

November 2010 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.



REXTON ELEMENTARY'S TEA & CRAFT SALE

Rexton Elementary's annual TEA & CRAFT SALE will be held this coming Saturday, November 20th. RES' parents, staff, and community members are working feverously to transform Rexton Elementary into a Christmas craft central! The following is an important letter from RES' 2010 Tea & Craft Committee:

A final reminder that our Rexton Elementary School Tea & Craft Fair this Saturday, November 20th, starting at 9 a.m. Anyone who has offered to bake for the bake table, is asked to please have their items packaged, ready to price, and dropped-off at the school office sometime during the day on Friday, November 19th. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has offered to volunteer. Hope to see you there!

RES' Tea & Craft Committee

This year's RES Tea & Craft Sale will once again feature numerous artisans and vendors selling their wares in the gymnasium and in Santa's Café (cafeteria) hungry shoppers will be able to enjoy tasty items from our menu whilst being entertained by students from the Rexton area.

Please note that only the following items will directly assist RES' Home & School fundraising efforts?

- Sales from RES' Bake Good Table,
- Sales from Santa's Café,
- The fee charged to vendor/artisan's for their tables,
- Funds from selling the H & S' Christmas Wreaths,
- Admission into our Tea & Craft Sale, and
- Playground Committee Baskets & 50/50 Draw



The amount of volunteers needed in order for this event to be a success is absolutely astonishing!! We need **YOUR** help to ensure that this fundraising event is a roaring success; please do not assume that if we haven't contacted you for assistance, that we have enough help! If you are able to spare a bit of time to help our dedicated team of "**VALLUNTEERS**" set-up before or clean-up after this event, **PLEASE** contact RES' Home & School President, Lynn Hutchison @ 523-4041 as soon as possible.

What is the money raised from our Tea & Craft Sale spent on?

1. Purchasing books for our classroom libraries
2. RES Winter Carnival Activities
3. RES End-of-Year-Field Trips
4. Monthly RES Assembly Prizes
5. RES' Literacy Night
6. RES' Author's Alley
7. Communication Materials
8. Grade 5 Farewell Celebration

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Pictured above are just some of RES' 2009 parent volunteers who were instrumental in making last year's Tea & Craft Sale a roaring success!



RES staff members and former parents of RES students, volunteered in Santa's Café during last year's Tea & Craft Sale. It takes a village to raise ... funds at RES' annual Tea & Craft Sale!!



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A pretty little witch casts her spell during RES' Halloween Costume Parade & Contest (we think it was Quinn MacDonald?)



Who is this masked-man?



Karrie Sock's crystal gypsy costume was one of the fabulous costumes featured at RES' 2010 Halloween Parade and Costume Contest

RES Report Cards: Rexton Elementary School attempts to communicate with parents via an Interim Report or Progress Report every six weeks. RES' first Interim Reports went home with students on Thursday, October 28th; this year's first term Progress Reports will go home with students on Friday, December 3rd.

First Term Parent/Teacher Interviews: were held on Thursday, November 4th and Friday morning, November 5th. We are pleased to report that 76% of all RES parents attended their scheduled meeting. These meetings are critically important to ensuring that your child's needs are being met and that students know that both his/her parents & teachers are concerned about their academic, social/emotional and physical development. Parents who were unable to meet with their child's teacher during our Parent/Teacher meeting days are asked to PLEASE contact their child's teacher as soon as possible to arrange a meeting time that is convenient for both of you. FYI: telephone interview are often a good solution for parents who are unable to meet personally with their child's teacher during the instructional day.

Gentle Reminder: PLEASE REVIEW YOUR CHILD'S STUDENT AGENDA DAILY to check for notes from your child's teacher or notices from our school; your child's Student Agenda is also a handy-dandy means for you to communicate with your child's teacher about important issues that affect your child's learning or safety.

RES' 2010-2011 Kindergarten Registrations: we are pleased to announce that Rexton Elementary's 2010-2011 Kindergarten Mama Bear will be Mrs. Kim Beers. All parents who will have a child beginning Kindergarten in September 2011 are asked to ensure that they register their child for school as soon as possible so as to be able to participate in the important parent/child meetings offered by the District via Mrs. Beers. For your information: Kindergarten is a critically important component in your child's educational journey and it is compulsory in the province of New Brunswick. To register your child for Kindergarten or for further information regarding the program, please call the school at 523-7152.

Please spread-the-word: RES' first Kindergarten meeting will be held this Wednesday, November 17 @ 6:30 p.m. in Rexton Elementary's cafeteria.

Weather Advisory: Despite a few days of rainy weather, most Rextonians would agree that we have enjoyed a beautiful autumn thus far! Although the weather has been unseasonably warm, recently RES' teaching staff have seen numerous children shivering as they are waiting for our recess bells to ring due to the fact that they are not dressed for the weather. We are now in mid-November so all students need to wear a warm jacket to school and bring a pair of mittens/gloves as well as a warm hat.

Halloween is Pretty Spooky at RES!

Rexton Elementary was *scarier* than usual on Friday, October 29th because the students and staff dressed-up for our annual Halloween Costume Parade and Contest event. The following is the spooky list of Halloween winners for the 2010-2011 school year:



	Spookiest	Most Hilarious	Most Original	Most Unique
K-2 students	Chase Murphy	Mackenzie Halas Moulton	Sydney Millier	Trueman Oulton
3-5 students		Evan Hutchison	Ashley Cormier	Kailey Simon

RES' 2010 Bullying Survey: In an effort to be more proactive about preventing bullying at our fine, fine school, RES' teachers/administrators and Guidance Counselor, Nancy Hannah have all been teaching students how to protect themselves when they are involved in bullying situations. Within the next couple of weeks, all students will be completing an electronic Bullying Survey AND a survey for all RES parents will be sent home as well to assist us in determining the level of bullying our children are encountering within our learning environment. We anticipate that the results of these surveys will be available in mid-January 2011. We look forward to working collaboratively with RES' parents/guardians to make Rexton Elementary's learning environment as safe and positive as possible!



District PSSC Symposium

On the evening of Tuesday, November 9th, members of RES' PSSC members attended District 16's 21st Century Learning Symposium which was held at the Dr. Losier Middle School. All who attended the meeting were presented with an overview of

the 21st century learning opportunities available in our District; participants were also provided with an opportunity to brainstorm ideas for enhancing our children's learning in preparation for the rapidly changing world in which we live in.

Rexton Elementary's next PSSC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 30th and all RES parents are invited to observe this meeting; parents who are not PSSC members who wish to address the committee during this PSSC meeting need to request to be added to our PSSC Agenda by noon on Monday, November 29th.

RES' 2010-2011

Scholastic Book Fair

THANK-YOU for supporting our annual Scholastic Book fair. The total amount of funds raised by this literacy event was just over

\$3600!!

The funds raised from this year's Book Fair will go towards purchasing books for our K-5 classrooms. Special thanks to our phenomenal librarian, Janice LeBlanc!



Picture above are some cool ghouls at Rexton Elementary School!



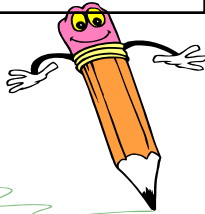
Breakfast-with-Santa will be held at RES on Monday, December 20th. This year, all RES students will be provided with a yummy & nutritious breakfast free-of-charge whilst they visit Santa! Due to the large number of students attending our school, breakfast will only be served to our students. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this Breakfast, please contact your classroom teacher as soon as possible @ 523-7152.

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**RES' Storm Line:
523-0900**



RES' NOVEMBER Newsletter
Student Ballot Question:
Please clip & return to the
school by November 22nd:

Dear Parents/Guardians:
How do you prefer to browse
through your RES newsletters?

(please check one of
following):

reading them on RES'
website

reading the paper copy
my child brings home from
school?

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent's Signature: _____



RES Students Remember:

Picture on the right are the RES students who presented a wreath of remembrance on behalf of the boys and girls of Rexton Elementary at Rexton's Remembrance Day Service on Nov. 11th: Mackenzie Halas Moulton, Kailey Simon, Cody Halas Moulton and Rice Carruthers.

Pictured below (left) is RES' Student Council & Cadet Carolyn Simon, and veterans Tom Daigle and Edwin Hudson
Pictured below (right) is RES' Grade 2 Remembrance Day Choir.

Lest We Forget.



RES' November 2010 Author-of-the-Month!

A Cross Means Light by RES' Brigitta Francis

A cross means light.

A cross glitters in the sunlight.

A cross is to remember, mostly in November.

The guns far below but the crosses row on row

The shadow clouds the whispering trees

and the small breeze, talking to me.

I look around and listen while the trees glisten.

I feel freedom in my heart and all around this part.

Freedom is in my heart.

Freedom is like art.

We should be thankful for

the ones who fought in the war.

I hope the war will soon be no more.



Brigitta is a Grade 4 student at Rexton Elementary. Brigitta's teacher, Mrs. Daigle, tells us that Brigitta's inspiration for her poem, *A Cross Means Light*, came from her extensive personal reading about Remembrance Day. Brigitta presented her poem at RES' Remembrance Assembly on Wednesday, November 10th.