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RES's December 2018
Newsletter Student Ballot

Question:
What date will students
return to school in the
New Year?

(Please clip & return to
the school by
December 21st for a
chance to win a prize!)



REMINDER:

The last day of
school before
Christmas will be
Friday,
Dec. 21st
AND
it will be a
full-day of
school.



Merry Christmas!



Check us out on the Web @
<http://rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca/> AND on Facebook by
gogging "Rexton Elementary School"

RES's 2018 Gr. 3-5 Christmas Concert

WHO's INVITED: Parents of RES's Grades 3-5 Students
WHEN? Thursday, December 20th @ 10:50 a.m.
(doors will open at 10:30 a.m.)
WHERE? Rexton Elementary's Cafeteria
ADMISSION? A non-perishable food item



RES's 2018 PJ Day

WHEN? Friday, December 21st
WHERE? RES
Fee: \$1 (all proceeds will go to our local Food Bank).

RES's Improving Student Attendance Initiative



One of RES's 2018-2019 School Improvement goals is to improve student attendance, so as to enable our teaching staff to better meet the learning needs of our 250 students.
Beginning January 8, 2019 RES will be launching a new reward program for those students who achieve perfect attendance every week/month.

- Weekly Perfect Attendance:** one student in each class (who has perfect attendance for the week) will have a chance to win a prize.
- Monthly Perfect Attendance:** these students will be invited to participate in a fun, rewarding activity (for example, skating, curling, tobogganing, snowshoeing, a fieldtrip or watch a movie w/school-mates).
- Perfect Attendance for the Year from January—June, 2019:** these students will have a chance to win a brand new bicycle!

Review of Rexton Elementary's Attendance Start/End Times:

- 8:35:** Start time (student is recorded as "tardy" if he/she arrives after this time).
- 2:00:** Dismissal for K-2 students.
- 3:10:** Dismissal for grades 3-5 students.

When a student is absent for 35 minutes of instruction in the morning it results in the student being recorded as missing a 1/2 day of school. If a child is absent for 35 minutes in the afternoon, he/she is recorded as missing one 1/2 of school.



Perfect attendance is just that, perfect! Students who are able to achieve perfect attendance weekly/monthly will be celebrated and rewarded beginning January 8th, 2019 ~ this will be a fresh start for all students and we encourage all of our young learners' parents to join us in achieving this collective New Year's resolution!!

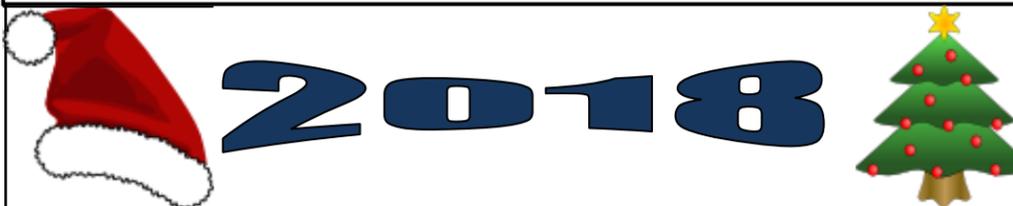
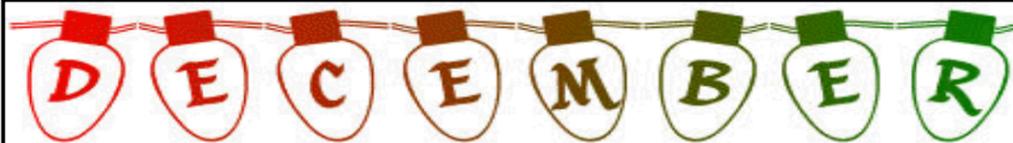
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School Mission: To encourage the development of each student's full potential by nurturing a love of learning and fostering respect for the uniqueness of each individual through a safe and friendly school community.



RES's Student Council "Fun"draining Efforts!

Our 2018-2019 Captain's Council members have been very busy this autumn! They have hosted the following events: Hat Day, Crazy Hair Day, Jersey Day, Slipper Day, and Festive Christmas Sweater Day. This Friday, December 21st will be PJ Day (fee \$1). All funds raised from the previous events will go towards our local Food Bank. Thanks to all who have contributed to our fundraiser—it is greatly appreciated!

Tea & Craft Sale: Congratulations to RES's Home & School Executive Committee (Kristi Triska, Nadia Wilcox, and Zabrina Hannay) and the scores of parents/guardians & staff who worked collaboratively to create our 2018 Christmas Tea & Craft Sale!

Special thanks to Ms. Triska, RES's teachers & Support Staff for creatively decorating RES's hallways & corridors for this annual event!! A HUGE thank-you to Ms. Jiayi and Ms. Jillian for working with our student dancers for their performance at the Craft Sale!

Approximately **\$8100.00** was raised through this year's Tea & Craft Sale!!

Congratulations to the following Tea & Craft Sale prize winners:

- 50/50 Draw: Donna Wellman
- Door Prize Baskets: Karen Boisvert & Diane Guimond

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Donna Wellwood won over \$400 in 50/50 Draw!



RES Chinese Dancers & their instructors (Ms. Jillian & Ms. Jiayi) delighted our audience!

Curtis McKinnon entertained us!



Karen Boisvert & Luke won one of our door prizes!



Monday, January 7th, 2019
Professional Learning Day for
Teaching Staff



Parents who have a child who will be 5 years old by Dec. 31st, 2019 are asked to please call Rexton Elementary to schedule an appointment to register their child for next year's Kindergarten class.



When you come for your appointment you will need to bring your child's:

- i) Birth Certificate
- ii) Immunization Record
- iii) Medicare Card



A reminder that there is to be NO PARKING in RES's Handicap Zone.

Supervision begins at 8:00 so please stay with your child until you see one of our supervisors (wearing an orange safety vest) on duty in front of our school.

RES's December 2018 Newsletter

November 2018 Parent/Teacher Meetings:

Thursday, November 29th was a snow day for our school which resulted in RES needing to reschedule our Parent/Teacher meetings for Thursday, December 6th. **74%** of our student's parents attended their child's Parent/Teacher meeting this term (a decrease of **3%** from last year's P/T meeting attendance).

When children's parents and teachers work collaboratively to enhance their children's learning the possibilities are limitless! Our next Parent/Teacher meeting days will be held on April 4 & 5, 2019 but we want to encourage all parents to communicate with their child's teachers (via notes, letters, phone calls or by scheduling a meeting) when/if necessary before the April 2019 Parent/Teacher meetings.

November 2018 PSSC Meeting:

Rexton Elementary's Parent School Support Committee second meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17th, 2019 at 6 p.m.. Items on our January Agenda will include RES's School Improvement Plan, our PSSC Budget, and the highlights from November and December 2018.

Dressing for Winter Weather



A gentle reminder that, weather permitting, all Rexton Elementary students go outside to play from 8:00-8:20 a.m., 10:20-10:35 a.m., and again at noontime every school day. We request that all parents of our K-5 students please send extra mittens, a hat, socks and pants to school for their child (they will be kept in their locker in case they need to change after playing in our glorious Maritime winter weather). Students playing in our wintery wonderland are expected to wear a winter jacket, snow-pants, winter boots, a hat and mittens. For safety reasons, we do not permit intentional sliding on icy surfaces and we keep our students inside when the temperature is below (or feels lower than) -14 degrees Celsius (we verify the temperature

using Environment Canada's Richibucto website.

Remembrance Day 2018

On Thursday, November 8th RES students and staff participated in our annual Remembrance Day Assembly. Honoring the thousands of Canadians who have fought to protect our rights and freedom over the generations. RES's grade 5 students beautifully recited the poem, *In Flanders Field*, in both official language. The students in our grade 2 AND grade 2 French Immersion classes sang tribute to our veterans, and our Remembrance Day Choir performed the song, "Remember Flander's Field".

Featured on the left is RES's Kent Lawson and former RES student Cody Halas Moulton who, along with Kia Lawson, respectfully presented a wreath on behalf of the students and staff of Rexton Elementary at Rexton's 2018 Remembrance Service.



November 2018's Author-of-the-Month: BE SAFE!

Rexton Elementary School's Author-of-the-Month for November 2018 was Holden Millier (5B)!



Remembrance Day is a very important day. Thousands of brave people risked their lives for their country. Remembrance Day is for you to remember all those people.

When it is time for Remembrance Day I think about my Great-Opa. He served in the war by choice. My Great-Opa was from Holland. He went into a concentration camp. He almost escaped by hanging onto one of the cars that were leaving but, someone ratted him out thinking they would get an extra piece of bread.

Sometimes I think to myself, what if there was no war. What if everyone accepted their differences, what would modern life look like. But that didn't happen did it?

The first nuclear bomb used for war was the bomb that dropped on Hiroshima. That bomb was 15 kilotons of tnt. The biggest bomb was the Tsar bomb-made by the Soviet Union. It was 50 megatons. Luckily, it was just used for testing.

The war was a horrible thing that happened. Let's hope it doesn't happen again!

1. Please park your vehicle in RES's parking lot.
2. Before entering our facility, visitors need to:
 - Press the security camera button,
 - Look at the camera and provide their name and purpose of their visit.
3. All visitors must sign-in & obtain a visitor's pass prior to entering beyond RES's lobby or in RES's schoolyard.
4. Visitors need to return their visitor's pass & sign-out prior to leaving our school building/yard.
5. Write a dated note in your child's Agenda if you intend to pick him/her up before the end of the day or at dismissal time.
6. Parents who are picking up their child at dismissal time need to speak to a RES's administrator via our security system, and wait in front of the school until their child's teacher brings him/her to them.
7. Some of our students are severely allergic to peanuts and other nuts. Please ensure that the items your child brings to school for recess snack or lunch are nut-free. Also there is to be no peanuts or nut products on school buses.

RES's "Marvelous, Magical Sleigh" Musical



Avery, Kaylea, Emme, and Aeda!

Rexton Elementary's Grades 3-5 Christmas Musical was held on Wednesday, December 12th. Special thanks to all of our young actors and to the generous staff who gave up breaks and lunchtimes to ensure that this musical was successful! We also need to thank our eager custodial staff for setting-up and cleaning up in our cafeteria for this performance. Finally, thank you parents for driving your child to this special event and for contributing financially to our Drama/Musical program!



3B Students



2A Students

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RES's new student photographer, Ruadhan, is featured in the middle photo with Mrs. Wilson.

