

January 2010 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.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back everyone! We hope that all of our students and their families enjoyed a happy and healthy Christmas vacation. The RES teaching team look forward to working collaboratively with all families to ensure that our students' academic, social/emotional, and physical needs are met.

January and February promise to be very busy months at our elementary school. RES' January PSSC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20 and our second Interim Reports will go home with students on January 29th. Plans are well underway for celebrating the 2010 Winter Olympics, Heritage Week, AND RES' Winter Carnival. RES' K-5 Chess Club has begun and our school tournaments will be finalized by the end of February in preparation for District 16's annual Chess Tournament which will be held at Rexton Elementary on Saturday, March 13th. We encourage all parents to check RES' school website (www.rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca) frequently for upcoming events/meetings.



Chase Murphy & Jace MacDonald play a game of chess @ noon time

As we ring in a new year, Rexton Elementary School is thrilled to welcome back from her

Deferred Leave of Absence our Physical Education teacher, **Mrs. Kim Bowes!**

We are extremely pleased to welcome back to the RES teaching team **Ms. Heather Little** who will be working with RES students who need support in numeracy and **Ms. Sonya Tower** who will be working with students in grades 3-5 to enhance their reading and writing skills.

We are very happy to announce that **Mrs. Margaret Perry** has rejoined the RES Teacher Assistant team.

Finally, it saddens us to inform everyone that RES' Guidance Councilor, **Paul Melanson**, will be retiring at the end of this month. Therefore, Friday, January 29th will be Mr. Melanson Day at our fine, fine school! We encourage all former students and parents of our current students to drop-by to bid farewell to Mr. Melanson. A gigantic heartfelt "thank-you" and "congratulations" is extended to Mr. Melanson—we wish him continued good health & happiness as he embarks upon his retirement! ☺

Diane Wilson

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Due to the Winter Olympics, RES' 2010 Literacy PJ Night will be held this year in mid-March .

Kindergarten Registration



On Wednesday, **January 27th**, RES will be inviting its **Pre-Kindergarten students** and their parents to our school for a **Early Years workshop**. Also, in late March, RES' annual **Teddy Bear's Picnic** will be held at our fine, fine, school.

If you are aware of a child in the Rexton-area who will be 5 prior to December 31st, 2010 please inform the child's parents of how important it is to register their child for Kindergarten as soon as possible so that they do not miss these two very important learning opportunities.

For further information regarding Kindergarten registration, please contact our school secretary, Mrs. Agnew @ **523-7152**.

Dressing for the Winter Weather

Once again this years, we urge all parents to continue to ensure that their children are dressed warmly for fun during our outdoor recesses. All students (including RES' grades 3-5 students) need to wear snow pants and boots during outdoor recesses so that they can make the most of our snowy wonderland.

Students are also encouraged to have an extra pair of mittens/gloves in their book bags in the event that they get wet on the playground. Melting snow often results in puddles of water on our school floors and so it is also very important that all students have a pair of indoor shoes that can be kept in their locker throughout the school day.



Morgan, Austin, and Leroy sport their winter weather clothing (and smiles!) at a RES' outdoor recess

2009-2010 School Improvement Plan & January PSSC Meeting

RES' January 2010 PSSC meeting will be held in conjunction with the District 16 PSSC information video conference on Wednesday, January 20th beginning at 6:30 at Bonar Law Memorial School.

The Provincial Report Card indicating how our school performed on the 2009 provincial Literacy & Numeracy Assessments is currently available on the Department of Education's website @ <http://www.gnb.ca/0000/index-e.asp> (click on *Report on Achievement 2008-2009*).

After analyzing and evaluating our 2009 Assessment data, Rexton Elementary's teaching teams have reached consensus on what strategies will be used to implement our 2009-2010 School Improvement Goals. An in-depth examination of RES' 2009 assessment results, as well as an overview of our 2009-2010 School Improvement Plan will be presented to RES' PSSC members following our video conference on Wednesday, January 20th. **All RES parents are, as always, welcomed & encouraged to attend this PSSC meeting.**

Balancing Act Newsletter Insert

RES' grade 5 students have an addition insert in this month's Newsletter. The primary purpose of this insert is to provide nutritional information to our youth. We encourage our Grade 5 students to review the insert with their parents, complete and return the ballot to their homeroom teacher by Friday, Jan. 22nd. **Thank-you to the author of the Balancing Act Newsletter, Katherine Sanipass.**

NB's Fire Prevention Winner is ...



Pictured on the left, is a very proud Willi McLaughlin holding onto our REX-E as he poses for a picture with Rexton fire-fighter Darrell Hannah. During Rexton Elementary's January 15th Sparkling Starfish Assembly, Mr. Hannah delivered a surprise announcement that RES grade 2 student, Willi McLaughlin, is the winner of the provincial Fire Prevention contest—
CONGRATULATIONS, WILLI!!!



Ms. Mazerolle's grade 1 class has been participating in the Scholastic Reading challenge of reading 100 books in 100 days. These students and their teacher are beaming because they successfully attained their goal of reading 100 books (in a read-aloud setting with their teacher) in less than (<) 100 days of school—
CONGRATULATION 1J!!

Food Safety Tips

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) recommends that we:

- 1) Keep safe from food borne illnesses by washing hands and surfaces often.
- 2) Wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food, and after changing diapers, touching pets and using the washroom. Twenty seconds is how long it takes to sing the Happy Birthday song, twice.



Subscribe to the CFIA's free e-mail Food Recalls/Allergy Alerts subscription service which is available at www.inspection.gc.ca to automatically receive e-mail updates on food recalls. Being informed about food recalls is helpful, practical and in some cases, can be life-saving!

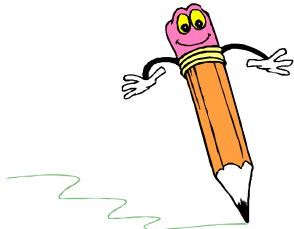
RES' 2010 January-February Events Calendar

Date	Events
Tuesday, January 19th	RES' "Lots of Love for Haiti" Fundraiser
Wednesday, January 20th	RES' January PSSC Meeting (to be held @ BLMS at 6:30 p.m.)
Friday, January 29th	Mr. Melanson Day @ RES
	RES' January Interim Reports go home with students
Monday, February 8th	RES' 2010 Heritage Week Assembly
Friday, February 12th	RES' Valentine's Day Parties
Monday, February 15th	National Flag Day—Wear Red/White Day @ RES
Friday, February 22-26th	RES' Winter Olympics Week!
Monday, March 1st-5th	MARCH BREAK—NO SCHOOL

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RES' January 2010
Newsletter Student Ballot
Question:
Why is RES having a RED &
WHITE DAY on Monday,
February 15th?

Please clip & return to the
school by January 22, 2010
for a chance to win a prize
at our February 8th
Assembly.

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____



Davey Paul was delighted to
see Firefighter Darrell
Hannah during RES' January
Sparkling Starfish Assembly

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

On Friday, January 29th, RES' Guidance Councilor, Mr. Paul Melanson, will retire from teaching. The following is brief snapshot of Mr. Melanson's life as a student, family man, teacher/Guidance Councilor and colleague:

Mr. Melanson graduated from Ecole Secondaire Vanier in 1969. He graduated from St. Thomas University in 1976, with a Bachelor of Arts, after studying sociology and social work. He met a gorgeous woman named Debbie during his first year at STU and he married her at the end of year three.

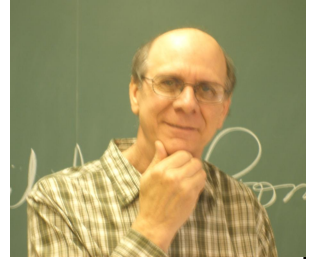
Mr. Melanson was employed as a Social Worker by the province in 1977 and he worked out of the Richibucto office. When Mr. Melanson and his wife moved to Richibucto, Debbie was hired to teach at the High School in Richibucto that fall and her husband then left social work and enrolled in a Bachelor of Education program in 1980. In 1982 a beautiful baby, Genevieve, joined the Melanson family. A son, Justin, came along in 1984 and their daughter, Katie, in 1987. The Melanson family built their house in 1983 with the help of Mr. Melanson's father and some friends.

Mr. Melanson worked at various contracts as a teacher for the N.B. Community College from 1980 to 1989. He alternated between being a house-Daddy with 3 small children, to being a teacher for the Community College during these years. Mr. Melanson simply loved being "house Daddy". Mr. Melanson took up sewing during this time and his wife wore his creations almost exclusively for a few years until he was hired as a teacher at Bonar Law School (teaching was so busy that Mr. Melanson had to stop sewing)!

Mr. Melanson was hired by the local school district and took up teaching duties at Bonar Law School in 1989. He then transferred to the Rexton Elementary School as a guidance counselor in 1990 and has been at RES ever since. Mr. Melanson chased after night courses in Moncton and in Miramichi until he completed his Masters in Education degree with a concentration in Guidance in 1995.

THANK-YOU

**Mr. Melanson for your
dedicated service to the
children of New Brunswick!**



Pictured above (from right-to-left) is Mr. Melanson with his lovely bride of 31 years, Debbie Hopper, and their eldest daughter, Genny.