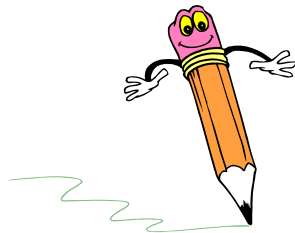


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Please clip & return to the school by February 28, 2011 for a chance to win a prize during our Winter Carnival.

**RES' February 2011
Newsletter Ballot
Survey Questions:**

**When is RES' "Tug
& Hug of War"
competition?
(Hint: check RES'
February Calendar)**

Student's Name:

Class: _____



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

Three Great Options... The Choice is Yours!



WHAT? French Second Language Information Meeting

WHEN? February 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.

WHERE? RES' Cafeteria

WHO's INVITED? District 16's Superintendent & French Second Language Coordinators, AND all Parents & Guardians of students attending schools in the Rexton area.

WHY? This meeting will provide parents/staff with information about the program options available to support French Second Language in District 16 for the 2011-2012 school year (Grade 3 French Immersion, Grade 4 Late French Immersion, Grade 4 Pre-Intensive French, Grade 5 Intensive and Post Intensive Programs).

**EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING**

The following students were named RES' Sparkling Starfish at our February 4th Assembly:

Congratulations to all of our February "Sparklers"!!

Kendra MacDonald	Bailen Barlow Augustine	Keenan Sock	Ronan Rogers
Roan Fillmore	William Cassell	Clay Murphy	Dyllan Daigle
Tiffany Boutilier	Emma Roberts	Keela Sock-Francis	Stephanie Augustine
Abby Ryan	Madison Augustine	Mason Roberts	Lillianonna Augustine
Anna-Leah Simon	Evan Hutchinson	Talli Warren	Nathan McDermott



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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' FN Literacy Mentor

RES' Literacy Mentor: Ms. Lucie Brown has accepted the position of RES First Nations Mentor. Ms. Brown will be working to enhance the literacy skills of Buctouche, Indian Island, and Elsipogtog K-2 students. **CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Brown and us!!**

RES' 2011 M5 Program

M5 Program: Mrs. K. Bowes has, once again, accepted the role of implementing Rexton Elementary's M5 program. This numeracy intervention's objective is to meet the needs of grade 5 students who need a "leg-up" in terms of mastering the numeracy outcomes of the grade 5 Mathematics curriculum. Mrs. K. Beers will be substituting in the gym whilst Mrs. Bowes works with our grade 5 students until the end of February. A heartfelt **THANK-YOU** to Mrs. Bowes & a gigantic **WELCOME BACK** to Mrs. Beers!

RES TO CELEBRATE PINK SHIRT DAY THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2011



The last Wednesday of February is known as Anti-Bullying or Pink Shirt Day in Canada. Everyone is encouraged to wear pink shirts to school, work or wherever they go on Wednesday, February 23rd to show support for putting an end to bullying.

Pink Shirt Day originated in Nova Scotia where two young men stood up to bullying in their high school. A new student was bullied when he showed up at school wearing a pink shirt. These two students bought pink T-shirts and enlisted fellow students to wear the shirts to support the new student who was being bullied. (www.pinkshirtday.ca)

We encourage all RES staff, students and families to "stand up against bullying" by wearing a pink shirt (hat, sweater, scarf) this Wednesday, February 23rd, 2011!



RES' Wins BIG \$24000.00 AVIVA PRIZE!!

On Monday, January 24th, RES' Playground Committee received word that RES had won **\$24,000.00 from the AVIVA Insurance Company!** The committee was instructed to keep this great news a secret until we could announce our winnings at a school-wide Assembly. The BIG announcement was made on the morning of January 25th at a surprise school-wide Assembly, which included lots of confetti (sorry custodians!), noise-makers, balloons, cake, AND screaming! Special thanks to everyone who did their part to make this dream a reality because "it takes a village to raise a child" AND to raise \$24,000.00!!

To view how the announcement was delivered and received, please view our BIG WIN video on our website @ www.rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca



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Pictured above are two of RES' Playground Committee members: Mrs. Angela Savory & Mrs. Haley Murphy on January 25th as they announced that RES had won \$24,000.00 from the AVIVA Insurance Company!

Kindergarten

Registration

In late-March, RES will be holding its annual Teddy Bear's Picnic for our 2011-2012

Kindergarten students.

If you are aware of a child in the Rexton-area who will be five years old prior to December 31st, 2011, please ask the child's parents to contact our school secretary ASAP at 523-7152.



Aliant Talkmail

We realize that some of RES' families have their phone service through other providers or communicate primarily via cell phones; this results in some of our students' families not having access to our phone messages. A possible means of overcoming this challenge might be to have our messages go to a family member or friend's phone who are Aliant customers? If this suggestion works for you (and your family and/or friends), please write a note indicating the number you want our messages to go to your child's teacher or call our RES Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Agnew @ 523-7152.

RES' Home & School General Meeting



This meeting will be held Monday, February 21st from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting to help us make decisions about how to spend our funds & other important issues.

ATTENDANCE ISSUE



RES' Attendance Policy: The importance of regular attendance for all students at all grade levels cannot be overstated. Some well meaning parents believe that "it's no big deal" for their child to be late for school, picked up before dismissal or absent one school day a month. If we add up one absent day/month for an entire year, however, we soon realize that two full weeks of school are missed. Research clearly tells us that regular attendance at school results in higher student achievement. It is important therefore to ensure that your child comes to school each and every day, EXCEPT when he/she is ill.

How important is getting your child(ren) to school on time? Very important—every morning from 8:25-8:45, RES' students have board work or other curriculum related activities to complete. As parents and teachers, we must all do our part to minimize absenteeism so that each of our children can receive the maximum benefit of their school experience.

When possible, parents are also asked to notify the school (523-7152) when their child will be absent and to make arrangements to pick up their child's missed work and/or homework assignments. We have several children attending our fine, fine school who have very serious illnesses and your early notification of any childhood diseases /illnesses (whooping cough, strep throat, H1NI, etc) to our school secretary will enable us to track patterns of illness and report this data to both the District office and Public Health.

The New Brunswick Education Act requires schools to provide optimal educational opportunities for all students. To fulfill this commitment, we need the continuing support of all parents to ensure that their children:

- arrive at school on time—for 8:35 a.m., and
- remain in class until dismissal time, unless absolutely necessary (for example: if you child is ill, has a doctor's appointments, or your family has an emergency).



A reminder that pulling a child out of class during our instructional periods is extremely disruptive to our learning environment; as you know, young children often need assistance in gathering up their things and many of our students find it difficult to focus on learning when a fellow classmate is packing up to leave.



District 16 Attendance Regulation 302

DISTRICT 16's ATTENDANCE REGULATION: 1. On the occasion of each absence, it is the responsibility of the student to present in writing, a dated excuse from his/her parent or guardian. It is the responsibility of the homeroom teacher to insist that students comply with this regulation, to keep these excuses on file, and to regularly communicate with the parents/guardians if some irregularity is suspected.

2. When a student has missed *five (5) days* in any subject, the subject teacher must contact the home to determine the nature of the student's absence(s). The principal or his/her designate will determine whether a case conference needs to be held to establish expectations for improvement. All case conferences arranged for this purpose will involve the student's parent/guardian and the principal or his/her appointed representative.

3. When a student exceeds twelve (12) days, a case conference will be held with the student and his/her parent/guardian present, to prepare the terms of contract for improvement. All parties involved in developing the contract must sign it acknowledging their understanding of the expectations. A student's noncompliance with the conditions of his/her agreement, will be considered a breach of discipline, and will be subject to the appropriate consequences. (http://www.district16.nbed.nb.ca/files/documents/regulation_302_attendance.pdf)

RES' 2011 Heritage Week Celebrations

Our provinces' Heritage Week theme this year was "Celebrating Forests for People". RES marked the importance of our forests and Heritage Week through: 1) having our grade 5 students research and inform our school about our country/province through our morning announcements, 2) visits from community presenters (Barry Glencross and Joe John Sanipass), & 3) RES' annual flag raising ceremony and Assembly. All students and staff also helped to create RES' 2011 Heritage Tree Glyph which is currently on display in our school lobby.



District 16 & RES Cup-Stacking Champion



On Wednesday, February 9th several of Rexton Elementary's top Cup-Stackers ventured off to the mighty Miramichi for the annual Cup Stacking Competition. All RES finalists represented did an outlasting job of representing our fine, fine school! Pictured at the left is Miss Emily Sock from Ms. Mazerolle's Grade 3 FI class. Emily is District 16's Grade 3 Cup Stacking Champion for the 2010-2011 school year—congratulations to Emily and all of RES' Cup-Stacking competitors!

RES' 2011 Family Literacy PJ Night



On Thursday, February 17th, 2011, RES students, parents, and staff members pulled on the PJs and headed back to the school for its annual Family Literacy & PJ Night! This year's theme was "Playing with Literacy" and so our cafeteria, lobby, and staff room were transformed into playful centers for all to enjoy. From Boggle™ to crossword puzzles, to chess games to Karaoke— the young and young-at-heart enjoyed a fun-filled evening together! Special thanks to Foodland for providing cookies for our light bedtime snack and RES' Home & School Executive for their ongoing support including providing us with Chapters & Tim Horton's gift cards as prizes. Winners of Chapters gift cards were: Matt Murray and Tanner Sock. The winner of the Scholastic gift voucher was Aiden York. The winner of a Tim Horton's gift card was Alvin Levi. Many sincere thanks also go out to the numerous parents & community members who donated books for our Book Sale; our quick tally indicates that approximately \$1000.00 was raised through this community building event!



Flu Bug Affecting RES!

Flu Season: Regular & prompt attendance is very, very important to our students' achievement, BUT even more important is our students' health! RES students and staff are currently suffering through the 2011 flu season. We thank all parents for keeping their ill children home because it is one of the most important means of ridding our learning environment of this virus. Any parents who have recently changed their home phone numbers or have purchased a new cell phone, are asked to please send us your updated numbers to your child's classroom teacher ASAP, in case we need to notify you that your child is not feeling well. We also encourage all parents to continue to review with their children the importance of avoiding nasty germs by thoroughly washing their hands before lunch time and recess snack time.



RES' Roots of Empathy Program



Picture above is Ms. Stoddart and her son, Sawyer, who work with Ms. Murphy's grade 2 class and Mrs. Kaleigh Fletcher to implement our 2011 Roots of Empathy Program. To see how the class has learned to make Sawyer happy ... please check-out our video clip on the home page of our school website @ <http://rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca>