a.m.

- Dismissal for 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 their 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**, teacher's lesson, 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 do not permit our children to go out into our very busy parking lot area without a supervising staff member or parent/guardian).
- RES's first priority is the safety of our students and the security of our building.** Please note 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 provide an office staff member with their name and the purpose of their visit. FYI: we thank you for being patient when you ring the intercom bell because the secretary could be on the phone or using the photocopier in another room.
- In order to ensure the safety and security of our students **all** visitors (including parents & district staff) are required to obtain permission & a visitor's pass prior to going beyond our school lobby area ~ thank-you.



To Help Your Child Have the Best Learning Day Please Ensure He/She:

- Arrives on time and remains at school for the **entire instructional school day**.
- Brings a healthy recess snack **and** lunch to school everyday (please do not get into 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 does not feel well; parents please notify the school as soon as possible when your child is unable to come to school because he/she 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 child/ren. **We urge parents of bus students to avoid driving their child to and from school ~ have them ride the bus!**



Administration: Our secretary's work day begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Her lunch break is between 12:00-1:00.

Parents wishing to meet with a school administrator during our instructional day will need to call the school (523-7152) to schedule an appointment. If you call to speak to an administrator and they are in class or in a meeting, every effort will be made to return your call as soon as possible. We thank you for your continuing support & understanding regarding these very important safety matters!

Rexton Elementary's 2018-2019 Staff

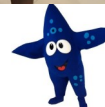
Custodial Staff: Fern Mazerolle, Donny Hudson, and Ron Wood
 Cafeteria Staff: Diane Robinson, Lisa Robertson, and Wanda Petley
 Breakfast Coordinator: Cheryl Warman
 Kindergarten (KA): Morgan Murphy
 Kindergarten (KB): Cynthia Wood
 Grade 1 English (1A): Brenda McFadden
 Grade 1 French Immersion (1B): Julia Mazerolle
 Grade 1 French Immersion (1C): Ashley Dickie
 Grade 2 (2A) Stephanie Flanagan
 Grade 2 French Immersion (2B): Breanna Flanagan
 Grade 3 English (3A): Susan Campbell
 Grade 3 French Immersion (3B): Melissa Babin
 Grade 4 English (4A): Kim Bowes & Tracy Lynds
 Grade 5/4 French Immersion (5/4C): Kevin Rioux
 Grade 5 Intensive French (5A): Kim Beers
 Grade 5 French Immersion (5B): Kelly Ann Leonard
 Gym Specialists: Kim Bowes & Janice Hall-Short
 Music Specialist: Janice Hall-Short
 Guidance: Charlene Robertson
 Resource: Marie Walsh
 FN K-2 Literacy Leads: Nancy Scully & Tatum Sanipass
 FN Grades 3-5 Literacy Lead: Karen Thibeault
 FN K-2 Numeracy Lead: Haley Murphy
 FN Grades 3-5 Numeracy Lead: Ginny Richard
 Speech/Language Pathologist: Jillian Walker and Molly Young
 Occupational Therapist: Ashley Agnew
 Educational Assistants: Toby Campbell, Kate Cornish, Cynthia Gilchrist, Diane Guimond, Donna Hebert, Yvonne Fagan, Brenda Lawson, Gloria Asoyuf, Carla Sullivan, and Keith Gallant
 French Second Language Assistant: Ginette Simard
 Librarian: Janice LeBlanc
 Administrative Assistant: Connie Agnew
 Vice-Principal: Virginia Richard
 Principal: Diane Wilson



RES's 2018 Summer Reading BINGO Winners

RES's 2018 Summer Reading BINGO winners ... (25 starfish!) were all treated to an frosty banana split (featuring frozen yogurt & strawberries) in the cafeteria on Mon., Sept. 10th.

A sincere thank-you to the parents of these starfish students for encouraging their children to read all summer long (AND a special thank-you to Mrs. Richard and Mrs. Scully for helping to make this celebration a super success!)



38th Annual Terry Fox Run

Rexton Elementary students & staff will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Walk around our schoolyard on

Thursday, September 27th.

All students and staff are encouraged to contribute \$1 (or more) for this very worthwhile cause!



RES's 2018 Orange Shirt Day will be held on Friday, September 28th.



"On this day of September 30th, we call upon humanity to listen with open ears to the stories of survivors and their families of Residential Schools in Canada, and to remember those that didn't make it."

(<http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>)

Whereas Sept. 30th is on Saturday this year, everyone is encouraged to wear an orange shirt on Friday, September 28th.