

# REXTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## March–April 2010 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.



### RES' News Reporting Team

Recently, an invitation to form a school reporting team was answered enthusiastically by seven grade 5 students: **Adonica Scarling, Anna Murphy, Brianna Forbes, Katie Hannah, Mackenzie Wilson, Madison Robichaud, and Sarah McDermott.**

This leadership team of young people assisted with RES' NED SHOW Sale of Yo-Yos and these eager news-hounds will also be the first RES students to deliver our Morning Announcements via RES' Website; we are thrilled to announce that RES' News Reporting Team has also submitted several of this month's Newsletter articles. Congratulations and thank-you to each Reporter. Other RES students who are interested in joining our Reporting Team are encouraged to discuss this request with Mrs. Wilson as soon as possible.

### RES' 2010 Winter Carnival Events



#### Tug-of-War by Ms. Brianna Forbes

I felt a jolt of excitement and bad sportsmanship as I entered the gym. I couldn't wait to grip the rough tug-of-war rope and tug with all my might! "Who will go first" chanted Mrs. Wilson, "Quietest group goes first" challenged Mrs. Wilson. Of course, Grade 3 went first and then Grade 4, followed by Grade 5. After a long wait and cheering loudly, I heard, "5C vs. 5S!" After that, it was like a standing ovation when everyone around me stood up. As I trotted over to the middle of the gym, I thought to myself: why am I even smirking? My class never wins. As I clutched the long, thick, scratchy rope I felt confident. I thought for 2 minutes like we were going to win but as soon as I saw Debbie, Conor, Mason, and Mickey I knew we were no match for them! As soon as Mrs. Bowes cried "go", I felt a lung pull me forward. I strained to keep on my feet but 5C had already won. I heard the ear-bleeding whistle blow and I stumbled to the ground. Another Tug-of-War down the drain! (*Winning Classes @ RES' 2010 Tug-of-War were: KR, 1C, 2S, 3F, 4B, 5C*)

#### Balloon Relay by Ms. Sarah McDermott

You know the feeling when the school bell rings on Friday afternoon? Well that is how RES felt on the day of our astonishing Balloon Relay Event. First, we lined-up in lines, by grade level. Kindergartners went first then Grade 1, 2, etc. As the person in front of you starts to go, your heart starts to pound and then it's your turn! The cold air in you face and the excitement last for a few seconds until you approach the other side of the gym and the Relay is over. The thing you have been waiting for so long is over in a matter of 30 seconds. I know that many RES students can't wait until next year's astonishing Balloon Relay!

#### Sock-Hop by Ms. Anna Murphy

Lights were flashing all over the gym in almost every color. Being there had me in a rainbow state of mind! Little kids were breaking out Break Dances, while older kids were doing the Tango. A few people were next to the lights dazzled at how bright there were. What could this amazingly fun description be—the one and only RES Sock-Hop! Everyone of the RES students loved coming to the Sock-Hop because it was nothing short of the BEST!

#### Slippin' & Sliding by Adonica Scarling

As the recess bell rings, the students rush out of homeroom excited as they can be to get to get on the slopes. People race up & down the slopes. As I watched there were starfish wiping out on their GTs, saucers, and snowboards but most of all CRAZY CARPETS! Everyone was having a blast! Then the most dreadful thing happened: the bell rang. Nobody wanted to go back inside especially the Grade 5s because this was their last Slippin' & Sliding event at Rexton Elementary; they'll have to leave these memories behind when they go to EGMS!

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#### RES "So You Think You Can Dance" Winners:

The following students were selected to represent RES at the District Competition: **Debbie Vandoorn, Mackenzie Wilson, Ali Arsenault and Sylvi Comeau**



## Kindergarten Registration



On Wednesday, March 31st RES will be holding its annual **Teddy Bear's Picnic** for our **2010-2011 Pre-Kindergarten students**.

There will be **no school** for our current Kindergarten students on **March 31st**.

For more information phone the school @ 523-7152.

**Free-Skating at Rexton's Curling Club on Friday, April 9th—everyone's invited!**



## Grade 3 French Immersion Class for 2010-2011 School Year?

The District will be making the decision to have a Grade by the end-of-April.

## Lion's Clubs Supporting RES Starfish

The Rexton Lions Club recently donated \$500. to our fine, fine school to assist us in purchasing new window blinds. The Richibucto Lions Club also donated \$500. to our school so that we would be able to purchase warm clothing for our youngsters. A sincere "thank-you" to both community organizations for their generosity!

## RES' March 2010

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Please complete & return to the school by March 29th the Parent/Teacher form inserted in this month's Newsletter.

## RES' 2010 Winter Carnival Events (continued)

### Ball-Hockey by Ms. Madison Robichaud

Well, most kids would be happy it's a SNOW DAY but not me! Friday, the day before the March Break, we were going to have a students vs. staff ball-hockey game at our school. I was line 10 with my cousin Matthew and our friends: Jonah, Brianna, and MaKayla. I think we would have won the game because we have like 20 hockey players in our school and all the other kids were willing to try. When my dad said, "no school" on Friday, February 26th, I was flipping-off the walls. I was so eager to play and I did not have a lot to do that day. Oh well, I did get to watch TV—that's something!

### Inukshuk Building by Ms. Katie Hannah

In honor of the Olympics, RES Sparkling Starfish students Katie, Mackenzie, Debbie and Dakota helped to construct the Inukshuk that was out in the front of our school during the month of February. We would like to thank Mrs. H. Murphy & Mr. Robertson for helping us build the Inukshuk.



### Skating Party by Mackenzie Wilson

I think that we should have a Skating Party at the Elsipogtog Rink, on a Thursday or Friday, because our school never got to go on the last day of school before the March Break. Most students work very hard and we want to stay fit and burn-off some energy! This can also develop school spirit—way to go REX-E!!

(Mackenzie surveyed RES students to determine how many wanted to have a Skating Party and she collected 85 names for her petition! The staff is in agreement with Mackenzie but ice-time seems to be the issue. A staff vs. students indoor hockey game might be an agreeable compromise?)

## Health & Safety @ RES



### Update on RES' Radon Levels:

As a follow-up to the article written in RES' February Newsletter regarding RES' Radon levels we are very pleased to report that the RES room that was reported to have a Radon level of 208 Bq/m<sup>3</sup> has been retested. According to District 16's Head Maintenance Supervisor, Roy Lavigne, **subsequent testing at RES revealed that the testing mechanism that was initially used in this room was actually placed in a corner-pocket of the room, resulting in inaccurate results. Further and more elaborate testing in this room indicated that this room's Radon level was 135 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>, well below the maximum acceptable level of 200 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>.**

RES' staff will continue to ensure that their classroom windows are opened at least twice a day to allow a flow of fresh air to ribbon through our classes and corridors. Further information on Radon is available on the New Brunswick Department of Health website at <http://www.gnb.ca/0053/radon/index-e.asp>.



RES students and staff pause on Feb. 15th for our Flag Raising Ceremony to mark national Flag Day.

# RES & District 16 Chess Champions

This year, over 100 RES students participated in this year's Chess Club. RES' 2010 Chess Tournaments were held the week before and after the March Break. Our school was permitted to send the top two students at each grade level to the District 16 Chess Tournament which was held on Saturday, March 13th at the Rexton Elementary School.

The following is the list of RES' top three chess students from grades 1-5 classes; the following nine RES students will now go on to represent RES and District 16 at the provincial Chess Tournament which will be held in Dieppe on Saturday, April 10th: **Patrick, Chase, Cody, Oetjgoaset, Andrew, Michael, Sabreigh, Debbie and Marcus.** Congratulations and continued good fortune to all our Chess Club Kings & Queens!

| Grade   | 1st Place          | 2nd Place         | 3rd Place       |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Grade 1 | Patrick Knockwood  | Chase Murphy      | Cole Augustine  |
| Grade 2 | Cody Halas-Moulton | Oetjgoaset Simon  | Jasmine Delores |
| Grade 3 | Andrew Roberts     | Eden Barlow       | Jannah Levi     |
| Grade 4 | Michael Mitton     | Sabreigh Fletcher | Morgan LeBlanc  |
| Grade 5 | Debbie VanDoorn    | Marcus Joseph     | Jenny Evers     |



Pictured above are Jannah & Andrew contemplating their next chess move during RES' 2010 Chess Tournament.

## The Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Safety Tip for April 2010

### Easter Egg Safety:

- Hard-boil eggs then cool quickly. Do not let your children color eggs that have cracked shells.
- Use a coloring dye that is non-toxic.
- Store the colored eggs in a container in the refrigerator until you're ready to hide them or eat them. If your children want to eat their Easter eggs after using them as decoration, display the eggs in a bowl of ice.
- Do not eat Easter eggs that have been out of the refrigerator for more than two hours.
- Do not eat Easter eggs with cracked shells.

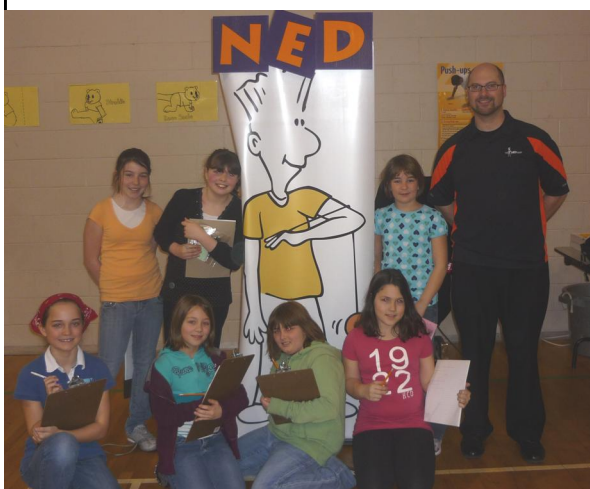


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# RES' NED Character Education Assembly

If you were to have walked into RES' gymnasium on the morning of Thursday, March 11th you would have heard fits-of-laughter and you would have seen what appeared to be a mad-man performing CRAZY yo-yo tricks! America's most popular school assembly, "THE NED SHOW" came to our fine, fine school on March 11th; **The NED SHOW** is a program experienced by nearly 2 million kids a year worldwide. This assembly combines a great message with yo-tops (yo-yos), humor, and audience participation to teach students how to develop three valuable characteristics involved in becoming champions at school and in life:

- Never give up (focus, persistence)
- Encourage others (kindness, shared learning)
- Do you best (diligence, excellence)



Picture above are RES' Reporting Team (Sarah, Katie, Mackenzie, Brianna, Adonica, Madison, and Anna) along with NED & THE NED SHOW presenter, Chad.

For five school days following the show, RES had NED items available for sale. Each student received a free yo-top trick sheet and our school received two different and exciting "how-to-yo-top DVD's. **THE NED SHOW** came to RES free of charge. Many parents joined their children to attend this dynamic assembly. To view NED items and more online at [www.thenedshow.com](http://www.thenedshow.com). The last day to purchase NED items from our school was Monday, March 22nd. FYI: Our students know that they are to only play with their yo-yos in RES' YO-YO zones whilst during the school day and ... **THE NED SHOW** will be returning to our fine, fine school during the 2011-2012 school year!

Following **THE NED SHOW** assembly the students kicked-off Nutrition Month by participating in the **BIG CRUNCH EVENT** by enjoying a delicious, crunchy red apple!

### RES' Online Morning Announcements!



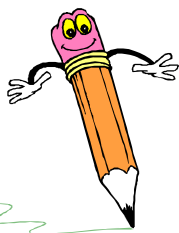
Beginning on Monday, March 30th, RES classes will soon be able to log onto RES' website to view our starfish Reporters as they present our school's morning announcements. You too can "view what's new" at our fine, fine school by going to <http://rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca>

The staff of RES wish to thank our Home & School Association for the wonderful luncheon and heart-warming messages of appreciation during this year's Staff Appreciation Week!

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Please clip & return to the school by March 29th, 2010 for a chance to win a prize at our next Assembly.

**RES' March/April  
2010 Newsletter  
Ballot Survey  
Questions:**

**Which do you  
prefer:**

- A paper copy of RES' Newsletters
- Viewing RES' Newsletters online (saves trees!)
- All of the above

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

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

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

**RES' PLAYGROUND MEETING**



**WHEN?** April 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.  
(tentative date)

**WHERE?** RES' Cafeteria

**WHO?** All RES parents/guardians & staff are invited

**WHY?** This will be our first meeting to determine what we want to do to improve RES' playground.

**RES' March 2010 PSSC Meeting**

RES' March 15th PSSC meeting was held in the library from 3:30-4:30 p.m.. Mrs. Wilson provided an update on the progress of RES' 2009-2010 School Improvement Plan and the following topics were also discussed:

- The 2010 DEC/PSSC Dinner,
- The status of RES' PSSC Budget,
- RES' Radon levels,
- Concerns surrounding RES' Drop-off Zone & no parking areas,
- The possibility of Grade 3 French Immersion for the 2010-2011 school year, and
- RES being the pilot school for District 16 in the provinces' School Review Process.

The committee was also given a handout describing the numerous highlights of our learning community for the end of January to mid-March. (see the PSSC minutes on RES' lobby bulletin board).

It was decided that RES' next PSSC meeting will be held on Monday, May 31st @ 3:30. As always, everyone is invited to attend this meeting and if you would like to have a particular topic added to the PSSC agenda, please contact RES @ 523-7152.