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RES' November 2013
Newsletter Student Ballot

Question:
What is RES' character
trait focus for November?

(Please clip & return to
the school by
November 15th)

Student's Name:

Class: _____

Rexton Elementary's
October 17th Lockdown:

A special thank-you to all RES
staff and to all parents of our
students for working with us to
ensure the safety of our
youngsters on Thursday,
October 17th. We invite you to



RES' Home & School
Executive:

President: Natasha Simon
VP: Aline Khoury
Treasurer: Rose Morris
Secretary: Veronica Cail



RES' 2013 Tea & Craft Sale



WHO? Family Members of RES Students

WHEN? Saturday, November 16th, 2013 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

WHERE? Rexton Elementary School

WHY? This is RES' only fundraiser and all funds raised will be utilized to purchase motivational learning materials for YOUR child (books, computer software, iPads, field trips, Theatre NB presentations, Grade 5 Farewell, etc.)!

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Volunteer! Please contact the school for more information on how you can help.

October 2013 Nominated Starfish

Did you know that twice a month Rexton Elementary distributes a Starfish Award to a student in each class? In fact, every two weeks RES teachers nominate students they have observed behaving very responsibly within their classrooms. The nominated students have their names displayed on the bulletin board in our front lobby, on a certificate in their classroom, and announced during our morning announcement time AND at our assemblies. These nominated students: a) were presented with an award and a star student pencil, b) had their names placed in a draw (the following week) and one of our K-2 students and one of our Grades 3-5 students won the opportunity to pick a prize from RES' Starfish Reward Cabinet!

The following students who were nominated for being responsible:

- Kindergarten:** Allison Vautour, Fiono Fletcher, Kameron Augustine, and Ally Joseph
- Grade 1:** Katelyn Collette, Kiera Savory, Hailey Cail, and Jordan Peacock
- Grade 2:** Christian Meagher, Ogtjosin Peter Paul, Brooke Avery, Wyatt Hudson, and Danielle Campbell
- Grade 3:** Georgia Barlow-Roberts, Colin McDermott, Natasha James, and Christina Khoury
- Grade 4:** Ethan Avery, Lucas Francis, Tessa Sock, Alex Collette, and Trueman Oulton
- Grade 5:** Tyra Hannay, Jessie Lee, Rachel Peterson, Jersie Sock, Alleyah Patles, and Hailey Thompson



Winners of the draw were: **Katelyn Collette (My Little Pony prize)**
Lucas Francis (Subway Gift Card prize).

We congratulate the previously mentioned children for behaving in such a responsible manner and their parents, families, and teachers for helping them to develop these behaviors ~ after all, it takes a village to raise a child!

In honor of our Canadian Veterans, RES' will be focusing on respectful behaviors for the next 3-4 weeks.

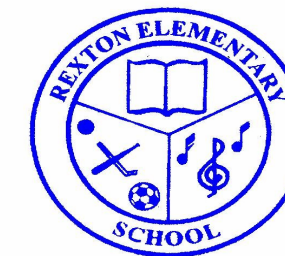
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School Mission: To encourage the development of each student's full potential by nurturing a love of learning and fostering respect for the uniqueness of each individual through a safe and friendly school community.

Rexton Elementary's 2013-2014 Student Council

On Friday, October 25th RES' Grade 3-5 students elected its 2013-2014 Student Council Executive. An Assembly was held in the morning on September 25th where Mrs. Wilson outlined RES' electoral process before the students viewed each candidate's pre-recorded video election speech. The students in grades 3-5 then participated in a secret electronic election (using Smart Technology Senteo Responders). This technology allowed each class to vote using a "remote-type" device and the votes were easily tabulated by the end of the day on October 25th. The results of the election were announced on Monday, October 28th.

Congratulations to RES' 2013-2014 Student Council members:

Grade 3: Georgia Barlow,
Eric Steel, and
Haiti Augustine (Secretary)

Grade 4: Kallum Fletcher,
Caden Lawson, and
Larrah Francis (Vice-President)

Grade 5: Anita Caisse,
Rachel Peterson, and
Townsend Robichaud (President)



RES' 2013 Scholastic Book Fair

This year's Scholastic Book Fair was organized by RES' Home & School Executive AND the event was a highlight for students, staff and families from Tuesday, November 14th—Friday, November 25th. Ms. Breanna Flanagan's Grade 4 French Immersion class won \$25 worth of new books for their class AND 4F student, Shakina Leet, also won \$25 to purchase new books for herself!



The total amount of funds raised for our school was **\$1972.39** and these funds were used to order new books for our classrooms! A sincere thank-you is extended to the many, many volunteers who help to make this year's Book Fair a roaring success ~ we couldn't have done it without **YOU!** 😊

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Crazy Hair Day

RES' 2013-2014 Student Council will be hosting a Craazzy Hair Day on Friday, November 15th. The K-2, grades 3-5, and staff member who sport the zaniest hair styles will be announced by the end of the day on Friday, November 15th.



Dylan Leger prepares to use his Senteo remote device to vote for our 2013 Student Council.



RES' Safe & Positive Learning Environment

Bus Safety Reminders:

- 1) There is to be no eating or drinking on our school buses.
- 2) Students are expected to **talk softly**, using a respectful voice while traveling our school buses; all students are expected to act in a respectful manner when travelling on the bus.
- 3) Our bus drivers will only drop-off a child at his/her address when they **see the child's parent/guardian in the child's yard or drop-off zone**.
- 4) Anglophone North School District schools (including Rexton Elementary School) **DO NOT grant bus transfers**. Our first priority is the safety of all of our students. Arranging bus transfers, for convenience sake, compromises the safety of all of students and **dramatically interrupts our learning environment**. Instead of writing a note asking for a bus transfer we urge RES parents to **contact a family member or neighbour** to make arrangements for them to meet their child when he/she arrives home.

Visitors to RES:

When you arrive @ Rexton Elementary please remember that all visitors (*anyone who does not work at our school on a daily basis*) **ARE REQUIRED to sign-in at the office** and **obtain a visitor's pass** before entering into our school hallways.



Picking-Up Your Child:

Over the last few years, RES has seen a significant increase in the number of students being picked up @ dismissal time (upwards of 25-30 students daily)! Numerous students being picked up results in **countless disruptive announcements** to classrooms whilst teachers are attempting to finalize their lessons or provide instructions regarding homework. Therefore parents are asked to work with us to minimize unnecessary disruptions to our learning environment by **writing a note to the teacher when/if you need to pick-up your child at the end of the day**. Keeping your child's classroom teacher informed about your child's needs is absolutely the best means to ensure your child's safety and well-being.

School Parking & Drop-off Zones:

To ensure the safety of our students, all visitors and parents to Rexton Elementary are asked to please:

- AVOID lingering** in our "drop-off & handicapped parking zones" before and after school. There has been at least one collision in our drop off zone in the last couple of weeks.
- USE THE IDENTIFIED entrances/exits** when driving in and out of our school yard.
- REMEMBER** that only school buses are permitted to park in our Bus Loading Zone.
- SLOW DOWN** and note that we have a **new crosswalk** in front of our school.
- PARK** their vehicles in our **expanded parking lot** if they require more time with their child before dropping-off or picking him/her up at Rexton Elementary School. Parking in front of the school at the end of our busy day presents serious problems for our 18 school buses when they are attempting to enter into our bus loading zone.

Monday, November 11th ~
(Remembrance Day) &
Friday, November 22nd ~
(Parent/Teacher Meetings)



Parents who have a child who will be 5 years old by Dec. 31st, 2014 are asked to please stop by Rexton Elementary School's office to register their child for next year's Kindergarten class.

Please ensure that you bring your child's:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Medicare Card

RES' secretary is available to register next year's K-students from 9 a.m.— 12 p.m. AND from 1:00-3:00 p.m. daily.



RES Students Do-the-Math!



One of RES' School Improvement goals for the 2013-2014 school year is to **increase student achievement in Mathematics**. Provincial and District test results for RES over the last decade indicate that **our students struggle with basic Math facts**: addition/subtraction and/or multiplication/division. This year, RES' teachers are working diligently to ensure that our children not only **know their Math facts** but that they **can explain what strategy they use to solve the Math fact quickly**. For example, our Grade 2 students will be involved in a monthly Math Showcase (Math Relay for Facts).



For your information, students are expected to **know their grade level Math facts** in less than three (3) seconds! We know that by working together (teachers/parents) we will accomplish this goal.

The following are some ways parents can help their children learn their Math facts:

1. Do **Math facts drills** with your child **every night for 5-10 minutes**.
2. Know what Math facts your child already knows and then **work with the Math Facts they have not yet mastered**.
3. **Be playful** when helping your child to learn their Math facts (**purchase/make flash cards**).
4. **Check your child's Math Duo-tang** to learn more about the Math strategies your child is being taught at school.

NOVEMBER 2013 CALENDAR

Date	Event
Friday, Nov. 8th	RES' Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday, Nov. 11th	Remembrance Day ~ NO SCHOOL
Saturday, Nov. 16th	RES' Tea & Craft Sale
Tuesday, Nov. 19th	Distribution of Progress Reports
Thursday, Nov. 21st	Parent/Teacher Meetings (from 3:30-6:50 p.m.)
Friday, Nov. 22nd	Parent/Teacher Meetings ~ NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Halloween 2013



Dawson & Ms. Lorraine



First Graders: Payton, Ben & Skylar



Scary 45 Students!

REMINDER: There is to be NO nut products (peanuts, nuts, almonds, etc.) at RES ... even during our November 16th Tea & Craft Sale.

