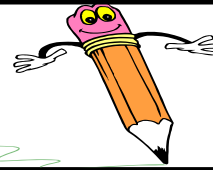


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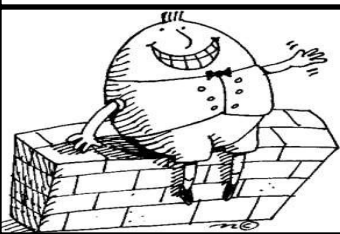


RES' January 2012 Newsletter
Student Ballot Question:
**When is RES Family
Literacy PJ Night?**

Please clip & return to the
school by January 25th, 2012
for your chance to win a prize at
our Family Literacy PJ Night.

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____



**Dress-up as a
Storybook
Character Day**

*What? Enjoyable event
to promote literacy*
When? Fri. January 27th
Where? RES
*Why? To celebrate
national Family
Literacy Day!!*

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



WHAT? RES' 5th Annual Family Literacy PJ Night

WHEN? Thursday, January 26th from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

WHERE? RES' Cafeteria/Gymnasium

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

ADMISSION? Your free-will donation to support
RES' efforts to purchase new reading
materials for our school library would
be greatly appreciated!!

Family Literacy Day takes place annually at the end of January to celebrate adults and children reading/learning together and to encourage Canadians to spend at least fifteen (15) minutes enjoying a learning activity as a family every day. This year's Literacy Day theme is *Learning Happens in Everything We Do!*

RES' Family Literacy Night will include all types of activities that encourage literacy and numeracy:

- Board/Card/Word games & Karaoke,
- Special Guest Read-alouds (in English, French, and Mi'kmaq),
- Local Authors & Songwriters,
- Partner/shared reading & creating a personal bookmark,
- Information stations will be available to help everyone learn how to increase their family's literacy,
- A snack will be provided and children and adults who wear their pajamas will have a chance to win prizes, AND
- Every RES student who brings an adult to our Family Literacy Night will be able to fill in a ballot to win a grand prize for his/her classroom!



To find out more information about our national Family Literacy Month & Day please visit <http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca>. Please find enclosed in this Newsletter: a) Literacy Passport, b) Coloring sheet & Comic Strip for ABC Family Literacy's competition, c) ABC's Bookmark, and d) Daily Literacy Ideas/Strategies Sheets.

Please make plans to join us for RES' Family Literacy PJ Night which will be held on Thursday, January 26th!!

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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! 😊

Happy New Year and welcome back to all of RES' students and staff members! We trust that each of you enjoyed a safe, happy and healthy Christmas vacation and we hope that after a lengthy, rejuvenating rest that you are keen to resume our learning journey together. RES' teaching team are eager to collaborate with your family to ensure that your child's academic, social/emotional, and physical needs are met in 2012!

RES is especially happy to welcome back to our fine, fine school our Music and Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Janice Hall-Short! We are also pleased to welcome our brand-new Grades 3-5 Literacy Clinician, Ms. Brenda McFadden, who will be working with RES students in grades 3-5 to enhance their reading/writing skills. We are also pleased to announce that Ms. Candice Gallivan will be able to continue as KC's teacher until the end of June.

Events Calendar for January–February 2012	
Wed. Jan. 18th 6:30-7:45	RES' Home & School General Meeting
Thursday, January 26th	RES' Family Literacy Night
Thursday, January 26th	RES' Family Literacy & PJ Night
February 13-20th	Heritage Week
Friday, February 24th	Minister's Exemption Day (no school)
Feb. 27th-March 2nd	Winter Interlude (a.k.a. Carnival)

I am sure that you will all agree that Rexton Elementary is blessed. We have 263 talented and eager students, whose extended families collaborate with RES' dynamic teaching professionals to ensure that all our kids are prepared for the challenges of the 21st century!! I wish all students and staff continued learning success as we enter the second half of the 2011-2012 school year. Wishing you a happy and healthy 2012! ~ Mrs. Wilson, Principal



**This month's newsletter is dedicated
in loving memory of
Jessie River Lynn Francis-Leger.
Our thoughts and prayers remain with
Jessie's parents, family, and friends.**

(Photo Taken by C. Wood)

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*RES would like to express our sincere gratitude for the tremendous support that our entire learning community has shown our students & staff as we continue to cope with the tragedy of losing our Jessie Francis-Leger ...
God Bless.*



RES' Technical Devices Policy

A reminder that RES students **are not permitted to have technical devices** such as cell phones, DS and other video-type games, Ipods, etc. at our school or on our school buses. Please see page 7 of RES' Student Handbook for more information.

RES' 2012 Chess Club Schedule



Day 1: K-1 students

Day 2: Grade 2s

Day 3: Grade 3s

Day 4: Grade 4s & 5s

All RES Chess Club students are expected to bring a lunch from home on the day their grade level has Chess Club.

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 excuse to the child's teacher that includes the child's name, the date the child was absent and the parent's signature. Parents of RES students who are absent from school because of a doctor or dental appointment should obtain a note from the physician when they are at their appointment and send this note to their child's classroom teacher.

RES' Students Dress for NB's Wintry Weather



We urge all parents/guardians to continue to ensure that their child is 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 are required 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. And since melting snow often results in puddles of water on our school floors, it is essential that all students have a pair of indoor shoes that may be kept in their locker throughout the school day.



RES' Achievement Results & PSSC Meeting

The Provincial Report Card indicating how Rexton Elementary School students performed on the 2011 provincial Literacy & Numeracy Assessments is currently available on the Department of Education's website @ <http://www.gnb.ca/0000/index-e.asp> (just click on *Report on Achievement*, then *District 16*, and finally *Rexton Elementary*).

After analyzing and evaluating our 2010-2011 Assessment data, Rexton Elementary's teaching teams have reached consensus on what strategies will be used to implement our 2011-2012 School Improvement Goals. An in-depth examination of RES' 2011 Provincial Assessment results, as well as an overview of our 2011-2012 School Improvement Plan will be presented to RES' PSSC members at our January PSSC meeting. **All RES parents are, as always, welcomed & encouraged to attend this PSSC meeting.** For your information, non-PSSC members who wish to address our PSSC committee at our January meeting will need to contact our PSSC Chairperson, Kaleigh Fletcher, in order to be added to our January PSSC Agenda; please call our school secretary, Ms. Carla Hudson, at 523-7152 to obtain Mrs. Fletcher's contact information.

District 16's New Acting-Superintendent



Patricia Lee, Chairperson of District 16's Education Council announced on December 21st that Nancy Boucher has been appointed to the position of Acting Superintendent in our District. According to Ms. Lee, "Ms. Boucher has been employed with District 15 for 27 years as a teacher, a principal, a Learning Specialist, and of the last five years as Director of Education". We congratulate and welcome Ms. Boucher to her new role within our dynamic district!

RES' 2011 Anti-Bullying Blue Day

RES students and staff participated in our third annual Anti-Bullying Day on Friday, December 16th. Students/staff wore blue to symbolize how sad (blue) we feel about bullying. Pictured below are students in Mrs. Stephanie Flanagan's Grade 2 class and Ms. Breanna Flanagan's Grade 4 class dressed in blue on RES' Anti-Bullying Blue Day.



RES' Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day & NED Show will be held on February 29th.

RES' 2011 Breakfast with Santa



On Monday, December 12th, RES' students were treated to a high dining experience in Rexton Elementary's school cafeteria. Following the singing of O Canada in the gymnasium, our K-2 students were led into our festively decorated cafeteria and served a balanced and tasty Christmas breakfast of fruit/yogurt, cheddar, pancakes and juice/milk.



Once the K-2 students had been served their breakfast, our grades 3-5 students were escorted into the cafeteria for their breakfast.



A sincere **thank-you** to all RES Student Council, Breakfast Volunteers & staff members who lovingly created this magical and delicious event!



Bullying at RES Survey & Anti-Bullying Policy



- 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 RES' staff, PSSC and Student Council & Peace-Keepers for feedback.
 - Results will also be made available via our school website & March Newsletter.
 - RES' Positive Learning & Working Environment Policy will be presented for final tweaking & approval at RES' March PSSC meeting.
 - RES' PLEWP, including tips on how teachers/parents can help their children deal with bullying, will be presented at an information meeting in early April.
- Thank-you for your continuing support in helping us maintain a safe & positive learning environment!