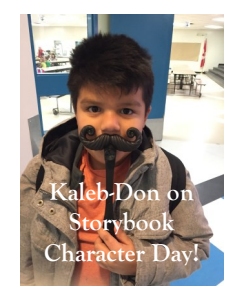


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Kaleb-Don on Storybook Character Day!  
RES' February 2016 Newsletter Student Ballot Question:  
When is RES' 2016 Pink Shirt Day?

(Please clip & return to the school by February 19th)  
Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_



Emma Francis is a former student of RES.

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

## RES' "Random Acts of Kindness" Challenge!

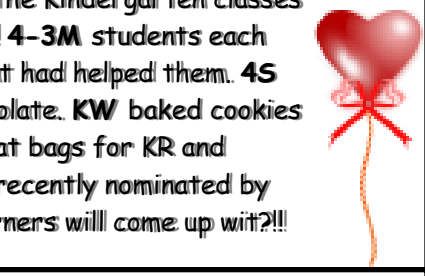
Over the last few months, RES students have been involved in our own little "Random Acts of Kindness" Challenge. Our Guidance Councilor, Mrs. Savory, began this activity by nominating a class to complete an act of kindness for another class/teacher or someone at our school. The nominated class then needed to decide what their act of kindness would be and who it would be for. When the nominated class had completed their act of kindness they were entitled to announce to the school what they had done and then they were able to nominate another class. When a class completed their act of kindness Mrs. Savory brought the class to RES' Library Learning Commons to do a lesson with a "Bucket-Filling" theme.



Teaghan (KW)

Some of the random acts of kindness that have unfolded at RES so far this year include:  
**2F** spread "sweetness" by giving chocolates & compliment letters to staff & children. **1C** went to the Kindergarten classes to read a Halloween story and provided yummy treats! **4-3M** students each wrote a letter of appreciation to a person at RES that had helped them. **4S** treated KR and the teaching staff with a yummy chocolate. **KW** baked cookies & made hot apple cider for 5S. **5S** made special treat bags for KR and invited them up for a puzzle & game activity. **KR** was recently nominated by 5S ~ we wonder what act of kindness these young learners will come up with?!!

**Chess Club Update:**  
RES' K-5 Chess Clubs will be involved in our school's 2016 Chess Tournament beginning on Friday, February 12th. The top two students at each grade level will advance to Anglophone School District North's 2016 Chess Tournament which will be held on Saturday, March 19th. For your information, the 2016 Provincial Chess Tournament will be held in Edmundston on Saturday, April 16th.



RES' 2014-2015 Chess Camps!

**Schedule for REX-E's Student Council Fun Days**  
Friday, February 19th— School Colors Day (blue & white)  
Friday, February 26th—Super Hero Day  
Monday, February 29th—PINK SHIRT DAY (there is no fee for this event)  
Prizes will be available to be won on each Fun Day for students & staff who participate and pay \$1. All proceeds from this month's Fun Days will go towards helping to support former RES student, Emma Francis, who is currently experiencing difficulties with her vision.



# Rexton Elementary's 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.

## February 2016

- Skating Reminders:**
- All RES students will be going with us to the Bouctouche Arena on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016 to enjoy an hour of skating!
  - Our K-2 students will be skating from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and our grades 3-5 students will be on the ice from 10:30-11:30.
  - All students must wear a helmet if they are skating (a face-cage is recommended).
  - If your child does not have skates or a helmet, please let your child's teacher know ASAP (we do have a few pairs of skates at our school that we could lend to students).
  - If you have skates or helmets that you would be willing to donate or lend to us for March 2nd please let us know as soon as possible.
  - Parents who have Policy 701 training and a recent criminal record check are welcome to join us for our skating event BUT please notify your child's teacher prior to Feb. 26th.
  - FYI: Students will not be permitted to purchase items from the Arena's canteen.

### Staff Appreciation Week is February 15th-19th:

RES' teaching and non-teaching staff members absolutely ROCK!! These amazing staff member's ongoing dedication to our young learners will be recognized throughout the week of Feb. 15th-19th by RES' Home & School, students and the community. All parents wishing to help our Home & School with these acts of appreciation are asked to please call Kristi Triska (743-8919) or Roxy Hiron (521-5217).



Rose Jean with 5S students on Jan. 29th

### Happy Retirement!

On Friday, January 29th, Mrs. Rose Jean Cormier retired from ASD- North. Rose Jean had been a dearly loved Educational Assistant at Rexton Elementary School for over fifteen years! We wish Rose Jean a long, happy, & healthy retirement!!

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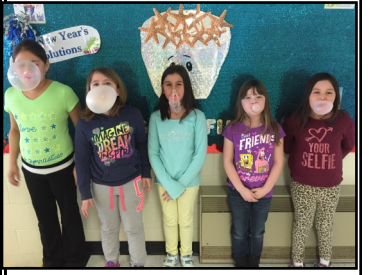
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### RES' 2016

#### Bubble Blowing Champs:

- Gr. 5R: Chelsey Arsenault
- Gr. 4S: Belle Ryan
- Gr. 3H: Kaylah El-Khoury
- Gr. 2F: Allison Vautour
- Gr. 1C: Julie Monahan



Deadline for registering Grade 2 students for **Grade 3 French Immersion** is **MONDAY, MARCH 14th**. For more information, check out RES' website (see address on back of this Newsletter).





**NO SCHOOL** for students on **Good Friday, March 25th, Easter Monday, March 28th or Friday, April 1st (Parent/Teacher meetings).**



Parents who have a child who will be 5 years old by Dec. 31st, 2016 are asked to please contact Rexton Elementary to register their child for our 2016-2017 Kindergarten classes. Information required to complete your child's registration for Kindergarten includes your child's:



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



Pictured above is RES' brand-new Library Learning Commons First Nations rug!! Our ten iPads & cases have arrived too ~ lots of learning fun in RES' Commons!!

## Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day: Monday, Feb. 29th



The last Wednesday of February is known as **Anti-Bullying or Pink Shirt Day** across Canada. Everyone is encouraged to wear pink shirts (pants, coats, mitts, hats, etc.) to school, work or wherever they go on **Monday, 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](http://www.pinkshirtday.ca)).



We encourage all RES staff, students and families to "stand up against bullying" by **wearing pink on Monday, February 29th, 2016.**

### RES' January 2016 Home & School Meeting Update

The following funding decisions were made at RES' January 2016 Home & School Meeting:

1. Scholastic Book Fair (scheduled for the week after Easter),
2. Grade 5 Farewell meal,
3. Science East presentation in mid-April
4. Paying 1/2 of the yearbook fee for each grade 5 student,
5. Starfish prizes,
6. One fieldtrip per class,
7. TNB presentation,
8. Nutrition Week,
9. Skating Rink fee & hot chocolate for our Winter Carnival,
10. Spelling Bee & Chess Trophies,
11. Family Literacy Day prizes,
12. Staff Appreciation, and
13. \$2000 will be donated to help purchase new curtains for RES stage!



A sincere thank-you to our **A-MAZ-ING** Home & School volunteers for helping to ensure that our learning environment continues to be an engaging place to learn & grow!!

### RES' 2015-2018 School Improvement Plan:

- Goal #1:** Improving K-5 students' reading comprehension skills.
- Goal #2:** Increasing student's writing/representing achievement.
- Goal #3:** Improving numeracy achievement with an increased emphasis on number sense.
- Goal #4:** Increasing students' use of scientific language & engage in inquiry-based learning.
- Goal #5:** Continuing to improve upon RES' inclusionary 21st century practices.



## Family Literacy & Storybook Character Day!

On Wednesday, January 27th RES' celebrated national Family Literacy Day by hosting its annual Dress-Up as a Storybook Character Day AND inviting our students' family members into our school in the afternoon to enjoy various literacy activities! Over 60 family members joined us for stories, skits, crafts, and even a game show in our grade 5 French Immersion class!

Special thanks to RES' Home & School for providing a \$10 Canadian Dollar Store gift card prize for our Storybook Character draw; the winners of these gift cards were: Faith (KW), Abby (1C), Meaghan (2F), Kori Dawn (3G), Kevin (4S) & Kendra (5R)! The visiting family members who won a Tim Horton's gift card (from our H & S) were Nathan Simon, Heather Warman, & Jennifer Reidpath.

Below is a sampling of photos from RES' 2016 fun-filled, 2016 Family Literacy Day:



## Safety First!



Due to serious health concerns for some of our students, our school and busses transporting students to AND from Rexton Elementary School need to be **nut-safe** (no peanuts, nuts, or almonds) and **scent-safe** (no perfumes or scented hair/body sprays).



Supervision @ RES begins at 8 a.m. Parents who drop their children off at the school in the mornings are asked to remain with their child until one of our supervising staff members (who is wearing a bright orange safety vest) arrives on duty.



Mrs. Barlow & Mrs. Thibeault

Thank-you for not parking in RES' Handicap Zone; this spot is reserved for parents of students (or for adults who intend to come into our school) who have physical challenges.

