

January 2011 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.



Welcome 2011 ☺

Happy New Year everyone!! As we ring in a new year, Rexton Elementary School is thrilled to welcome back all our students and staff. We hope that everyone enjoyed a happy and healthy Christmas vacation and after a nice, rejuvenating rest are eager to resume our learning journey together. **The RES teaching team look forward to continuing to collaborate with all families to ensure that our students' academic, social/emotional, and physical needs are met in 2011 and beyond!**

January and February 2011 promises to be very busy months at our elementary school. RES' annual Family Literacy Night will be held on Thursday, January 27th and our second Interim Reports for the 2010-2011 school year will go home with students on Friday, January 28th. Plans are well underway for celebrating the 2011 Heritage Week AND RES' Winter Interlude in conjunction with Canada's 2010 Winter Games. RES' K-5 Chess Club is working hard in preparation for our school tournaments which will be finalized by the first week of March; District 16's annual Chess Tournament which will be held at Rexton Elementary on Saturday, March 19th and the Provincial Chess Tournament being held in Fredericton on Saturday, April 9th.

We encourage all RES parents interested in keeping abreast of the events/meetings taking place at Rexton Elementary to frequently check-out RES' school website:

<http://rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca>; every effort is made to update our school website on a daily basis and all notices sent home with students can be found on our website as well.

RES is pleased to welcome back to the RES teaching team **Ms. Sonya Tower**, who will be working with RES students in grades 3-5 to enhance their reading/writing skills. We are also very happy to welcome **Mrs. Devon Stoddart** and her son, **Sawyer**, to **Ms. Maggie Murphy's** grade 2 classroom to implement the District's *Roots of Empathy* program.



RES is thrilled to introduce to our teaching staff **Ms. Serena Sock** who has taken on the role of First Nations Liaison between Rexton Elementary School and Elsipogtog. We are also delighted to welcome three student teachers to our elementary school this term: 1) **Mona Francis** will be working in Mrs. Haley Murphy's grade 1 class, 2) **Rosalee Barlow** will be working in Mrs. Angela Savory's grade 2 class, and 3) **Katrina Clair** will be working in Mrs. Toby Daigle's grade 4 class! We are thrilled to have all our new teaching professionals joining our teaching

team, working with us to ensure that all our kids continue to come first!! I wish all students and staff continued learning success as we enter the year 2011!! **Mrs. Wilson, Principal**

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On Thursday, December 16th, RES hosted a Christmas Craft Night to raise funds for our Dream Playground.

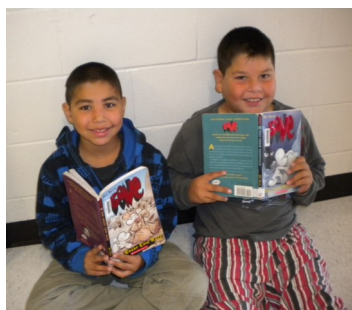
Pictured above (back row, on the far left) is the winner of RES' Dream Playground Christmas Craft Night Basket, **Sandra Thompson**.

RES' Fluoride Program

RES will begin its Fluoride Program during the week of January 18th.

Bullying at RES

Survey:



Within the last few weeks of 2010, RES students were presented information about what bullying is. Within the next two weeks, all K-5 RES students will be completing a survey relating to bullying behaviors at our school. RES parents will also be asked to complete our Bullying Survey in early February. Once we have collected all the

surveys and have analyzed this important data, we will be reporting our findings to our PSSC and to all RES parents via our school website and March Newsletter.

We thank-you in advance for your continuing support in helping us maintain a safe & positive learning environment!

Dressing for the Winter Weather



Once again this year, we urge all parents to continue to ensure that their children are dressed warmly for fun during our outdoor recesses. All students will be going outside at morning and noon recesses unless, of course, it is raining or extremely cold (below -14 degrees Celsius). All K-5 RES students need to wear snow pants and boots during outdoor recesses so that they can make the most of our snowy winter wonderland.

Parents are also encouraged to ensure that their child has an extra pair of mittens/gloves in their book bags in the event that their first pair gets wet on the playground during our first recess. 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 they can wear whilst inside and that can be kept in their locker throughout the school day.



RES' November 30th, 2010 PSSC Meeting

The Provincial Report Card indicating how RES students performed on the 2010 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 2009-2010*).

After analyzing and evaluating our 2009-2010 Assessment data, Rexton Elementary's teaching teams have reached consensus on what strategies will be used to implement our 2010-2011 School Improvement Goals. An in-depth examination of RES' 2010 Provincial Assessment results, as well as an overview of our 2010-2011 School Improvement Plan will be presented to RES' PSSC members at our February 10th PSSC meeting. **All RES parents are, as always, welcomed & encouraged to attend this PSSC meeting.** Non-PSSC members who wish to address the committee at our February meeting will need to contact our PSSC Chairperson, Sheena Sturgeon, in order to be added to our February PSSC Agenda; please call our school secretary, Mrs. Agnew, at 523-7152 to obtain Mrs. Sturgeon's contact information.

Cartier CO-Op Foundation Supports RES' Dream!

Rexton Elementary's Dream Playground Committee (and indeed the entire Rexton community) is anxiously awaiting news from the AVIVA Community Fund as to whether our quest to receive \$25,000 to put towards improving our playground was successful. We anticipate that a decision will be announced on January 25th.

Pictured at the right is Cartier Foundations' Mr. Paul LeBlanc as he presents RES Principal, Mrs. Diane Wilson, with a very generous cheque of \$5700! This money will be used to purchase new playground equipment for Rexton Elementary's Dream Playground.



RES' 2010 Anti-Bullying Day



RES students and staff participated in our second annual Anti-Bullying Day on Friday, December 17th. Students/staff wore blue to symbolize how sad (blue) they feel about bullying. All students were invited to attend our Anti-Bullying Assembly during our morning recess on Friday, December 17th to view a video presentation

entitled, "What is Bullying". RES students were given a blue-ribbon to wear on their lapel to commemorate this significant day. Pictured on the left are the students who gave up their morning recess to participate in this year's Anti-Bullying Assembly.

RES' 2010 Breakfast With Santa



On Monday, December 20th, RES' students were treated to a high dining experience right in our school cafeteria. Students were led into our festively decorated cafeteria and served a fancy Christmas breakfast of cheddar, fruit/yogurt, pancakes and juice/milk. Special guests for our breakfast included District 16 Superintendent, Lawrence Keoughan, and of course, SANTA!!



On December 23rd, RES' K-2 Drama Club presented: *A Reindeer Christmas*



On December 15th, RES' Grades 3-5 Drama Club Presented: *Santa is Smarter*

RES' 2011 Chess Club Schedule



Keen RES chess players: Jannah & Andrew

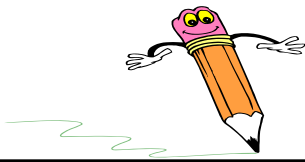
RES' K-2 Chess Club students play chess from 11:55-12:40 on Day 2. RES' Grades 3-5 Chess Club students play chess from 11:55-12:40 on Day 4. Due to the limited time available to play chess, all RES Chess Club students are expected to bring a lunch from home on the day their grade level has Chess Club, so that they do not have to wait in line at the cafeteria to buy their lunch.



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Student Ballot Question:
When is RES Family Literacy PJ
Night?

Please clip & return to the
school by January 27th, 2011
for your chance to win a prize at
our
Family Literacy PJ Night.

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____



**Friday, January 21st
is Crrrazy Hair Day**

Students/staff are
asked to pay at least
\$1.00 to wear their
weirdest, zaniest hair-
style! All proceeds from
this "fun"raiser will go
towards the
IWK hospital.

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



WHAT? RES' 4th Annual Family Literacy PJ Night

WHEN? Thursday, January 27th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

WHERE? RES' Cafeteria/Gymnasium

WHO? RES' Students & Parents/Guardians are invited!

**ADMISSION? Your free-will donation to RES'
Dream "Play"ground would be greatly
appreciated!!**

Family Literacy Day takes place annually on January 27th to celebrate adults and children reading and learning together, and to encourage Canadians to spend at least 15 minutes enjoying a learning activity as a family every day. This year's Literacy Day theme is **Play for Literacy!**

RES' **Play for Literacy** will include all types of play that encourages literacy and numeracy - board games, card games and word games are just a few of the fun activities that we will explore to promote reading, spelling and numeracy. A snack will be provided and we will draw for prizes for children and adults who wear their pajamas! We encourage all RES families to join us for playtime on **Thursday, January 27th!**



ATTENDANCE POLICY:

It is expected that all students in New Brunswick's public school system attend school regularly, arriving on time for class and remaining for the entire school day. Parents are reminded that when their child is unable to attend school, that they are to notify the school as soon as possible. When the child returns to school after being absent, parents are expected to send in a written, dated excuse to the child's teacher that includes the child's name, the date the child was absent and the parent's signature.