

December 2009 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.



Rexton Elementary's 2009 Tea & Craft Sale Fundraiser Event

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Mackenzie serenades the appreciative audience in Frosty's Café at RES' 2009 Tea & Craft Sale

On an balmy, blustery Saturday morning, RES' Home and School members and teaching staff were up at the crack-of-dawn baking, decorating, and finalizing last minute details for Rexton Elementary's 2009 Tea & Craft Sale. The doors to our annual Tea & Craft Sale opened at 9 a.m. to hundreds of eager shoppers and school supporters. The aroma of freshly baked muffins ribboned through the corridors of our fine, fine school and sounds-of-the-season filtered through our school's intercom system resulting in a yuletide spirit of great anticipation.

Then the shoppers scurried to our school gymnasium to browse through our artisan's treasures.



Members of RES' 2009 Tea & Craft "Sparkling" Clean-up Crew

This annual event is RES' Home & School one and only fundraiser and the funds raised are utilized to purchase such important items as: a) Student Agendas, b) new children's books for our 14 classrooms, c) RES' annual Grade 5 Farewell celebration, d) RES' Winter Carnival activities, and e) RES' Heritage week celebrations. The grand total for this year's Tea & Craft Sale was just over \$6300!!

A sincere "thank-you" is extended to all parents/staff who contributed to this year's Tea & Craft Sale by decorating our school to look its festive best, setting-up scores of tables, baking yummies & lugging groceries for Frosty' Cafe, waiting on tables, selling tickets, AND of course, assisting with the Herculean task of cleaning-up after the doors were closed at 2 p.m. We would also like to thank our small group of performers who entertained the hungry customers in Frosty' Café: Shanece Wilson who tickled the ivories on her keyboard as she played Christmas carols, Mackenzie Wilson who treated us to a couple of Christmas jigs on her fiddle, Heather Morton who serenaded us with her breath-taking whistling, and Valerie Thompson who entertained us with her guitar playing as she was accompanied by the angelical voices of her young children.



RES' Home & School Executive: Lynn Hutchison, Allison Ferguson, Carla Hudson (missing from photo, Dana Ferguson).

Finally, we need to thank our very small contingent of parent volunteers, especially our Home & School Executive members—Allison Ferguson, Dana Ferguson, Lynn Hutchison, and Carla Hudson—who ran themselves ragged in order for this year's event to be the success it was! We are blessed to have you! ☺



Frosty's Café Helpers: Ginny Richard, Marie Walsh, Jan Mingrone, Giselle Carter, Lisa Wilson & Melanie Cox



Valerie Thompson, and her little guy, pick out Christmas carols on mom's guitar at RES' 2009 Tea & Craft Sale!

This edition of RES' Newsletter is dedicated to our very own Mrs. Kelly Russell — we sincerely appreciate all you've done this term to make our learning environment healthy & happy!!

RES' Safe & Positive Learning Environment

To ensure the safety of all RES students who travel on either District 16 or District 11 school buses, **Rexton Elementary's NO BUS TRANSFER** policy will be strictly adhered to even during the hustle-and-bustle of the upcoming Christmas season. Our NO BUS TRANSFER policy is intended to provide security to our 281 students, 25 bus drivers and 28 teaching staff. On any given day we could have a number of substitute teachers, bus drivers, and/or administrative staff who might not be aware of the intricacies of our transportation system, especially with the ongoing bridge & road closures. Rexton Elementary only provides bus transfers for authentic **emergences**. We encourage all parents to make arrangements with a family member or friend to meet their child at his/her regular bus stop when they are unable to be there when their child arrives home from school. Please refer to page 3 of our Student Agenda for further clarification on RES' NO BUS TRANSFER policy

Also, we encourage all parents to **avoid picking-up their children prior to dismissal**; we are still conducting "business-as-usual" at this time of year and pulling your child out of class for shopping trips, hair appointments, etc. can be extremely disruptive to our learning environment.

Please also be aware that leaving a message on our **school answering machine does not ensure** that our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Agnew, will have had the opportunity to check her messages before dismissal.

With the large number of visitors entering our school building during the upcoming Christmas season, we must be even more vigilant about who is in our facility. Therefore, all visitors to RES are required to sign-in at our office and obtain a visitor's pass before proceeding past our lobby.

THANK-YOU to all RES parents who continue to supported us in our ongoing journey towards ensuring that our school is a safe and positive place to live & learn together!! 😊

Kindergarten Registration

We are still accepting
Kindergarten
Registrations
for the 2010-2011
school year.

For further informa-
tion, please contact our
school secretary, Mrs.
Agnew @ 523-7152.



**BLMS' Olympic Torch
Bearers presented at
RES' November 26th
Assembly: (L-R)
Peter Hachey, Carolyn
Simon, and Justin
Lawson**

RES' Students/Staff Catch the Olympic Torch Relay Fever!


On Thursday, November 26th, Rexton Elementary held its November REX-E Assembly. Special guests at this Assembly were BLMS' Olympic Torch Relayers: Carolyn Simon, Justin Lawson, and Peter Hachey. Each of these students attended our Assembly dressed in their Olympic Torch Relay gear and he/she was also sporting his/her newly purchased Olympic Torch! At the close of this Assembly, RES' 281 students kicked up their heels and treated the staff to a performance of an Olympic dance!

On Friday, November 27th, RES' grade 4 & 5 students ventured off to James M. Hill High School to join 5000 other Olympic fans as the Olympic Torch was welcomed to the city of Miramichi. Although Mother Nature did not send us her best weather, our students did not let that stop them from totally enjoying the day. Our grade 4 & grade 5 students were exceptional ambassadors for our fine, fine school; in fact, many event organizers commented on how well-behaved and respectful our students were!

Good job grades 4 & 5!



RES' December 2009 Events Calendar

Tuesday, December 8th	RES' "Home for the Holidays" Musical (doors open @ 6 p.m. and the performance will begin @ 6:30 p.m.) <i>Rain/Snow-date is Wednesday, Dec. 9th</i>
Wednesday, December 9th	<i>Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be attending BLMS' Christmas Musical @ 10 a.m.</i>
Tuesday, December 15th	<i>RES' K-2 students go caroling at the Rexton Nursing Home</i>
Wednesday, December 16th 	RES' K-2 "Caroling-for-Cans" Christmas Concert WHO'S INVITED: Family of RES' K-2 students WHAT: RES' K-2 Christmas Concert WHEN: 9 a.m. WHERE: RES' Cafeteria Admission: At least one non-perishable food item for the Richibucto Food Bank. * RAIN/SNOW DATE: Thursday, Dec. 17th
Wednesday, December 16th	RES' Christmas Dinner in school cafeteria for \$5.50 (for students/staff only—thank you!) Grilled Cheese Sandwiches will also be served on Dec. 16th for \$2.25 *RAIN/SNOW DATE: Thursday, Dec. 17th
Friday, December 18th	Last Day of School before the Christmas Break K-2 students will be dismissed @ 1:50 Students in grades 3-5 will be dismissed @ 2:50
Wednesday, January 6th, 2010	The 1st day of school for students after the Christmas holidays.

THANK-YOU

to the special parents who have work endlessly to finish our "Just Right Bags":

Seth Wilcox's mom (Yvonne) and Mots Nap's mom (Denise), Allison Sturgeon's mom (Sheena), and Chaelem & Chloe Ferguson's mom (Dana).



Mrs. Daigle dressed in her Canadian Olympic attire!

RES' November 2009 Parent/Teacher Meetings:



On the afternoon of Thursday, November 6th and Friday morning November 7th, RES held its first term Parent Teacher Meetings. 75% of our students' parents came out to discuss their child's progress with their child's teacher during these two days (this figure is down by 10% from last year).

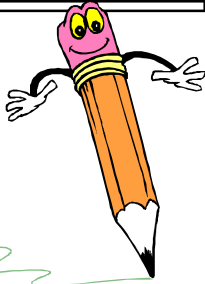
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Madison Robichaud shows off her Canadian pride at the Olympic Torch Relay



RES' December Newsletter
Student Ballot Question:
Please clip & return to the school by December 16th

When will RES' 2009 K-2 Christmas Concert be held?

Student's Name:

Class: _____



**Rexton Elementary's
2009 Christmas Musical**



WHAT? RES presents: "*Home for the Holidays*" musical

WHEN? December 8th @ 6:30 p.m.

WHERE? RES' Cafeteria

WHO? RES' Parents/Guardians are invited!

Each student involved in RES' *Home for the Holidays* musical was allotted four tickets for our evening performance; tickets were distributed (free of charge) to students on Friday, December 3rd.

ADMISSION? Your FREE-WILL offering to help support RES' Drama Club would be greatly appreciated!



Several Rexton Elementary students presented a wreath on behalf of the students of our fine, fine school at Rexton's Remembrance Day service on Wednesday, November 11th, 2009. Pictured at the left is: 2W's Cody Halas-Molten as he proudly accompanies one of our fine Cadets at Rexton's Remembrance Day Service.