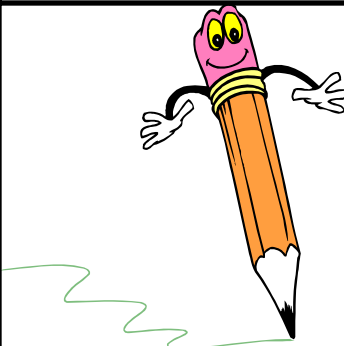


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Do RES students have  
homework on school nights?  
(YES or No)

Student's Name:

Class:



Pictured above are  
RES' Student Council  
members counting the  
funds raised through  
this year's Crazy  
Hair Day event.



**Rexton Elementary School's  
K-2 "Caroling-for-Can" Christmas Concert**



**WHAT?** RES' K-2 Christmas Concert  
**WHEN?** Wednesday, December 19th @ 9:30 a.m.  
**WHERE?** RES' Cafeteria  
**WHO?** RES' K-2 Parents/Guardians are invited  
**ADMISSION?** A non-perishable food item for the Food Bank.  
**RAIN/SNOW DATE?** Thursday, Dec. 20 @ 9:30 a.m.



RES students and support staff pause to remember with Mr. Edwin Hudson and Mr. John Wylie at RES' 2012 Remembrance Day Assembly which was held on Friday, November 9th.

**REXTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
RES' December 2012 Newsletter**

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**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.

**Thank-You for Contributing to the Success of  
Rexton Elementary's 2012 Tea & Craft Sale!!**



Joshua, Dawson, Diane & Rob Wylie

On the morning of Saturday, November 17th, RES' Home & School, staff, and community members came together to host Rexton Elementary's 25th annual Christmas Tea & Craft Sale. On that frosty cold November morning, our school



hallways were decorated in their Christmas best with sparkling lights, Christmas garlands and greenery, and adorning paper angels (created by RES' Student Council). Sounds-of-the-season echoed throughout our corridors thanks to Valerie Thompson and her two children, Alayna & Scott Dunlay, AND RES' Grades 3-5 Christmas Choir (led by RES' Music teacher Mrs. Hall-Short). Visitors also enjoyed the familiar scent of fir-wreaths and boughs, and of course, the mouth-watering treats from both our Home & School's Bake Table & our teaching staff's Snowflake Café!! Were you one of the hundreds of people who attended this annual yuletide shopping spree?



(L-R) Lorraine Whalen, Melanie Cox, Cynthia Wood, Ginny Richard, and Lisa Collins helped to feed the masses in RES' Snowflake Café.

This annual event is our Home & School's one and only fundraiser, and the funds raised are utilized to fund such important items as: a) purchasing new children's books for our 14 classrooms, b) RES' annual Grade 5 Farewell celebration, c) RES' Winter Carnival activities, and d) RES' Heritage week celebrations.

We want to extend our sincerest gratitude to the dedicated team of "VALLUNTEERS" for making this year's event the most profitable Tea & Craft Sale ever and a tip-of-the-Santa-hat is also extended to our sensational volunteer interior decorator, Laurie Murphy. The grand total for this year's Tea & Craft Sale was **\$8503.09!!** We encourage all parents to



RES' 2012 Home & School Executive (L-R): Aline Khoury, Veronica Cail, Rose Morris, and Natasha Simon.

attend our January 2013 Home & School meeting (date to be announced in our January 2013 Newsletter) to help us determine how best to utilize this year's funds to meet the educational needs of all Rexton Elementary School students.

We extend a heartfelt thank-you to our remarkable Home & School Executive members who successfully orchestrated this year's Tea & Craft Sale: **Natasha Simon (President), Aline Khoury (Vice President), Rose Morris (Treasurer), and Veronica Cail (Secretary).**

We also want to thank RES' custodial and teaching staff for taking time out of their busy schedules to help make this year's event a gigantic success!!



Shoppers scan our Bake Sale table for some tasty goodies!

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Pictured above are a few of RES' Tea & Craft Sale volunteer greeters!



Ms. Murphy (currently teaching in Blackville) was greeted by more than a few former students.



### Kindergarten Registration

We are currently accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2013-2014 school year! We have held two meetings with next year's Kindergarten parents and our next meeting will be Saturday, January 17th from 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. For further information, regarding how to register you child for Kindergarten, please contact our school secretary, Ms. Hudson @ 523-7152.

### RES' Students Need a Recess Snack



A gentle reminder that our 21st century elementary students need to eat a nutritious morning recess snack every school day. Fuel-for-the-brain never goes out of style!

## ALL REXTON ELEMENTARY STUDENTS HAVE HOMEWORK

According to Harris Cooper, a leading homework Researcher (2012):

- Homework teaches children how to take responsibility for tasks and how to work independently which will serve them well as they proceed through school and through life.
- Homework helps children learn how to plan & organize tasks, manage their time, make choices and problem solve ~ all skills that contribute to effectively functioning in the world and within their families.
- It is generally agreed that the younger the child, the less time the child should be expected to devote to homework. **A rule of thumb is that children do 10 minutes of homework for each grade level.** Therefore first graders should be expected to do about 10 minutes of homework, second grades 20 minutes, third graders 30 minutes, and so on. If your child is spending more than 10 minutes per grade level on homework at night, then you may want to talk with your child's teacher about adjusting their workload (*derived from <http://www.napsonline.org>*).
- It is extremely important that parents **READ to/with their child daily/nightly.**
- In order for children to do well in **MATHEMATICS**, the same homework practices our parents did with us (decades ago?) are still required today. For example, it is very important that parents practice addition/subtraction facts with their younger children **AND** have their older child practice his/her multiplication ("times tables") and division facts daily.



Rexton Elementary teachers readily admit that in order for us to prepare our youngsters for the challenges of this new millennium, **we need our students' parents to help us teach their child.** So please continue to read with and play a Math flashcard game with your child for a few minutes every school night/day. Our children's future depends on all of us working together to help them reach their **full potential!**



A sincere & gigantic "roar" of appreciation is extended to our Rexton's Lions Club for their ongoing & crucial support of RES' Breakfast Program!! Rexton area Lions ensure that our hungry learners have a nutritious breakfast every school morning!! Pictured here on the left are RES' Administrators and Rexton Lions Club members: Arnold Savory & Leanne Egan-Mitton.

### RES' 2012 Roots of Empathy Program



Little Baby Norah Henderson is RES' 2012-2013 Roots of Empathy Baby. Baby Norah visits Mrs. Wood's Kindergarten class, with her parents Amy & Jeremiah Henderson, once a month. Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based classroom program that has shown to significantly reduce levels of aggression among school children. Pictured above (on the right) is Norah's mom, Amy Henderson, as she showcases her daughter to the students in Ms. Wood's class. Kaleigh Fletcher is our ROE Instructor and her role is to coach the students to observe the baby's development & label the baby's feelings.

### Twinkle & Shine Christmas Musical

The evening performance of RES' grades 3-5 Twinkle & Shine musical will be held on the evening of Wednesday, December 12th. The doors will be open at 6:15 and the performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Each of our 70 choir & cast members were allotted 3-4 tickets for their family/friends and we expect our cafeteria to be filled to capacity!



Special thanks to Mrs. Hall-Short (our Music teacher) and Ms. Flanagan for volunteering to work with these students over the last couple of months. We would also like to thank the countless volunteers (too many to mention here) who helped with the props, costumes, lighting, and audio equipment. We know that the students in this musical will all "twinkle & shine" on the 12th night, of the 12th month, of the 2012th year. **Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, and Weli Nuelewink!!**



RES' Students go crazy on Crazy Hair Day!!

### Parent Teacher Meetings:

**76%** of our students' parents attended RES' November 2012 Parent/Teacher Meetings to discuss their child's progress with their child's teacher.



Pictured above and below are some of the cast members from RES' Twinkle & Shine musical.

