REXTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1UNE 2010 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.

Anticipating the Arrival of our Provincial Assessments

Congratulations to all boys and girls who did their best performance on this year's provincial and district assessments!

The following is a shared writing piece creatively crafted by the seventeen authors in RES' Grade 25 class:

The Day of the Fantastic Assessment

You will never believe what happened during the week of the assessment! An enormous box arrived by a gigantic transport truck. Errr...the transport truck came to a halt. A man in a blue flowered suit waddled to the pink oval door holding a locked box. The men brought in a force field and the box was in it so Mrs. Wilson wouldn't open it until Thursday.

The box was ten feet away from 2S. The children could see the yellow force field glow through the door. Every kid in the whole school was horrified until Thursday.

Mrs. Wilson was scared to death that the children would be freaking out on the test.

Suddenly Thursday came and all the kids screamed...Yippee!! The box was waiting to be opened. All the kids were staring at the box. One of the children said, "I hope I don't fail."



Mrs.
Savory's
grade 2
authors

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Reminders for Parents

- For those of you who have ordered a RES' 2010 Yearbook, your copy will be sent home with your child on Thursday, June 24th.
- Summer vacation is a great time to snuggle up with your child and share a great book!

THIS DATE

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

The **last day** of classes for New Brunswick students is

Friday, June 25th and it will be a 1/2 day of school. Students & buses will be dismissed

at 11:30 a.m.



RES' 2010 Jump Rope for Heart Event Fundraiser

was held on Wednesday, May 7th during our gym classes & noon recess. We are extremely pleased to announce that our young students raised the most funds in District 16—just over

\$8000!



Track and Field Day

All students in Grades 3-5 will be traveling on District 16 school buses to James M. Hill High School on Wednesday, June 23rd for our annual Track & Field Day—
good luck everyone!!

RES' Perfect Attendance Award

We are delighted to announce that for the 2009-2010 school year that we have 3 students who were able to achieve perfect attendance:

1) Emme Warman from 3F, 2) Katie Hannah from 5C, and Austin Hibbert from 5C!

These students will be formally acknowledged at our end-of-year Assembly but in the meantime, CONGRATULATIONS to Emme, Katie, Austin and their parents!

RES' 2010 Spring Musical

After weeks of drama rehearsals, choir practices, and creating costumes and props, Rexton Elementary's spring Musical, *I Need a Vacation*, was held on the evening of Thursday, June 10th.

Special thanks are extended to:

a) Mrs. Richard for creating our stage/props, b) Mr. Grant Wilson for fashioning a family automobile, and c) Marie Walsh, Kelly Anne Leonard and Kim Beers for their behind the scenes assistance!

Finally, hats-off to Mrs. Devon
Stoddart and Mrs. Janice Hall-Short in
coordinating this delightful RES musical!!



RES' First Day of Summer Literacy Event

On Monday, June 21st, 2010, Rexton Elementary School will host a Literacy Night Event from 6:15-7:30 pm. This year, it is our intention to combine our annual Author's Alley (which show cases our young student writers) while encouraging summer reading.

In order to celebrate the first official day of summer and Aboriginal Day, this event will allow parents and other community members to tour exhibits produced by each class, based on a theme

or author they have been reading about. These range from Butterflies and Frogs, Robert Munsch and Eric Carle to Dinosaurs, Plants and Egypt, to name a few.

After the exhibits, our students and their families are then invited to bring their beach towels and camp out in the gym as they listen to a few guest readers. This will be followed by a short but important message encouraging summer reading in which each Rexton Elementary student will receive a surprise grab bag with a "gentle loved" book inside. For those who are not able to attend, your child's grab bag will be sent home the next day at school. The night will end with a tasty, frozen treat and the promise of a wonderful and relaxing vacation for all! We hope that everyone will be able to join us!



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RES' Parent School Support Committee News

Rexton Elementary held its end-of-year PSSC meeting on Monday, June 7th, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Our June PSSC meeting featured a detailed update on RES' 2009-2010 School Improvement Plan, an outline of plans for the 2010-2011 school year, and the numerous RES highlights during the months of April, May and June. Parent

and community members wishing to find out more details about the topics discussed at RES' June PSSC meeting are encouraged to read the minutes from our meeting that will be posted on the bulletin board outside our school office during the week of June 15-25th.



RES' 2010 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Rexton Elementary's administrators celebrated our school's numerous parent and community volunteers on Thursday, June 17th at **RES' Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**. Each volunteer was individually honored for her/his contribution in helping to ensure that our children work and learn in a positive learning environment. Special entertainment was provided by our young ballroom dancers under the direction of Camilla Melanson. All RES volunteers were proclaimed REX-E Starfish and were presented with certificates and a beautiful potted plant.

Betty McLaughlin and Favien Babineau were proclaimed this year's "Sparkling

Volunteer Starfish" for their ongoing support in promoting/celebrating the events that take place within our learning environment. Congratulations and thank-you to all volunteers!



REX-E's June 2010 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday, June 21st	RES' First Day of Summer Literacy Event	6:15-7:30	Rexton Elementary lobby & gymnasium
Wednesday, June 23rd	K-2 Track & Field Event		Rexton Elementary
	District 16 Track & Field Event (for grade 3-5 students)	9:30—2:00 p.m.	James M. Hill High School, Miramichi
Thursday, June 24th	REX-E Assembly for students	9:05 a.m.	<i>G</i> ymnasium
	Grade 5 Farewell (see invitation on page 4)	1 p.m.	Cafeteria
Friday, June 25th	1/2 Day of School (Distribution of Progress Reports)	8:35—11:30 a.m.	Rexton Elementary



Turn-Around Recipient, Austin Hibbert and his teacher, Mrs. Cox

Changes for the 2010-2011 School Year

(as of Monday, June 14th, 2010):

	2008 - 2009	2009 - 2010	2010 - 2011
# of Students	300	281	255
Classes	16	14	13
Teacher Assistants	9.5	7	8
Library Assistant	4 hrs. per day	4 hrs. per day	4 hrs. Per day
Resource Teacher	.5	1.0	1.0
Intervention Workers	2	2	?

Our numbers indicate that next year Rexton Elementary will need:

Two Kindergarten Classes

Two Grade 1 Classes

Three Grade 2 Classes

One Grade 3 Class

One Grade 3 French Immersion Class

One Grade 3-4 Class Pre-Intensive Class

One Grade 4 Pre-Intensive Class

Two Grade 5 Intensive French Classes

- K-2 homeroom teachers will provided 30 minutes of French instruction for his/her students every week,
- Physical Education and Music instruction will be provided by specialty teachers; every student attending Rexton Elementary will have 35 minutes of curriculum-based physical education daily, and
- Based on the feedback from RES' Homework Surveys, there will be slight changes to our Homework Policy for the 2010 -2011 school year. Please refer to the Homework Policy notice that will be in your child's Progress Report envelope.



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Please ensure that all overdue library books are returned to the school by June 21st.



RES' June 2010 Newsletter Student Ballot Question: What time will students be dismissed on our last day of school, June 25?

Please clip & return to the school by June 24th, 2010

Student's Name:

Class: _____



Some of the cast members for RES' "I Need a Vacation" Play

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

RES' First Day of Summer Literacy Night

WHAT? RES' First Day of Summer Literacy Night WHO? Rexton Elementary students/parents/staff WHEN? Monday, June 21st from 6:15-7:30 p.m. WHERE? RES' lobby & gymnasium

WHY? To celebrate our students literacy development and highlight our young authors as we mark the end of the 2009-2010 school year!

• The RES Home & School will provide a scrumptious frozen treat for our students!

(please see our school website for more details)



RES' 2010-2011 School Year

With plans well underway for the next school year, and being that this is our last newsletter for the 2009-2010 school year, please note the following important dates and information pertaining to the 2010-2011 school year:

- 1) A student fee notice has gone home with each of our students and this notice will be also enclosed within all student's 2010 June Progress Report envelope. All parents are asked to ensure that their child's school fee is paid prior to Friday, June 25th, 2010 so that their teachers can order the necessary supplies and have them delivered in time for classes in the fall. Your child's student fee includes the price of his/her student Agenda and each grade level's student fee notice will also be posted on our school website. (www.rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca)
- 2) The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 7th, 2010. RES' doors will open at 8:00 a.m. on September 7th and all students will gather in our school cafeteria. Class lists will then be read and our students will be introduced to their new teachers before being led to their new classrooms.
- 3) RES' Student Agendas will be available for students in grades 2-5 on the first day of school for students who have paid their school supply fee and we encourage parents to check and sign their child's Agenda every school day!
- 4) For safety/privacy reasons, RES' 2010-2011 class lists <u>will not</u> be displayed on our school's front doors this year. Have a safe and happy summer vacation everyone!!