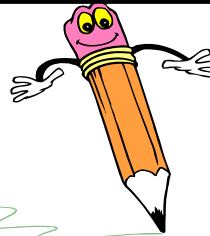


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Please clip & return to the school by February 29, 2012 for a chance to win a prize during our Winter Carnival.

**RES' February 2012
Newsletter Ballot
Question:**

What treats are permitted at RES' Valentine's parties?
(Hint: check 1st page of Newsletter)



Scaredy Squirrel,
Jace

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



Emily M., Holli, Emily S.
Cody and Clay



You are invited



Karla, Juanita,
Caden



Christian, Jasmine,
Red Riding Hood, and Shawn

WHAT? RES' 2012 Literacy PJ Night
WHEN? February 23rd @ 6:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m.
WHERE? Rexton Elementary School
WHO'S INVITED? RES Students & their families
WHY? To enjoy an evening of family literacy!

**The following students were named RES' Sparkling Starfish at our February 3rd, 2012 Assembly:
Congratulations to all of our February "Sparklers"!!**



K-2 Sparklers

Jaden Joseph	Spencer Lawson
Trina Hannah	Odin Morris-Sanipass
Jazmin Arsenault	Jessica Beers
Jordan Peacock	Kyle Savory
Piece Oulton	Kearah Solomon
Luke Brooks	Trueman Oulton

Grades 3-5 Sparklers

Holli Robertson	Janie Augustine
Emma Roberts	Savannah G. Whalen
Emily Murray	Chloe Ferguson
Keela Sock-Francis	Morgan Barlow
Hayley Gallant	Billi Meghan Ward-Sanipass

REXTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 2012 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.



**RES TO CELEBRATE PINK SHIRT DAY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29th, 2012.**

The last Wednesday of February is known as Anti-Bullying or Pink Shirt Day across Canada. Everyone is encouraged to wear pink shirts to school, work or wherever they go on Wednesday, February 29th to show support for putting an end to bullying.

As you may already know, 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)



Chenille on RES'
Storybook Character Day

We encourage all RES staff, students and families to "stand up against bullying" by wearing a pink shirt (hat, sweater, scarf) again this year on Wednesday, February 29th, 2012. As a special treat on February 29th, RES is proud to present the return of the NED Show! This year's presentation will address the issue of bullying and the show intends to drive home the point that if we are not part of the solution to bullying, we are part of the problem. Please continue to check your child's book bag and RES' website (www.rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca) for more details we draw closer to February 29th.

New Brunswick's Nutrition Policy (Policy 711)

Policy 711 states that whereas students in New Brunswick's public schools have plenty of opportunity off school grounds to indulge in foods that have minimum nutritional value, every effort is to be made to model healthy eating in schools. The policy also states that all partners in the school community ~ parents, teachers, and administrators ~ have the responsibility to promote and provide healthier foods in public schools.



Therefore, at RES the expectation is that when parents and staff provide snacks for their children/students that these snacks/treats will be healthy. Examples of healthy and delicious snacks/treats include: fruit, vegetables, cheddar or yogurt. Parents who are planning to send a Valentine's Day treat for their child's class this year are asked to please follow Policy 711—it's a provincial policy that is meant to ensure the health of our youngest citizens!



Mack, Shanika, Taryn, Spencer, Owen, and Georgia

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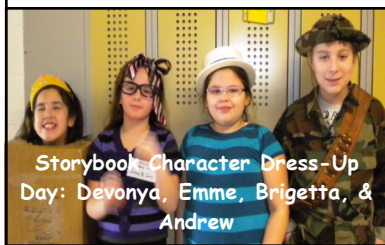
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Positive Learning Environment Survey



Cody, Michelle & Karrie



on Friday, February 24th for students because teachers will be attending professional development meetings.



Storybook Character Dress-Up Day: Devonya, Emme, Brigetta, & Andrew

Kindergarten Registration

On Wednesday, April 11th, RES will be holding its annual

Teddy Bear's Picnic

for our 2012-2013 Kindergarten students.

If you are aware of a child in the Rexton-area who will be five years old prior to December 31st, 2012, please ask the child's parents to contact our school secretary ASAP at 523-7152.



Abby, Aiden, Tyra & Matteya

Student Attendance Count!

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 of course when he/she is ill.

How important is getting your child(ren) to school on time? Very important—every morning from 8:20-8:35, 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 all of our children receive the maximum benefit of their school experience.

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 your 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 when it is time to leave home/school 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

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)

PLEASE BE ADVISED: Parents/Guardians are asked to please 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. Notifying our school if your child has a serious illness such as Whooping Cough, Strep Throat, Scarlet Fever, OR other nuisances such as head-lice is critical to the safety and well-being of our student-body. We thank you for your continuing due diligence in reporting any serious illness your child may have to our school secretary; this will enable us to track patterns of illness and report this data to both the District office and Public Health.



Province of New Brunswick's Proposed Amalgamation of School Districts

The Department of Education is making significant changes to its educational system. The reorganization will result in a reducing school districts from the current fourteen (14) to seven (7). There will also be a reduction in administration and duplication to better focus on learning and results. The Minister of Education, Jody Carr, has stated that these changes are necessary as a result of the declining student population and the proposed changes will be more in line with other education systems in Atlantic Canada. (retrieved from www.gnb.ca)

Proposed Anglophone School Districts



Once fully implemented, the cost of managing districts is expected to be decreased by over \$5 million annually. Just as important as the savings is the opportunity to redesign district administration to deliver programs and services in the most effective and efficient way possible to students.

The proposed boundaries have been posted on the Public Review website for persons to examine and provide input until February 8th.

All RES parents are encouraged to provide their feedback to the government regarding the proposed changes to our education system by using the following email address: EECD-EDPE.Reg@gnb.ca. This and other information regarding the government's proposed amalgamation may be obtained from: www.gnb.ca/0000/index-e.asp

RES' February 2012 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8 Feedback re: Amalgamation Deadline	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day (health treats only)	15 Flag Day (wear red and white day)	16	17 RES 'Heritage Assembly	18
Heritage Week and Staff Appreciation						
19	20	21	22	23 RES' Literacy PJ Night (6:30-7:45 p.m.)	24 No School for Students	25
26	27 Shoe Hop Dance	28 K-5 Field Trips	29 RES' Pink Shirt Day	1 RES Students go skating in Elsipogtog	2 Tug of War Competition	3 MARCH BREAK BEGINS
RES' Winter Interlude/Carnival						



RES' Feb. 2nd PSSC Meeting

1. Home & School Update: Plans for Heritage week, Nutrition Week and Winter Carnival were presented by Mrs. Veronica Cail.

2. Synvoice System: Parents wishing to have a number deleted from RES' Synvoice communication system as asked to contact the school ASAP @ 523-7152.

3. RES' November—January Highlights were presented by RES' Principal, Mrs. Diane Wilson.

4. RES' School Supplies Lists were discussed. RES will not be returning to a school fee for grades 2-5 due to the great amount of work this causes RES' administrative staff.

5. District 16's Cafeteria Service Providers were discussed at great length because Chartwell's contract expires this year. The idea of initiating a community garden was suggested and welcomed.

6. Proposed Amalgamation: was discussed and District Education Council member, Mr. Raymond Murphy, provided RES' PSSC with further information regarding the provinces' plans to amalgamate school districts.

7. Copies of RES' 2011-2012 School Improvement Plan, Positive Learning & Working Environment Plan were distributed and it was decided that they would be discussed at our March 27th meeting. RES' Feb. 2012 PSSC Minutes will be posted in the lobby ASAP.



Jessie, Emma, Townsend, Abby



Julia, Hannah, & Sydney