REXTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

May-June 2011 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' 2011 Science East Event

On Thursday, April 28th Rexton Elementary School hosted its annual Science East Event. Many K-5 students



took advantage of this opportunity to display their animal/plant projects as community-minded individuals came to explore the numerous Science East exhibits. Presenters in-

cluded: Department of Environment, Fredwin Farms, Kent Solid Waste Commission, and Kouchibouguac Park. Winners of our Magnet Hill Zoo passes were Kyle Savory & Kailey Simon.

RES' 2011 Family Math Night



On Tuesday, June 7th RES will open its doors for its annual Family Math Night. District 16 Mathematics Coordinator, Jacqueline Petrie, will showcase new and traditional games that will delight the young, and the young-at-heart! The grand event will operate from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and the entire greater-Rexton community is welcome to attend. The event will be held in the cafeteria and foyer and the class with the greatest turnout of students/parents at RES' Family Math Night will win an icecream sundae party!

Grade 3 French Immersion Program

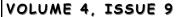


We are pleased to announce that Rexton Elementary School will be offering the Grade 3 and Grade 4 French Immersion Program at our fine, fine school beginning in September 2011! Enrollment numbers indicate that our Grade 3 French Immersion class will have 24 students and RES' Grade 4 French Immersion class will have 19 students.

Rexton Elementary will also be continuing with our Pre-Intensive Grade 4 classes and two Intensive French Grade 5

classes for the 2011-2012 school year.

We want to thank all parents who actively participated in this year's meetings regarding the various French second language options available in our province; we look forward to working collaboratively with each of you as we embark on a new journey towards ensuring that our children have every opportunity to learn and live our provinces' two official languages ~ BRAVO!!



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Reminders for Parents

- For those of you who have ordered a RES' 2010—2011 Yearbook, your copy will be sent home with your child on Thursday, June 23rd.
- Summer vacation is a great time to snuggle up with your child and share a great book ... yearbook or other wise!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

The **last day** of classes for N.B. students is

Friday, June 24th.

RES' Playground Committee Upbate:

Preparation of RES' grounds will take place (weather permitting) June 13 & 14; the installation of our new playsround equipment will take place from June 15-17.

Here's the blueprint for RES' Playground



How many more sleeps until we have a new playground?



RES' 2010-2011 Turn Around Recipient

Grade 5 student DAEMEAN DAWSON was named RES' Turnaround Achievement Award recipient for the 2010-2011 school year at a formal ceremony in the Miramichi on Thursday, May 19th.



Every spring, this award is given to a student from each school in District 16 who has shown the most effort, commitment and perseverance in turning around his/her life. Daemean has made incredible progress



From left-right: Mrs. Wilson (RES' Principal), Carole Chiasson (Daemean's mom), Mrs. Cox (Daemean's teacher), and Mr. Walsh (District 16's Director of Education)

this year in terms of becoming a responsible, enthusiastic learner and

REX-E starfish... CONGRATULATIONS, DAEMEAN!!



Preparing for Provincial Assessment Time

All grade 2-5 students will be participating in a provincial assessments from Thursday, May 26th—Thursday, June 2nd. Students in grades 3 & 5 will be participating in provincial Mathematics Assessments and students in grades 2 & grade 4 will be completing their provincial Literacy Assessments. The grade 4 students will also complete their District 16 Mathematics Assessment beginning the week of June 6th.

To better prepare our students for these end-of year tests, we encourage all families to: a) ensure that your child is <u>well-rested</u>, b) continue to provide your child with a <u>healthy breakfast</u> and a <u>nutritious recess snack and lunch</u> to school daily, c) ensure that their child <u>arrives on time for class (8:35 a.m.)</u> d) continue to practice math facts daily and d) continue to ensure that the child remains in school until dismissal.

Helpful Hint: If you have a student in grades 2 or 4, your child will be asked to write a story for the Literacy Assessment. We recommend that you have your child bounce ideas for his/her story off of you. Talking-it-out is considered a powerful pre-writing activity and individualized brainstorming with your child will certainly help your child do his/her best! Call your child's teacher for more suggestions to help your child reach his/her full potential.

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RES' 2011 Grade 5 Farewell Celebration

WHAT? RES' Grade 5 Farewell

WHO? Parents of RES' Grade 5 students

WHEN? Thursday, June 23rd from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

WHERE? RES' Cafeteria

WHY? To celebrate with your Grade 5 child as we mark the end of his/her educational journey at RES!

• The RES Home & School will provide lunch for each RES Grade 5 student on Thursday, June 23rd.



RES' Events Calendar for May/June 2011

Date	Event	Time & Place	
Thursday, May 26th— Thursday, June 2nd	Grades 2-5 Provincial Assessments Begin	8:35 daily throughout the province	
Monday, June 7th	RES' Family Math Night	Cafeteria/Foyer	
Tuesday, June 8th	RES' PSSC Meeting	7:00 in RES' Library	
Monday, June 13th— Friday, June 17th	Installation of RES' new Playground equipment	Rexton Elementary	
Monday, June 20th	RES' 2011 Author's Alley (Lost & Found Items Displayed)	1:00-2:45 in RES' classes and corridors	
	Final 2010- 2011 REX-E Assembly	RES' Gymnasium	
Tuesday, June 21st	RES' Awesome Attendance Celebratory Picnic	Noontime in front of RES (weather permitting)	
	Miramichi's Grades 3-5 Track & Field Event	James M. Hill High School, Miramichi	
Wednesday, June 22nd	Rexton Elementary's K-2 Track & Field Event	Rexton Elementary	
Thursday, June 23rd	Grade 5 Farewell Celebration	1:00-3:00 in RES' Cafeteria	
Friday, June 24th	Last Day of School for Students	Throughout the province	

Changes for the 2011-2012 School Year

(as of Wednesday, May 25th, 2011):

X	2008- 2009	2009- 2010	2010- 2011	2011- 2012
# of Students	300	281	255	250
Classes	16	14	13	13
Teacher Assistants	9.5	7	8	?
Library Assistant	4 hrs. per day	4 hrs. per day	4 hrs. per day	?
Resource Teacher	.5	1.0	1.0	?
Interven- tion Workers	2	2	?	?

Our student enrollment numbers indicate that next year Rexton Elementary School will need:

Two Kindergarten Classes

Two Grade 1 Classes

Two Grade 2 Classes

One Grade 3 Class

One Grade 3 French Immersion Class

One Grade 3-4 Pre-Intensive Class

One Grade 4 Pre-Intensive Class

One Grade 4 French Immersion Class

Two Grade 5 Intensive French Classes



RES' 2010-2011 Student Council Members

(Back row L-R)

Allison Sturgeon,

Savannah Gallant Whalen,

Sabreigh Fletcher, Keenan Sock

(Front row L-R)

Novalee Brunneau, Emily Murray and Zoe McDermott.

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RES' 2010-2011 Student Council

REXTON **ELEMENTARY**

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Please ensure that all overdue library books are returned to the school by June 20th.

RES' June 2011 Newsletter Student **Ballot Question:**

When is RES' 2011 Author's Alley?

Please clip & return to the school by June 21st, 2011

Student's Name:

Class:



Princess Christina & Princess Haiti during RES' Tiara Day Check out RES' Morning Announcements @ http://rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca/

RES' 2011 Author's Alley

WHEN? June 20th @ 1:00 p.m.

WHERE? Rexton Elementary School

WHO? All RES parents/guardians are invited

WHY? To celebrate RES' young authors/illustrators



More details will be provided in the near future...

BONUS: check-out our student's writing samples on our website @ www.rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca

RES' 2011-2012 School Year



With plans well underway for the next school year, please note the following important dates and information pertaining to the 2011-2012 school year:

- Only RES' new Kindergarten and next year's grade 1 students will be paying a \$50 student fee for the 2011-2011 school year and this notice was enclosed in the Kindergarten May Interim Report or distributed at RES' 2011 Teddy Bear Picnic. All Kindergarten parents are asked to ensure that their child's school fee is paid prior to Friday, June 24th, 2011 so as to enable their teachers to order the necessary supplies and have them delivered in time for classes in the fall. Next year's Kindergarten and grade 1 student fee includes the price of his/her RES Student Agenda. RES' Kindergarten and grade 1 students' Agenda will contain 8 pages outlining the school's procedures and Code of Conduct and a plastic pouch to insert notices or lunch money.
- RES' Student Agendas will be available for students in grades 2-5 on the first day of school. This year's Agenda fee is \$7.50 and the expectation is that the children will use this Agenda as their daily planner for homework and/or family activities and that parents will check their child's Agenda for notes from the teacher or school. We ask that parents check their child's Agenda to ensure

that they have completed their assigned homework and sign

their child's Agenda every school day!

- RES students in grades 2-5 will receive their 2011-2012 school supply list with their Progress Report on June 24th. Each grade level's school supply list will also be posted on our school website. (www.rextonelementary.nbed.nb.ca)
- The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 6th, 2011. RES' doors will open at 8:00 a.m. on September 6th and all students will gather in our school cafeteria. Class lists will then be read, our students will be introduced to their new teachers and then led to their new classrooms
- For safety/privacy reasons, RES' 2011-2012 class lists will not be displayed on our school's front doors this year. Have a safe and happy summer vacation everyone!!