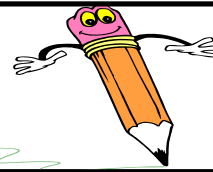


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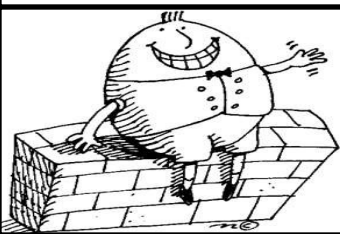


RES' January 2013 Newsletter  
Student Ballot Question:  
**When is Canada's  
Family Literacy Day?**

Please clip & return to the  
school by Friday, January 25th,  
2013 for your chance to win a  
prize at our Starfish Assembly.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_



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

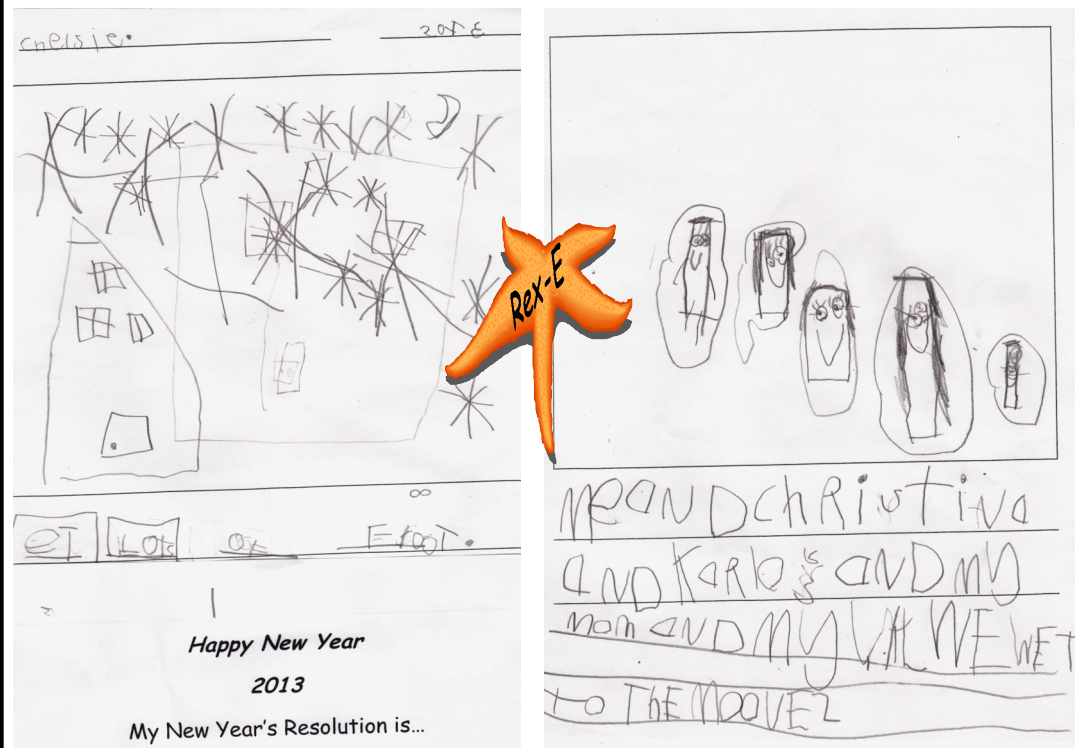
*What?* Enjoyable event  
to promote literacy  
*When?* Friday, Feb 1st  
*Where?* RES  
*Why?* To celebrate &  
promote national  
Family Literacy  
Week.

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

*Event Calendar for January—February 2013*

Date/Time	Event
Saturday, January 19th @ 11 a.m.	Early Years Evaluation Direct Assessment (EYE-DA)
Wednesday, January 21st @ 7 p.m.	RES' Home & School General Meeting
Friday, January 25th	RES' Student Council Jersey Day Fundraiser ~ to buy a gift for the students at Sandy Hook Elementary School
Sunday, January 27th	National Family Literacy Day
Monday, January 28th @ 2 p.m.	Cafeteria Service Provider Meeting
Tuesday, January 29th	RES' Book Sale Begins: each book will cost \$1
Wednesday, January 30th @ 6:30	RES PSSC Meeting
Monday, January 28th-Feb. 1st	RES' Family Literacy Week
February 1st	Dress Up as a Storybook Character Day
February 13-20th	Heritage Week
Friday, February 24th	Minister's Exemption Day (no school for students)
February 27th-March 2nd	Winter Interlude (Carnival)

**REX-E's Wow-Writing Corner: Kindergarten Samples!**



**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' 2013  
Chess Club  
Schedule**



Day 2: Grade 2s

Day 3: Grade 3s

Day 4: Grade 4s & 5s

Day 5: Grades K-1



It is expected that all students in New Brunswick's public school system attend school regularly, arrive on time for class, and remain 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**

All students go outside at morning and noon recesses unless it is raining or extremely cold (below -14 degrees Celsius). Therefore, we urge all parents/guardians to continue to ensure that their child is dressed warmly for fun during our outdoor recesses.



- All RES students are required to wear a winter jacket, snow pants, and winter boots during outdoor recesses.
- All students should also have at school an extra pair of mittens/gloves, jeans/pants, socks, & underwear in case they get wet during our recesses.
- Whereas melting snow often results in puddles-of-water on our school floors, it is especially important 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 Report Card indicating how Rexton Elementary School students performed on the 2012 provincial Reading, Writing, and 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 *Anglophone District North*, and finally *Rexton Elementary*).

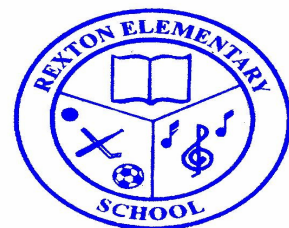
After analyzing and evaluating our 2012 assessment data, Rexton Elementary's teaching teams have determined what our learning goals will be for the 2012-2013 School Improvement Plan. An in-depth examination of RES' 2012 Provincial Assessment results was presented to RES' PSSC members at our December PSSC meeting. Our 2012-2013 School Improvement Plan will be presented to RES' PSSC at our next meeting which will be held on Wednesday, January 30th beginning at 6:30 p.m. **All RES parents are, as always, welcome & 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, Dave Gaudet, in order to be added to our January PSSC Agenda. Please call our school secretary, Ms. Carla Hudson, at 523-7152 to obtain Mr. Gaudet's contact information.

RES' Assessment Data	Province % at or above appropriate 2012	District % at or above appropriate 2012	RES % at or above appropriate 2012	RES % at or above appropriate 2011	RES % at or above appropriate 2010
Grade 2 Reading	79.1%	84.4%	88.1%	83.6%	77.6%
Grade 2 Writing	77.5%	84.8%	99.9%	76.4%	65.3%
Grade 4 Reading	77.1%	74.1%	40.6%	80.0%	87.2%
Grade 4 Writing	58.2%	59.8%	31%	35.0%	55.3%
Grade 5 Math	63.7%	64.2%	62.2%	54.2%	65.4%

# January 2013 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.



## Happy New Year! 😊

Happy New Year and welcome back to all students and staff and a very special welcome to our new students and their families as well! 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 eager to resume our learning journey together! **RES' entire teaching team are keen to collaborate with your family to ensure that your child's academic, social/emotional, and physical needs are met in 2013 (and beyond)!** Wishing you a happy and healthy 2013!  
**Mrs. Wilson, Principal**

### Safety & Security at Rexton Elementary School

*"The tragic events in Connecticut have indeed changed our world and I will be counting on each of you to cooperate and help us make our buildings as safe as possible".*  
 (Superintendent Nancy Boucher, January 10/13)

Like many around the world, our Rexton Elementary School community is deeply saddened by the tragic events that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newton, CT on Friday, Dec. 16, 2012. We want to assure parents/guardians and students that Rexton Elementary School is committed to maintaining both a safe and invitational learning environment. We have policies, procedures and protocols regarding safety and as you know these are rehearsed on a regular basis. The devastating events that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary have caused us all to reflect on our own practices. We ask that you please review, follow, and find comfort in the following Rexton Elementary School procedures:

- All visitors to Rexton Elementary must sign in at the office and wear a visitor's nametag.** A visitor to our school is anyone who does not work in our building on a daily basis. Any visitor who enters our school building or playground area must: a) Report to the secretary, b) Indicate a sign-in time on our sign-in sheet, c) Obtain and wear a school visitor nametag, and d) Prior to leaving our school building/property, visitors must sign-out and return the school nametag.
- Please help to limit distractions in our learning environment during our very busy day by:** a) Sending your child's lunch and book bag to school with him/her every day, b) Ensuring that your child comes to school and goes home on his/her regular bus, and c) If you need to pick your child up (but he/she normally goes home on a bus) send a note to your child's teacher in his/her Agenda.

We want to share with you that we are striving to teach our students to listen purposefully when all office announcements are being made. To that end, RES has been working diligently to limit the number of intercom announcements made throughout our instructional day. **Beginning immediately, we will only be making dismissal announcements for our K-2 students at 1:50 AND at 3:05 p.m. for our Grades 3-5 students.**

Finally, **thank-you** for your ongoing support in helping us keep all of our children safe!! Please find below resources that might be of some assistance when talking to your child about the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy:

How Parents Can Help Children After a Crisis: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/communications/dealingwithtragedy.htm>

How Children Deal with a Crisis: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/communications/dealingwithtragedy.htm>

Helping My Child Cope: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/communications/dealingwithtragedy.htm>



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  - RES' Book Sale
  - Literacy Week Readers
  - Successful Using Math

### Homework Hints for Parents

We recognize that a great many things have changed since our students' parents were elementary school students, but one thing remains the same:

**RES students are expected to do homework every school night.**



Research has shown that spending a few minutes a day/evening working with your child regarding their addition/subtraction and/or multiplication/division facts increases your child's confidence and ability in Mathematics. For more information please contact your child's classroom teacher.

## RES' 2012 Breakfast with Santa

On Monday, December 17th RES students were treated to a high-dining experience in Rexton Elementary's school cafeteria. After the playing of our country's national anthem, our hungry young students were led into our festively decorated cafeteria. Once our little ones were settled, our teaching staff served students a tasty, nutritious Christmas breakfast of fruit/yogurt, pancakes and juice/milk.



Once our youngest students finished eating their breakfast, our grades 3-5 students were then escorted into the cafeteria for their breakfast.



A sincere **thank-you** to all RES Breakfast Volunteers & staff members who lovingly prepared this scrumptious, healthy, and festive meal for our youngsters!

## Autism in Education Website



The Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) has initiated a project to promote inter-provincial collaboration in the area of autism.

The goal of this project is to advance knowledge of best practices in the education of children and youth with autism spectrum disorders.

### To register:

- Go to: <http://www.apsea.ca/aie/>
- "Click here to register" located under the "Sign-In" button.
- Enter a user name (e.g. JSmith), your e-mail address, create a password and type in the image validation code.
- Click "Register"
- You will receive an e-mail indicating that you have requested to register and asked to confirm by replying
- Confirm the e-mail
- You will then be able to sign-in to the full website.